

# RCL 2020 VOTER PREPARATION

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## Warrant Articles

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Position	Candidate(s) on ballot
1 Board of Selectmen (3 years)	Phil Winslow
1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector (3 years)	Donna DeCotis
2 Budget Committee (2 seats, 3 years)	Jaci Grote, Jeffrey Ross, John Loftus
1 Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	Roger Philbrick
2 Library Trustees (3 years)	Toral Coweieson, Christine LeBond, Michael Moody
1 Trustees of the Trust Funds (3 years)	Jeffrey Balboni
1 Planning Board (1 seat, 3 years)	Merill Lord
1 Planning Board (1 seat, 2 years)	Katy Sherman
1 Planning Board (1 seat, 1 year)	James Finn, John Loftus
1 Town Moderator (2 years)	Robert G Eaton
2 Zoning Board of Adjustment (2 seats, 3 years)	Shawn Crapo, Charlie Hoyt
Sewer Commission (3 years)	David Kholhase
Supervisor of the Checklist	Madeline Chichester, Joanne Meyer
2 School Board (2 seats, 3 years)	Jeane Moynehan, Matt Curtin, Sharon Sparks

Candidates Night will be March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the RJH

**Article 3 Amendment 1; 2020-01 Section 304.4 Height** [Click Here](#)

We are saying to protect property from rising tides, buildings must be raised by 2 feet. This allows for the same 28 feet of building, plus the two raised feet.

**Pros:** Provides the same number of feet for the structure.

**Cons:** If the concern are site lines from other properties, this allows buildings to come up 2 feet.

**Article 3 Amendment 2; 2020-02 Illicit Discharge and Elimination Ordinance**  
not on town website: [Click Here](#)

This comes from the State for construction and development that could result in pollution to public lands.

MS4 is Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) [NHDES](#)

**Pros:** Puts the zoning regulations in place to be in accordance with the State.

**Cons:** Does add development costs, but not an option for Rye to be non-compliant.

**Article 3 Amendment 3; 2020-04 Unnecessary Hardship** [Click Here](#)

Improvement to the language for the Demolition committee. Note that this groups decisions are not binding.

**Pros:** It makes it consistent with the all other references to Hardship in our ordinance

**Cons:** it makes it more restrictive for the Historic District Commission

**Article 3 Amendment 4; 2020-05 Demolition Review** [Click Here](#)

Adds parts of buildings, statues, and monuments as to what can be considered.

**Pros:** Clarifies the procedures and timetable for a demolition review

**Cons:** Prefer the confusion

Note the full text is not on the ballot.

**Article 3 Amendment 5; 2020-06 ZBA Hearings** [Click Here](#)

Was 21 days, now 45 days as the State RSA was changed. 2019 HSB RSA 676:7

**Pros:** Gives the ZBA more time as this can be a problem when they are busy..

**Cons:** Creates a longer time for when residents can get in front of the ZBA to ask for variances.

**Article 3 Amendment 6; 2020-07 Wetlands Best Management Practices** [Click Here](#)

[Click Here](#) to see the new Best Managed Practices that are now the reference.

**Pros:** References the most current guidelines

**Cons:** Only if you are in disagreement as to what is in the new recommendations..

**Article 3 Amendment 7; 2020-09 Removes our restrictive sound ordinance** [Click Here](#)

The State has said local rules can't be more restrictive than the State.

**Pros:** Uses the State laws as default

**Cons:** No longer in local control..



**Article 3 Amendment 8; 2020-10 Wetland Scientist Definition** [Click Here](#)

Reconciles Rye's definition with the new State Definition.

**Pros:** Aligns wording with the State definition.

**Cons:** Could leave our definition all wet..

**Article 3 Amendment 9; 2020-11 Amnesty for Illegal apartments** [Click Here](#)

As a town can no longer ban Accessory Apartments, this allows those properties to be on the books. Period ends December 21, 2021

**Pros:** For people that purchased homes without knowing the accessory units were not permitted, this creates a path to rectify this situation.

**Cons:** There is no penalty or consequence for a current owner who added an accessory unit when they were not allowed.

**Article 3 Amendment 10; 2020-12 Zoning Ordinance Chapter 190 [Click Here](#)**

[Click Here](#) for wording

Multiple reference numbers and other adjustments made so this fits in the new single structured “General Code”.

**Pros:** There should be no impact on any of the current Zoning Ordinances

**Cons:** Zoning Ordinances are no longer a separate document

**Article 3 Amendment 11; Wireless Overlay District [Click Here](#)**

The consultant did a lot of clean up and improvements to the wording. While it was suggested Recreation Road be added, that text is not in the updates. Original wording was from 1999 and was outdated.

He did recommend that Rye address small broadcasting cells. Eversource has already installed some and more non-cell tower broadcasting can be coming and Rye has no ordinances to address this.

**Pros:** Nothing has been added, only improved language.

**Cons:** It may not be enough, but voting against this will not change that.

**Article 4 Amendment 1; Building Code Temporary Tents** [Click Here](#)

Makes the code compliant with 2018 State Legislation

**Pros:** Makes Rye compliant.

**Cons:** Would leave our code in conflict with the State..

**Article 4 Amendment 2; Building Code – Reference Code** [Click Here](#)

Changes the reference to: [2018 International Property Maintenance Code](#)

**Pros:** Puts Rye compliant with the 2018 Sate regulation

**Cons:** Puts Rye at risk for not being compliant.

**Article 4 Amendment 3; Chapter 35 of Code of Rye** [Click Here](#)

These are the changes to references so that this can be part of the new general code.

**Pros:** Part of the process for an organized code.

**Cons:** Would leave things a mess if voted down.

**Article 5 Amendment 1; Chapter 60 Floodplain Development** [Click Here](#)

Changes the reference to: [2018 International Property Maintenance Code](#)

**Pros:** Puts Rye compliant with the 2018 State regulation

**Cons:** Puts Rye at risk for not being compliant.

**Article 6: \$3,000,000 To replenish the Conservation Commission fund for acquiring lands**

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**Background:**

\$5M in 2003 and \$3M in 2014 has been leveraged well over the past 17 years. Funds will only be drawn when needed and the payments start the following year.

Rye Conservation Commission Bond Funding						
Dates	Transaction	Town Bonded Amount	Leveraged Funding Amount	Property Purchase Amount	Remaining Amount	Comment
2003 to 2013	Rye Town Bonding	\$ 5,000,000				Leveraged by approximate 50%
2003 to 2013	Various Property Purchases			\$ 5,000,000		
2014	Rye Town Bonding	\$ 3,000,000				
2016	73 acre Rand property purchase			\$ 1,250,000		
2016	Amount received from NRCS for Rand Property		\$ 139,220			Natural Resource Conservation Services. Wetland Resource Easement Program
2016	Amount received from ARM for Rand Property		\$ 121,000			Dept. of Environmental Services. Aquatic Resource Mitigation Program
2016	28 acre Farm Property purchase on South Rd.			\$ 350,000		
2018	58 acre purchased from Falzone on South Road			\$ 300,000		
2019	3 Acre purchase of Brown Orchard property			\$ 4,000		
2019	3/4 acre Willow Rd. purchase.			\$ 10,000		New water resource protection mapping. Priority Protection Parcel
2020	79 acre Brown property purchase on West Rd.			\$ 625,000		
2020	Obligated WRE matching funding for Brown property		\$ 550,000			89% of funding covered from NRCS with WRE program. Possible additional funding to come.
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$ 8,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 810,220</b>	<b>\$ 7,539,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,271,220</b>	
2020	2020 Bonding proposal	\$ 3,000,000				

Currently in negotiation for 2 additional large properties

**2011 Voters say Yes, we should invest in the current building:**

Town votes (610 Yes, 455 No) \$40K to study whether the existing Town Hall building is worth renovating and evaluate space needs. AG Architects reports we should invest in the Town Hall building and presents 15,000 sq. ft. plan for renovation and a large connected building.

**2012 Voters halt AG Plan, say look at the space we need:**

Town voted down (830 No, 484 yes) the \$135K to proceed further with AG Design.

Petitioned Warrant Article passed (1,070 Yes, 268 No) to look at other options and space needs per employee of similar towns. Space Needs Committee (SNC) reduces need to 10,500 sq. ft, estimates \$2.1 million cost.

**2013 Funding approved for developing designs:**

Town votes (699 Yes, 384 No) \$60,000 for new sample (schematic) designs. New architect (SMP) hired. Town Hall Committee selects option of second building connected with underground passageway.

**2014 Funding approved for completing a design :**

Town votes (932 Yes, 710 No) \$250,000 to complete the design, now 12,500 sq. ft. Detailed design drawings and associated construction documents are completed by the architect. Project is put out to obtain bids from four pre-selected construction firms.

**2015 Town says No to \$4.1 million and BOS launches survey:**

Town votes down \$4.1 million (887 No, 575 Yes) for renovating Town Hall and constructing connected building

Town Hall building selected for the Seven to Save State program

Town spends > \$6,000 for survey that provides parameters for moving forward

### **2016 Town says No to both of the Selectmen's Town Hall articles**

Town votes down (856 No, 703 Yes) spending another \$60,000 studying and costing five options for town offices  
Town votes down (1261 No, 320 Yes), purchase of the property next to the Public Safety Building for \$460K

### **2017 Town says No to all but a free design of a Town Hall tear down**

BOS-supported tear-down/rebuild replica article failed. Renovate and expand petitioned article failed. Each got only 22%.

Article to spend \$500K for Town Hall painting, ADA and energy efficiency improvements failed but got 45% of the vote.

Free design work to tear down Town Hall passed with 55% of the vote.

### **2018 Town says No TD Bank, No Tear Down**

Petitioned warrant to tear down Town Hall and build a new building gets only 45%, 60% was needed.

Purchasing of the TD Bank property fails, getting 45%.

### **2019 Town says No to \$3.5M but OK to architect**

Petitioned warrant to spend \$3.5 M defeated.

Select Board article to fund an architect to evaluate options for using the Town Hall space approved for \$20K

Resident funded and executed PlanNH Charette completed. Select Board creates Town Hall Center Committee to move forward.

**Trolley Barn/Police Station as office space:**

\$422K to repurpose the existing building

\$400K to \$500K to rebuild on that site

**Departments moved:**

Sewer Department has moved to Rye Beach Village District Building

Recreation has moved to the old modulars at the Recreation area

**Buildable space we paid for:**

Public Safety Building included \$40,000 additional structural cost so that the space above the apparatus bay could be used for future use. See space possibilities [Click Here](#)



## **Article 7: TD Bank and Parsonage Exchange**

Select Board has signed this agreement which this article will ratify [Click Here](#)

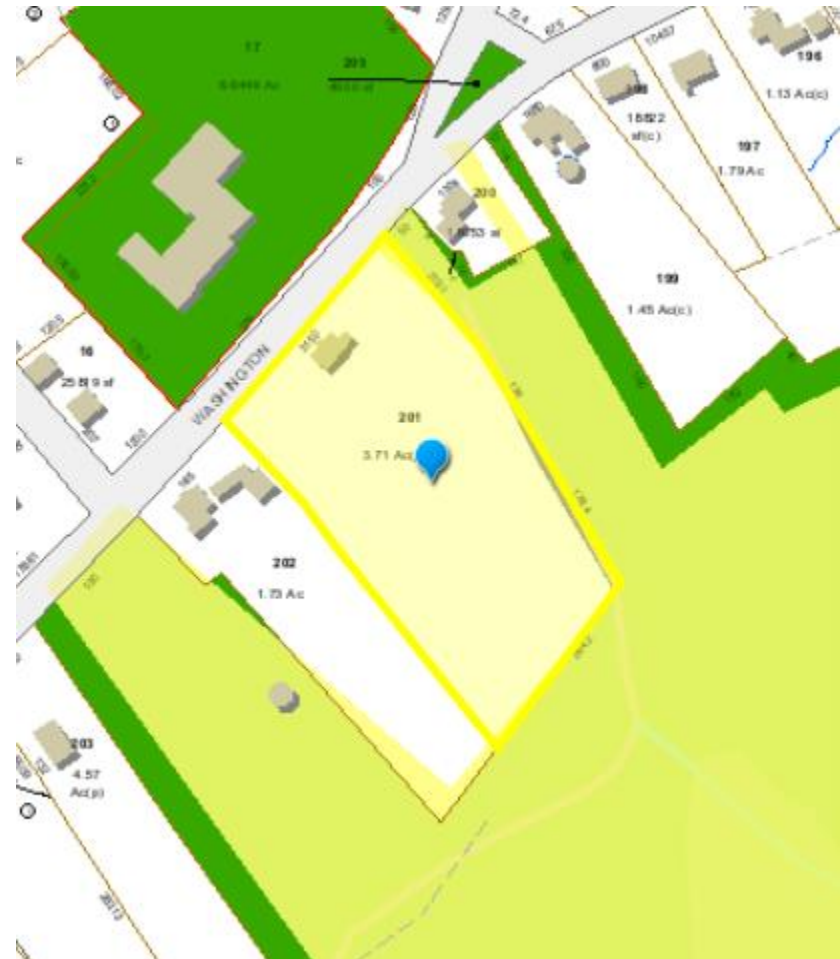
Both properties were assessed: [Click Here](#)

This exchanges ownership of the properties and grants 500 Washington LLC a septic system easement

Minutes from Deliberative Meeting [Click Here](#)

**Pro:** The Town takes ownership of the TD Bank and Removed the liability of maintaining the Parsonage Resident LTE: [Click Here](#)

**Con:** There is no long term plan, the Parsonage Building is removed as an option. Select Board has discussed moving town offices there and that may not be the best strategic decision.  
Resident LTE: [Click Here](#)



## **Article 8: \$15,600**

**Background:** The town and library jointly own the 1.9 acre property that houses Parsonage, Rye History Museum and Library. The Parsonage and the Museum share a septic system and leach field. Funds are for engineering work to subdivide +0.4 parcel including the Parsonage and Carriage house. NH DES approval is needed for this.

2015 Parsonage Condition Assessment.. [Click Here](#)

2016 Parsonage Committee Report: [Click Here](#)

**Pro:** If the town is to no longer own the Parsonage and Carriage House this work is required.

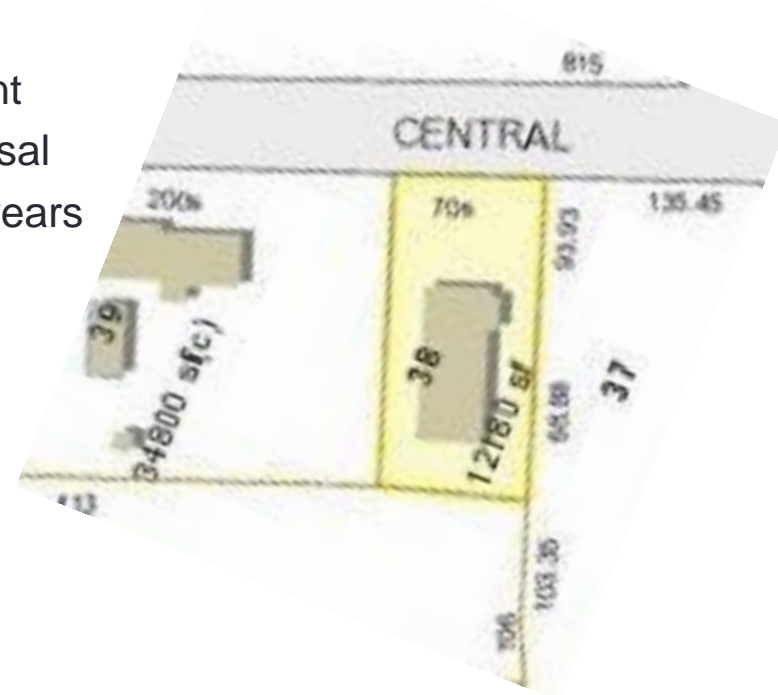
**Con:** If the town decides to retain ownership of the Parsonage and Carriage House, then this will be wasted money.



## **Article 9: Selling the Old Trolley Barn/Police Station for not less than \$280,000**

### **Facts:**

- Town has been “sitting” on this asset since 2004 (16 years)
- Lot is approximately ¼ of an Acre with 70 ft. of frontage
- Building is 2,650 sq. ft. (exterior area)
- 2007 Warrant Article 18 to turn over to Rye Water passed but was never implemented
- 2013 Town spent \$9,800 for a study of Trolley Barn possible uses. [Click Here](#)
- Mold is the major concern, due to many years unoccupied without heating system
- Renovation cost \$192K to \$422K depending on use (storage vs. offices/programs)
- Report says soil can support a septic system
- Ten parking spaces would be available, two ADA-compliant
- 2019 Article 2018 said Town can sell, but needs an appraisal
- Senior Serve has been keeping the Van here for several years
- Assurances that if property is sold, a place would be found for the Senior Serve van



**Article 9: Selling the Old Trolley Barn/Police Station for not less than \$280,000**

In 2018 the town voted that the Select Board could sell the Trolley Barn/Police Station. This creates Fund to hold the money.

What the article does not say, but has been stated by the Select Board is that the intent is to use these funds to move some Town offices to the TD Bank and to build a place for the Senior Serve van that is using the Trolley Barn. See Deliberative Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

**Pro:** Finally takes definitive action after 16 years. It will also provide funds for the Select Board to move town employees to the TD Bank building and create room to utilize the upstairs in Town Hall.

**Con:** You feel that an appraisal should be completed before selling. Or you would like to see the town find another use for the trolley barn. Or, you want there to be more planning and coordination before Town Hall employees are moved to the TD Bank building.

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**ARTICLE 09.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Municipal Buildings Construction and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of construction of, or renovations to, town owned buildings and to raise and appropriate the amount of \$280,000 to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund with \$280,000 to be offset from the sales proceeds from the Old Trolley Barn. (Majority vote required.)

**YES**   
**NO**

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)**

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## **Article 10 Side Walk Improvements**

Town Hall Center Committee is suggesting safety and sidewalk improvements. Town is applying for Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant which would pay \$500K of the \$800K project. Rye must have the \$300K Matching Funds

### Proposed Work

- Sidewalk along Washington Road from Wallis Rd to Town Hall
- Dedicated bike lanes on each side of Washington Rd
- Enhanced and possibly relocated sidewalks
- Lighting and landscaping

Pictures and a presentation will be made at the Town Deliberative Meeting.

[Schematic](#)

[Washington Rd Today](#)

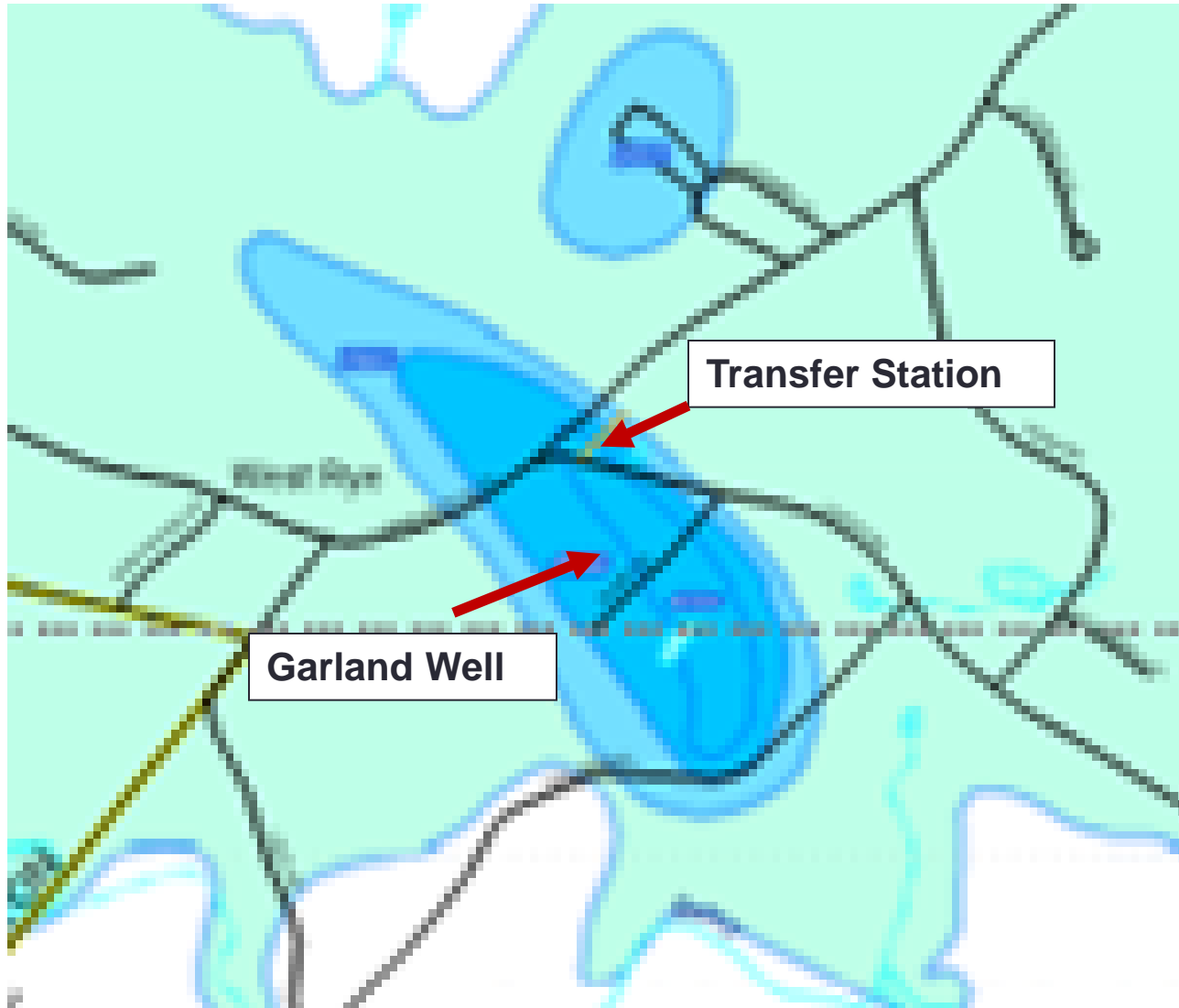
[Future look](#)

RTCC letter to Charette participants. [Click Here](#)

**Pro:** This will enable the town to begin with this work and leverage State funding

**Con:** There is no final plan, nor how a final plan will be funded

The darker the blue, the higher the transmissivity.  
Transfer Station is 1,610 ft. uphill from the Garland Well



See the Water in Rye presentation to see more information about our Hydrology.

[Click Here](#)



DPW washed the “blue safe paths paint” near the Salt shed and the paint leaked from the trucks and ran down towards the aquifer. (August 21, 2018 photo)



**Article 11: \$350,000 Salt Shed site work**

This is only the site work. The actual shed would be another \$350,000 next year.

**Background:**

2005 Salt Shed Replacement Fund created: \$92,705 is in the Fund today

\$25 was approved in 2017 (1017 to 541) for design and bidding

**2019** \$700K fails as 3/5 is needed: Yes: 920 No: 711

**2018** \$700K fails as 3/5 is needed Yes: 820 No: 741:

**Pro:** As a warrant article only 50% is needed to pass, so this gets the work started.

**Con:** 2020 taxes will pay for 1/2 of the cost of this project vs. spreading the costs over multiple years of residence payments.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & RATIONALE**

The current salt shed is small and deteriorated. It only holds enough salt to address four storms. The town handles twenty to twenty-four storms on average each year. In addition, the salt shed, as is the entire DPW site, is located within the Rye Water District's environmentally sensitive well head protection area. This environmental concern requires that salt be stored and handled under cover and on an impervious surface. In 2017 the Town Meeting approved the withdrawal of \$25,000 from the Salt Shed Replacement Capital Reserve. The Salt Shed design was completed and bid in 2017. Bids came in at approximately \$750,000 including contingencies and engineering. A warrant article for this sum was placed on the 2018 and 2019 ballot. The article received a simple majority vote but required a 3/5 super-majority in order to secure bonding. It is anticipated it will be on the ballot again in 2020.





**Article 12: \$17,778 for 2020 Salary and Benefit for Fire Fighter**

This is good for the Fire Fighters since it prevents part-time or call people from preplacing full time positions. Continues the Healthcare stipend.

This is good for the town since it moves the Healthcare Cost Share from 85/15 to 80/20 in 2020

2020: 9 month adjustment is a \$17,778 this is a 2.75% increase

2020 Salary and Benefits will be:

2021: 12 months at 2.75% is \$23,242 to salary and benefits

2022: 12 months at 2.75% is \$20,189 to salary and benefits cost

**Pro:** You approve of the contract.

**Con:** You do not approve of the contract.

**Article 14 \$18,241 for 2020 Salary and Benefits for Town Employees**

This is good for the Employees as it: Increases boot allowance to \$250. Increased meal allowance to \$12. Healthcare stipend increases.

This is good for the Town since it makes it more clear on accrual of vacation time. New language for absences prior to or after a holiday. Eliminates the ½% salary increase for top step employees. Moves healthcare cost share to 80/20.

2020: 9 month adjustment is a \$18,241 this is a 2.75% increase

2021: 12 months at 2.75% is \$21,130 to salary and benefits

2022: 12 months at 2.75% is \$22,590 to salary and benefits cost

**Pro:** You support the contract terms.

**Con:** You do not support the contract terms.

**Article 16: \$21,331 for 2020 Salary and Benefit for Police**

This is good for the Police Department since it increases the detail rate by \$1 a year. This gets passed on to who pays for the detail. Continues the Healthcare stipend.

This is good for the town since it: Clarifies the accrual language and moves healthcare share cost to 80/20.

2020: 9 month adjustment is a \$21,331 this is a 2.75% increase  
2021: 12 months at 2.75% is \$25,155 to salary and benefits  
2022: 12 months at 2.75% is \$25,826 to salary and benefits cost

**Pro:** You support this contract.

**Con:** You do not support this contract.

**Article 18: DPW Highway Equipment Capital Reserves**

<u>Department Designation</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Purchase Year</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>	<u>Replacement Cost</u>	<u>Service Life</u>	<u>Replacement Life</u>	<u>Replacement Year</u>
107	7400	Six Wheel Dump	G00554	2009	\$70,664	\$175,000	15	13	2022
113	F450	One Ton Dump	G22237	2010	\$63,592	\$70,000	10	9	2020
114	F450	One Ton Rack	G23506	2012	\$63,748	\$70,000	10	10	2022
116	F450	One Ton Dump	G24147	2014	\$65,569	\$70,000	10	9	2024
117	F350	Utility Truck	G25346	2015	\$62,883	\$70,000	10	9	2025
206	W/C-17	Chipper	G22264	1989	\$14,500	\$30,000	30	36	2025
204	IT28F	Wheel Loader	G10323	1996	\$114,960	\$0	30	30	2026
207	310SJ	Backhoe	G18291	2011	\$113,230	\$150,000	15	15	2026
115	7400SFa4	Six Wheel Dump	G24343	2014	\$148,009	\$175,000	15	14	2029
118	7400SFa4	Six Wheel Dump	G25588	2016	\$174,000	\$175,000	15	15	2031
209		Mower/Tractor		2018	\$40,000	\$40,000	15	15	2033
210		Skid Steer		2018	\$40,000	\$40,000	15	15	2033
208	L60G	Wheel Loader	G24341	2014	\$177,839	\$200,000	30	30	2044
119	7400Fa4	Six Wheel Dump	G00556	2017	\$171,000	\$175,000	15	15	
					<b>TOTAL REPLACE. COST</b>	<b>\$1,440,000</b>			
					<b>AVERAGE SERVICE LIFE</b>	<b>15</b>			
					<b>MIN. YEARLY CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$96,000</b>			

## **Article 18: DPW Highway Equipment Capital Reserves**

### **DPW:**

- ~ \$1.4M of DPW trucks/equipment for the transfer station and road maintenance. Lifetimes vary, but a rolling replacement plan works out to about a \$100,000 per year.
- Creates a balanced approach of rotating out the oldest equipment as maintenance costs and inconveniences increase. It also smooths taxes by allowing contributions each tax year to this capital equipment reserve.
- DPW staff plans on purchasing one vehicle a year, each purchase consumes a fair amount of DPW time and effort, so multiple purchases in a year should be avoided

Current Fund Balance is **\$237,425**

**Pros:** Annual funding keeps the tax rate steady despite periodic large ticket items purchased (six wheel dump trucks, heavy equipment for Transfer Station)

**Cons:** Minimal interest earned on money set aside. Reserve may create the impression that equipment purchases are without cost as money has already been set aside.

What do we already own: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Ambulance 1 2008 Chevrolet C-4500 w/ Advanced Life Support
- 2) Ambulance 2 2017 Ford F550 4 wheel drive w/ Advanced Life Support
- 3) Engine 3 2003 Emergency 1 Typhoon
- 4) Engine 1 1994 KME Navstar Pumper
- 5) New Pumper/Ladder (Due in May 2020:
- 6) Utility 1 2006 4X4 Chevrolet Pick-up
- 7) Air 1 – Breathing Air Unit – One of three units in the 42 town district
- 8) 1931 Ford Antique engine

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**Table produced by Steven Borne for the Select Board October 10, 2018**

Category	Rye	N. Hampton	Greenland	New Castle	4 Town Total	Portsmouth II	Hookset	Windham	Exeter	Milford
Polulation	5,440	4,456	4,035	979	14,910		14,175	14,562	15,082	15,449
Ambulance (Rescue)	2	1	1	1	5	1	3	2	2	1
Engine - Pumper	2	2	2	2	8		4	2	4	3
Ladder	1	1			2	2	1	1	1	1
Pumper/Tanker		2	1		3		1	2		
Command Vehicle	1	2	1		4			3	3	2
Utility Vehicle	1	1	1		3	2	1	1	2	
Forestry Unit		1		1	2	1	2	1		1
Air Unit	1				1		1			
Marine - Boat				1	1		1	1		
Hose Truck				1	1					
John Deere Gator							1			
Resue or Maintenance Truck								1	1	
HazMat Truck						1				

**Article 19: Fire and Ambulance Capital Reserve fund****Fire & Ambulance::**

- \$50K a year comes from the Grove Rd. Cell Tower that goes into the separate Ambulance & Fire Vehicle Fund

Current Balance of Fire: **\$204,153**

**Pros:** Annual funding keeps the fund growing, as we should be accumulating money each year for the equipment that we will need in the future.

**Cons:** Prefer that we just borrow the money when needed and pay principal and interest, or feel that the new ladder truck is sufficient to modernize our fleet for the near future and we don't need to leave money in the funds, in light of the \$50K/year coming in from the Grove Rd. cell tower.

**Fun Fact:** Not including the towns \$2,211,304 un-assigned fund balance, there is \$1,856,265 in Reserve Funds. So that is almost \$4M in funds.

**Article 20: \$70,000 Purchase and replace Dump Truck**

Current truck is 10 years old and that is the estimated service life of this truck.

**Pro:** The maintenance costs for this truck may begin to escalate. While more years could be squeezed, the DWP does not have staff to add multiple vehicles in a year (this caused problems a few years ago)

**Con:** You feel we should drive all of the vehicles into the ground to help get the most out of each vehicle that is payed off.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION & RATIONALE

Truck # 113 is a Ford F-450 purchased in 2010 for \$63,592. It is currently 9 years old and has 66,000 miles on it. Its service life expectancy should be 10 years. This truck is scheduled for replacement in 2020. Replacement cost with chassis, dump body, frame, plow and spreader is anticipated to be \$70,000. It is currently in fair shape.





**Article 22: \$35,000 for Municipal Buildings and Maintenance**

Current Balance: **\$122,206 currently**

Select Board is discussed projects that will deplete much of this budget.

**Pros:** Allows multiple fiscal years to share the cost of maintenance.

**Cons:** Projects are not listed and discussed like they are for the school.

**Article 23: \$35K Jaws of Life**

Current tool is nine years old and does not work on all new models of vehicles.

Neighboring towns may have these, but seconds could matter in an emergency.

**Pro:** If it was your car that the old tool did not work on, you would want us to have this new tool.

**Con:** The current tool is adequate.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION & RATIONALE**

Currently, our rescue tool has been in service over 10 years. The original technology used at the time of purchase has become antiquated. There are certain areas of common vehicles the tool will no longer cut. The new tool will bridge that gap. We propose funding the projected cost of \$35,000 through CRF.



**Article 24: Accumulating Re-Evaluation funds \$30,000**

State law requires property re-evaluation at a minimum every five years. The last was completed in 2017, so this must be done for 2022, but will start in 2021.

Total cost is estimated to be \$60,000, so this spreads this across two of the five years.

**Pro:** Reduced the 5<sup>th</sup> year cost of funding the re-evaluation.

**Con:** There is nothing wrong with a 5<sup>th</sup> year spike and that is better than just having money sit in a fund for four years.

**Article 21:** Town Accumulated Leave Fund: \$50,000  
Current Balance: **\$184,228**

**Article 25:** Library Accumulated Leave Fund: \$10,000  
Current Balance: **\$10,021**

The fund was created in 2018 and \$10,000 was put in it. Plan is to fund at \$10K per year until the fund is at 50% of the liability.

**Article 26:** Rye Pubic Library Building Maintenance Fund:  
Current Balance: **\$29,866**

**Pro:** You want to help the town accrue funds.

**Con:** You prefer all of these costs get paid out of the current year.

## **Article 27: Town Budget**

See RCL Town Budget analysis: [Click Here](#)

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MS-737 Budget [Click Here](#)

Proposed budget, excluding Warrant Articles: **\$10,320,486**

Default budget: **\$9,598,744**

Default budget is effective if the proposed budget fails to pass.

The proposed budget may be amended, up or down, at the Deliberative Session. The default budget may not be changed. It is about \$550K less than the proposed budget.

**Pro:** You support the entire 20200 budget plan

**Con:** You do not approve of the spending and prefer the town operate under the default budget

No more helter skelter – all of our “Ordinances and Codes” will be in a single structure. [Click Here](#)  
More information: [Click Here](#)

**Part I: Ordinances**

Alarms to Zoning

Part of this process required changes to the Flood Plan, Land Development Regulations these changes are articles:.....

**Part II: Zoning Board and Planning Board Rules of Procedure**

Rye Beach Village District

Appendix: - Select Board Polices and statutes adopted.

**Pros:** This is a big leap forward and will remove the cause and confusion caused by conflicts and different documents.

**Cons:** Smaller documents are more manageable.

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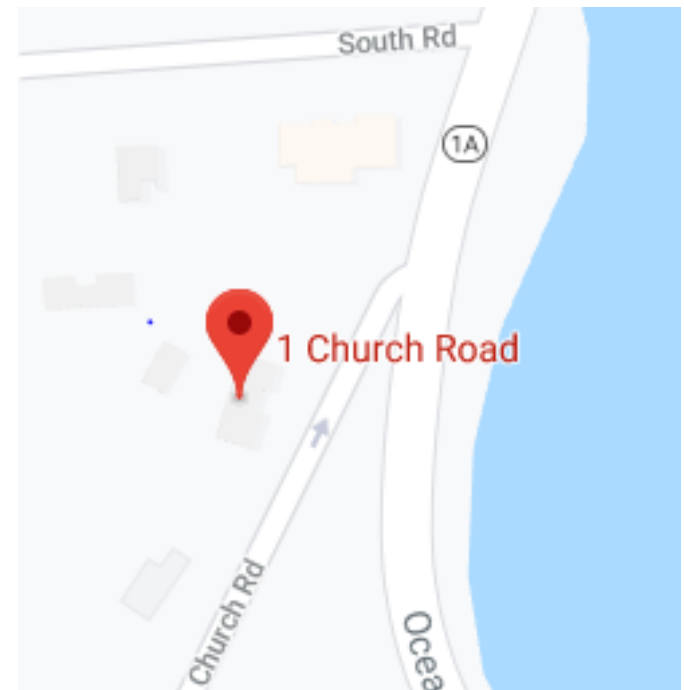
**Article 29 Adding vote to support current no parking sigs**

No parking is posted on Ocean Blvd to 1 Church Rd, but there is no record of a town vote.

Current no parking will be made permanent

**Pro:** You want there to be a town vote to support these signs.

**Con:** You feel there should be non-resident parking  
Allowed on this side of the street.



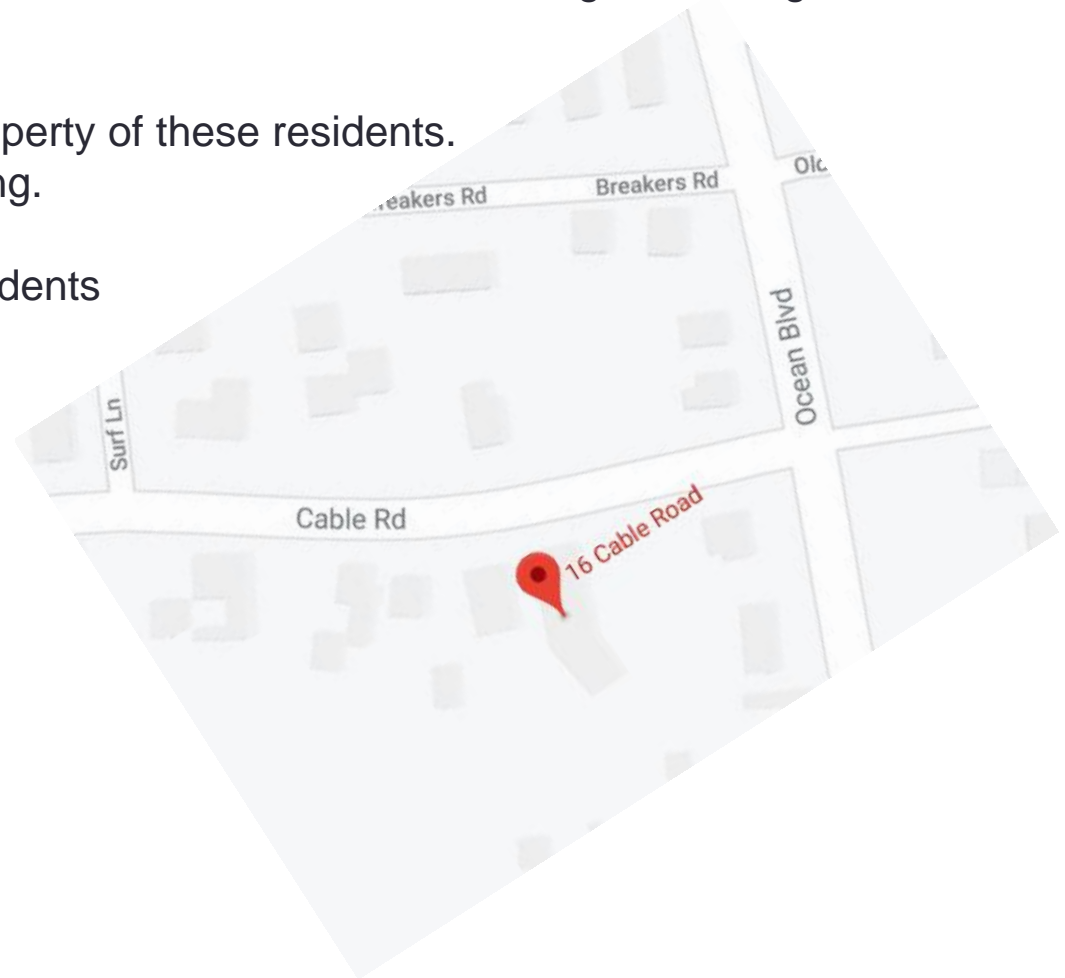
**Article 30 Making parking Permit only**

While there should only be parking on the pavement. Visitors have been less than respectful to the property owners. Those with Rye Beach stickers may be more respectful.

Amended at the Deliberative meeting to say changes need to be made based on a traffic study or the recommendations of the Police Chief. Chief Walsh is recommending this change..

**Pro:** You support helping protect the property of these residents.  
It also creates more resident parking.

**Con:** Removes free parking for non-residents





**Article 31: There are signs, but was not voted on**

There are signs that say no parking on the North side of Ocean Blvd from Concord Point to 1214 Ocean Blvd. It has been the practice to allow voters to approve parking, this was a past oversight.

**Pro:** Support having logged town vote behind this parking rule.

**Con:** Feel that there should be parking or that town vote is not required.



## **Article 32 Perkins Rd No Parking**

This was implemented last year and the town vote moves it from a Select Board ordinance to part of the parking code..

**Pro:** You feel that this change has made it safer on Perkins Rd.

**Con:** Reduces non-resident parking.



**Article 33 No Sunday Parking on Central Road in front of St. Theresa's Church**

This is for Sunday's only, as all attempts by the Rye Police to make this safer on Sunday has not worked.

**Pro:** Creates a voting record for the no parking.

**Con:** You don't think all no parking has to be voted on.

Rye and/or by signs and/or paint on road surfaces indicating a "No Parking" area.

- b. Central Road - "No Parking" areas are at 787 Central Road, 799 Central Road, 805 Central Road, 815 Central Road, 825 Central Road, 833 Central Road between Midnight Saturday to Sunday at Midnight."

**Article 34: Making times permanent**

The summer of 2019 dogs were not allowed on the beach until 9pm vs. 7pm on all other nights

**Pro:** You feel this worked out well last year.

**Con:** You have a dog that pines to be at the beach on Summer Saturday evenings.

- 4. Dogs are not permitted on Town beaches on Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. from the Saturday before Memorial Day to the first Saturday after Labor Day. The only exception will be the area between Wallis Sands State Park and Odiorne State Park.***



**Article 35:**

This article was gutted at the Deliberative Meeting. Only the first and last lines remain.

**Pro:** Support this intent to preserve access to the beaches.

**Con:** Disagree with the preamble to the warrant.

**ARTICLE 35: (By Petition).** The Town of Rye has a long history of holding land in trust for the general public to promote the use and enjoyment of public lands, including beaches, in and about the Town of Rye. To uphold this tradition and transfer accessibility to future generations, this warrant article outlines protocols for conserving public access to the Town of Rye's beaches. Accordingly, we ask the citizens of Rye to reaffirm their commitment to open access for visitors and residents alike.

When possible, Rye shall preserve, maintain, and create parking spaces for residents and nonresidents alike on all roads, streets, and public ways where motor vehicles are operated.

**Article 36: Have no parking on Locke Rd to Ocean Blvd**

Amended at the Deliberative meeting so that the Select Board can “study” this question. Historically the “study” is a brief discussion and this article is put to rest with no action. The Select Board could chose to do more.

**Pro:** You want the Selectman to move forward having this be resident parking.

**Con:** You do not want to see less non-resident parking.



## **Article 37:** Allows the Selectmen to sell Surplus Equipment

Note: A town employee has been bidding \$1 on many items that the town auctions, so he gets, for essentially nothing, all items that do not receive other bids.

**Pro:** Would permit the Town to receive revenues from surplus equipment during the year, without needing to wait for Town Meeting approval.

**Con:** Without the scrutiny provided by the Town Meeting, equipment could be sold for less than its fair market value. Trade in offer for ambulance was lower than expected. This underscores the need to obtain an appraisal if multiple bids cannot be used to establish the value.

**School Article 1: Operating Budget of \$14,404,116**

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**Pros:** Keeps School from utilizing Default Budget of \$14,164,367.

**Cons:** Requires School Board and administration to use the default budget.



**School Article 2: Teachers (support staff) contract \$187,148 this year**Future increases

<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>\$187,148</b>
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>\$164,745</b>
<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>\$173,071</b>
<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>\$173,712</b>
<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>\$182,782</b>

**For the Town:**

- Stability -- this five year agreement
- Encourages retention (and attraction) of high quality staff
- Financially responsible—we continue to control insurance costs and the salary increase only modestly outpaces the average cost of living increases

**For the Teachers**

- Stability - this is a five-year contract
- Salary increases each year of the contract
- Improved clarity in a variety of areas of the contract (transfers and reassignments, bereavement, length of workday etc.)
- Compensation for continuing education and advanced degrees

## **School Article 4: Topping up the Maintenance rust**

Current Balance: **\$144,021**

If there is a surplus at the end of the school year, an amount can be moved to this fund to raise it to \$150,000

**Pro:** We learned it can be costly not to have the money to fix things properly (the money we spent on the boilers)

**Con:** You do not want surplus funds being set aside.

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