

Town Center Charrette: Community Listening

The Town of Rye has been selected, through an application process, to conduct a Community Design Charrette on May 31 and June 1.

Plan NH will assess how: ***Rye Town Center can best meet the needs of its citizens and enhance the health, vitality and cohesiveness of the area while creating a stronger sense of community among Rye's citizens.***

According to Phil Winslow, Rye Board of Selectmen Chairperson, "***Participating in the Charrette is an opportunity for all Rye residents to have a hand in charting a new course for the center of Rye. What we do in these two days can create a renewed spirit and a vision for a vibrant center for our Town.***"

Join your neighbors and friends to share your thoughts in resident listening circles on Friday, May 31, and then come back Saturday at 3pm to hear Plan NH's formal recommendations based on what YOU said.

How to Participate:

Although registration is not required, it will be helpful to have a headcount for planning purposes. Please select one of the listening sessions in this [sign up genius](#) form or email Paula Tsetsilas at p.tsetsilas@comcast.net

Rye Resident Listening Session 1: Friday, May 31st 3:30pm to 5pm in the RJH Cafeteria

Rye Resident Listening Session 2: Friday, May 31st 6:30pm to 8pm in the RJH Cafeteria

What to Expect:

At the round cafeteria tables, groups of approximately eight will sit with a Plan NH facilitator who will guide the group through two essential questions: 1) *What do you love about Rye's town center?* 2) *What would you like it to be in the future?*

At the end of this brainstorming exercise, each group will share key themes so everyone will get a sense of what other groups discussed. The combined learnings will be part of the Saturday presentation at 3pm.

Who Should Attend?

The listening sessions are open to anyone with an interest in Rye's Town Center. There is no cost for participating, so please join us whether you live or work here! Refreshments will be served.

What if I Need A Ride to Rye Junior High?

We hope to provide transportation for anyone requiring it. Please contact Paula Tsetsilas if you need assistance at p.tsetsilas@comcast.net

Will Childcare be Provided?

We are working on providing childcare with volunteers from the library and/or Portsmouth High School. More details will be available soon.