

Rye March 10, 2015 Ballot Articles Table - pre-Deliberative Town Meeting

Reference	Short Description	Yes Vote Means	No Vote Means	More Information
Article 1	Place the Open positions on the ballot	Candidates Night March 2nd		Click Here for Town Ballot
Article 2	Place School positions on the ballot	Candidates Night March 2nd		Click Here for School Ballot
Article 3	Zoning Ordinance changes			
Amendment 1	Change the width of the a required parking space from 10 ft down to 9 ft.	Allow for more parking spaces to fit in a lot	Leave the 10ft as stated and do not allow more spaces to fit in a lot	See RCL explanations
Amendment 2	Correct the reference section for the Wetlands buffer	Allows the zoning ordinances to refer to the correct section	Leave the incorrect references section	See RCL explanations
Amendment 3	Adds LED lighting and prohibits glare	Support prohibiting glare	Feel too restrictive or don't like that glare is not defined	See RCL explanations
Amendment 4	Change the definition of "impervious" and replace "impermeable" with "impervious"	Support closing the loophole for certain materials	Leaves loophole or you are concerned as it may reduce development potential of non-conforming lots (small) or that best practices are not defined	See RCL explanations
Amendment 5	Adds Conditional Use Permit requirements for Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District	Requires best practices for minimizing pollution risks	Concerned about additional burdens (costs) to development	Click Here for full text
Amendment 6	No Medical Marijuana Facilities in Residential areas	Prohibits within 500 ft of a residential districts	Will not restrict where a facility can go	See RCL explanations
Article 4	Amend Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance	Keeps Rye compliant so we qualify for Federal support	Want people to pay more for insurance	Click Here for the full text
Article 5	Renovate and expand the current Town Hall building	Town will move forward spending \$4.1M on renovation and expansion	Town will need to develop a new plan that can be approved by voters (next year or in a special election)	Links to the design, overview, etc...
Article 6	Add \$100K to the DPW Capital Equipment fund	Adds funds to this revolving fund	No funds will be put aside for DPW capital equipment	See RCL explanations
Article 7	Replace a 2006 3/4 ton Pickup truck with a new 1 ton pick up truck for the DPW \$65K (note, insufficient funds in the capital reserve)	Enables the DPW to replace an older truck with a new truck	Delays the replacement. Note, DPW plans resources to replace a vehicle a year, multiple purchases piles up cost and total effort in a specific year	See RCL explanations
Article 8	Add \$50K to the Town Employee Accumulated Leave Fund	Adds funds so that when town employees retire, there are funds to pay for unused sick and vacation days	Will not provide incremental funds for the account this year.	See RCL explanations
Article 9	Add an additional Police Officer (total would be 10 full time officers)	Expand the Police force by one Officer, so that two officers can be on duty at all times	Keep the current staffing (concerned about increased cost).	Click Here to see supporting data
Article 10	Approve funding associated with the new Firefighters contract	Ratifies the new contract agreed to with the town.	Forces the Town and the Union back into negotiations	See RCL explanations
Article 11	Allow BOS to call a special meeting if Article 17 is defeated	Enables a special meeting to take place to address the firefighters contract	Want the Selectman to collect signatures to hold a special meeting. Could also require court approval to increase appropriations.	See RCL explanations
Article 12	Add \$25,000 the Municipal Buildings maintenance fund	Allocates funds to pay for future town building maintenance	No funds will be allocated to pay for future town building maintenance. Note, the Parsonage roof depleted most of the current funds	See RCL explanations
Article 13	Add \$5,000 to the Library maintenance fund	Enables the Library to put funds aside to pay for future maintenance	Library does not "make money" so allocation is the only way maintenance funds can be accumulated. No funds will be put in reserve	See RCL explanations

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Article 14	Increase the % of Beach Sticker Revenue that goes to the Beach Cleaning Fund from 25% to 50%. Funds can be used to monitor water quality, notably the pollution from Parson's Creek	Will assure that 1/2 of Beach Sticker revenue (~\$25K) will be available for costs of Beach Cleaning AND costs of monitoring water quality	75% of the Beach Sticker revenue will continue to go to the General Fund	See RCL explanations
Article 15	Have 100% of the Parsonage rental income go to a maintenance fund instead of to the General Fund	Moving forward rental income from the Parsonage will be put aside for future maintenance	Parsonage rental income will continue to go to the General Fund	See RCL explanations
Article 16	Town Operating Budget of \$8,740,834	Approves the budget	Forces the town to use the "default budget"	RCL Budget Analysis
Article 17	Bans recreational use of Fireworks and requires approval for discharging fireworks	Permit from BOS and approval of Fire Department will be required for discharging fireworks	Rye will continue to allow discharging of fireworks without a permit process	See RCL explanations
Article 18	Creating parking rules that allow for booting and towing of vehicles	Police will now be able to use the town-owned "boot" for unpaid parking violations	Town will still not be able to use the town-owned "boot"	See RCL explanations
Article 19	To make the Selectmen's winter road weight limit permanent	Allows the DPW to post restrictions to protect the roads	Do not want this power to be permanent, requiring an annual ordinance	Click Here and go to the bottom of this document
Article 20	Expand the Rye Heritage Commission from five to seven members	Enables Heritage Commission to increase members to seven	Leaves the Heritage Commission at five members	See RCL explanations
Article 21	Allow the BOS to "dissolve" the Beach Commission, established in 1999. Places lifeguards officially under the supervision of the Fire Department (current situation)	Officially empower the Selectman to be responsible for all beach activities, issues, except supervising Lifeguards	Do not want the 1999 act creating the Beach Commission to be repealed. Note, that wording would need to be modified in a future year to address the supervision of the lifeguards	See RCL explanations
Article 22	Initiate a Master Plan Expendable Trust fund with an initial \$3000 (note, some of the intent of this warrant article was removed at the Deliberative meeting)	Establishes a permanent fund that can be used by the Planning Board for outside assistance to support the Master Plan	Believe the residents and volunteers have the time and expertise to support the Planning Board in maintaining the Master Plan	See RCL explanations
Article 23	Vote to support the resolution saying Rye residents expect our legislators to act on legislation that would "Get Big Money Out of Politics". Note: 52 NH communities did so last year, 40 are in the process this year	Will require the BOS to write a letter to Rye's State and Federal representatives informing them that Rye supports efforts for Campaign Finance Reform. Does not specify how to do this, just that action be taken.	Selectmen do not have to communicate to the Rye delegations	March 8th Educational Presentation RPL 3pm
Article 24	Create a committee to report on the need and possible location and designs for an indoor turf field	Creates a catalyst to get youth sports and other groups to work together to develop requirements and potential options	No official or dedicated group would be established to quantify this specific need	See RCL explanations
Article 25	Implement a Pay as You Throw program for trash at the Transfer station	Only "purchased" trash bags will be allowed to be put in the Trash Compactor at the Transfer station	Rye will not implement this pilot program that is designed to increase recycling and reduce the volume of trash we pay to be hauled to a landfill	March 8th 4pm RPL educational presentation
Article 26	Require that efforts be made to hold public meetings in rooms with video streaming whenever possible	Will provide additional town meetings to be supported with video streaming/recording	Would require video streaming/recording of only BOS, Planning Board and ZBA meetings, as now.	To see current stored videos

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Article 27	Makes modest changes to the Conservation land acquisition process (note, specifics were removed from this warrant at the Deliberative meeting)	Add clarification wording that resulted from observing the first implementation of this new Selectman's process	Leave the wording of the process as is and not make incremental improvements to the process steps	See RCL explanations
Article 28	Makes minor wording changes for the Capital Improvement Plan (note, most of the specifics were removed at the Deliberative town meeting)	Add step where BOS provides suggestions for preparing and amending municipal projects	Do not want to see these minor changes to the CIP process	See RCL explanations
Article 29	Allows town to sell anything that is surplus		Town will need to vote to sell surplus assets	
School 1	Approve the \$13,491,932 School budget	Approves the budget	Forces the default budget	RCL Budget Analysis
School 2	Approve the new teachers contract	Approves negotiated contract	Requires the School board to go back to negotiations	See RCL explanations
School 3	Enable a special meeting to address the contract if Article 2 is defeated	Allows a meeting to be held	Requires the collection of signatures to hold a meeting and may require court approval to increase appropriations.	See RCL explanations
School 4	Enable the School to put a deposit \$10,000 to hold land for acquisition, amount is intended to be replaced with funds from private donations	Allows the acquisition (funded privately) of land adjacent to the RJH and enables the donation of another 1.5 acres	puts this acquisition and donation in jeopardy	See RCL explanations
School 5	Bring video streaming to the RJH for School meetings and for ZBA and Planning Board meetings that have many people attending.	Video streaming will be added to the RJH Cafeteria for School Board and town meetings held at RJH	School Board, Planning Board, ZBA and other meeting held at RJH will continue to be held without video recordings	See RCL explanations
Water District (not on ballot, vote at Mar. 28 meeting)	Move the Water District process to March ballot voting, just as we do for the Town and School.	Water District votes will now be made by voting in March and not at the Water District meeting.	Water District budgets and spending will continue to be approved at a separate Water District meeting	See RCL explanations