

## **Rye Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment Committee**

At the March 2014 Town Meeting voters approved a Warrant Article for the Town of Rye operating budget that included the capital expenditure, for the Rye Recreation Commission to retain a licensed architect/space needs consultant to conduct a comprehensive Facility Needs Assessment of the Recreation Department. This assessment will include a comprehensive evaluation of the existing recreation buildings at the Rye Recreation Area, and other facilities used to deliver recreation programs.

***Article 22: Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling nine million seventy-nine thousand eight hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$9,079,898)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be eight million seven hundred twelve thousand two hundred one dollars (\$8,712,201) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)***

**Note: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles.**

The Rye Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment Committee is established on this date of November 9, 2015 by vote of the Board of Selectmen.

The committee shall consist of not more than nine members, all residents of Rye. Members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for an initial term ending on September 30, 2016. Staff members may be appointed as non-voting members of the committee. It is the Selectmen's intent to sunset this committee after completion of its charge, unless the Selectmen vote to continue the committee with a new and different charge.

### **Charge to the Committee**

- To work with Christopher Williams Architects throughout the process as necessary, to refine the Recreation Department facilities space needs, including future needs.
- Christopher Williams Architects scope includes the following tasks:
  - Evaluation of existing recreation buildings at the Recreation Area to survey, analyze, and evaluate the facilities with respect to their physical condition, functionality of the existing mechanical and electrical systems and their adequacy for public uses.
  - Assess space needs for recreation programming and Recreation Department functions, both currently and in the future.
  - Provide recommendations for recreational facilities with suggested size and cost estimates.
  - Provide a brief report with executive summary to document the findings.
- To insure that the public is provided opportunities for input and is informed throughout the process through the use of various tools and methods to include; public meetings, presentations, and electronic media.
- To report back to the Board of Selectmen on the process and the committee's recommendation for appropriate next steps for the town to take, no later than September 2016.