

Rye Center History – One Page Overview of What Exists in 2019

Note –see Rye Center time line for full history

Historic District Commission, 1966, from the war monument to Grange Park (Wallis & Wash.) 500' on either side of Washington Rd., plus three other sites

Central Cemetery, Central Rd., 1893, includes town green, (Mem. Day, etc.)

Town Hall, 10 Central Rd., 1839, town hall in 1873; preserved by vote, 2019

War Monument, 1919, missing access & Rev. War and post WWII names

Congregational Church, 580 Washington Rd., 1961 (4th on site)

Rye Public Library, 581 Washington Rd., 1911, three additions including 1997 with new parking lot

Parsonage Apartments, 575 Washington Rd., 1810, town owned; its fate must be decided soon; also includes modern, separate apt.

Rye Town Museum, 10 Old Parish Rd., c. 1930, built as antique shop, renovated and opened in 2002, same town land as Apts. and Library

Rye Fire/Police Station, 555 Washington Rd., 2006, large size intended for additional town use, but still to be determined; parking lot is for public.

Parsons Park, 1979, between 540 & 520 Washington Rd., 50 acres of field and forest for public use, no permanent structures, see timeline

Rye Junior High School, 501 Washington Rd., 1934, opened as Rye School grades 1-8, three additions

Bank, 500 Washington Rd., 1964, closed '17, can be a bank again in 3 yrs.

Historic public and private buildings, five from 1700's, eleven from 1800's, three from 1911 – 1934

Public land – west & south of church up to steps and parking lot to west; land with public buildings; Parsons Park, Grange Park