

Rye Civic League

Annual Meeting

November 27, 2018

Rye Civic League 2018 Annual Meeting Agenda

- Welcome: Steven Borne, RCL President
- The Year in Review
- Official Business
 - Governance Committee Nominations
- Civic News for December
 - Who is doing what

Rye Civic League 2018 Year in Review

- Water in Rye – ~80 people
- Town & School Budget Analysis
- Warrant Article explanation presentation
- Warrant Article summarization table
- Printable “My voting sheet”
- Town Offices Candidate Night
- Town Election results (~600 people opened)
- Rye Civic News
 - Distribution: 1,100 people
 - Range from 40% to 50% open rate
 - More information – 40% to 50%, averages between 2 to 3 clicks per person
- Who voted in the Town Election analysis
- Rye Citizen’s Handbook 2018 addition updated
- State Representative and other State offices Candidate’s Night

- Monthly meetings: Last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. RPL

- Suggestions and Input please – what can we be doing better or differently

Rye Civic League 2018 Official Meeting

Governance Committee:

Steven Borne: President
Alex Herlihy: Vice President
Peter Crawford: Secretary

2019 Recommendation Slate of Directions

- Steven Borne
- Alex Herlihy
- Peter Crawford
- Sam Winebaum
- Burt Dibble
- Kathy McCabe (new)
- Sarah Curtin (new)

RCL December Civic News

Top 10: ??????

Select Board 11-12 and 11- 26 Peter

Select Board 11-29?

Recreation: Steven

Energy: Steven

ZBA: Steven & Alex

Budget Committee: Peter

Conservation: Sam?

School Budget Workshop: ?

Planning: Steven & Alex

Planning Board Site Walk?

Conservation: Site Walks ?

LRP: ?

HDC ?

CIP – Summary of key points?

Mosquito: Steven

Recycling: Steven

Sewer: Steven

RWD: Steven

School Board Matt/Sarah

Rules & Regs?

Rye

The Last 50 Years

The Next 50 Years

November 27, 2018

Intro: Steven Borne

Rye

The Last 50 Years

Presented by:
Alex Herlihy
Peter Crawford

Part 1: The last 50 years (1968-2018)

Presentation by the Rye Civic League

- Governance
- Conservation
- Wetlands/aquifer
- Public Works/Transfer Station
- Beaches
- Public Safety
- Town Buildings
- Schools

History of land and surface water in Rye:

1. Rye is approximately 2/3 water - fresh water marsh, salt water marsh (850 acres), ponds and three drainage basins: in the south – Baileys Brook; in the center Gammons Brook; in the north Berry's Brook. 170 years of development has placed stress on fresh and salt water marshes - compromised through dredge and fill for housing development, pollution from run off and failed septic systems. The 1962 dredging of Rye harbor resulted in dredge spoils being dumped in salt marsh, inland from Ocean Blvd. behind the harbor (restored in 1990's).
2. Roads - Pattern followed some Indian trails; as population moved inland more roads were built and then cross roads connecting them (i.e. Washington, Wallis, and Pioneer roads inland from ocean. Brackett Rd connects them.)
3. Settled farming practices created fields and reduced forest cover. Some fresh water used for irrigation; by 1840 only 40% of NH was forest (today it is 89%).

Development in Rye: pre-1968

Housing developments (dates are unclear on some of them)

Note: there are several single family homes that have very long driveways, deep into the back lands

- Hotel era was a period of huge development
- Mid-1800's: on Locke's Neck, the Straws Pt. community
- Late-1800's: on Parsons Pt, the Concord Pt. community
- c. 1903: beginning of Jenness Beach district, from Atlantic, north. of Cable, to just beyond Perkins Rd. (note: this was during the time of the construction of Ocean Blvd 1902-04)
- Early 1900's, cul-de-sac, off Ocean Blvd in back of Crown Colony on Parson's (Stinky Creek)
- 1920's?: Manchester Colony, near salt marsh on Wallis Sands Rd.
- 1920's?: Fairhill Manor, housing north of Wallis Sands Beach north to Pollock Dr., inland to Parsons Rd.
- Foyes Corner area (between the wars?): Foyes and Frontier roads
- Late 1930's: significant house construction with population growth due to military build-up in region
- Fern Ave – all houses built after WWII

Development in Rye: post-1968

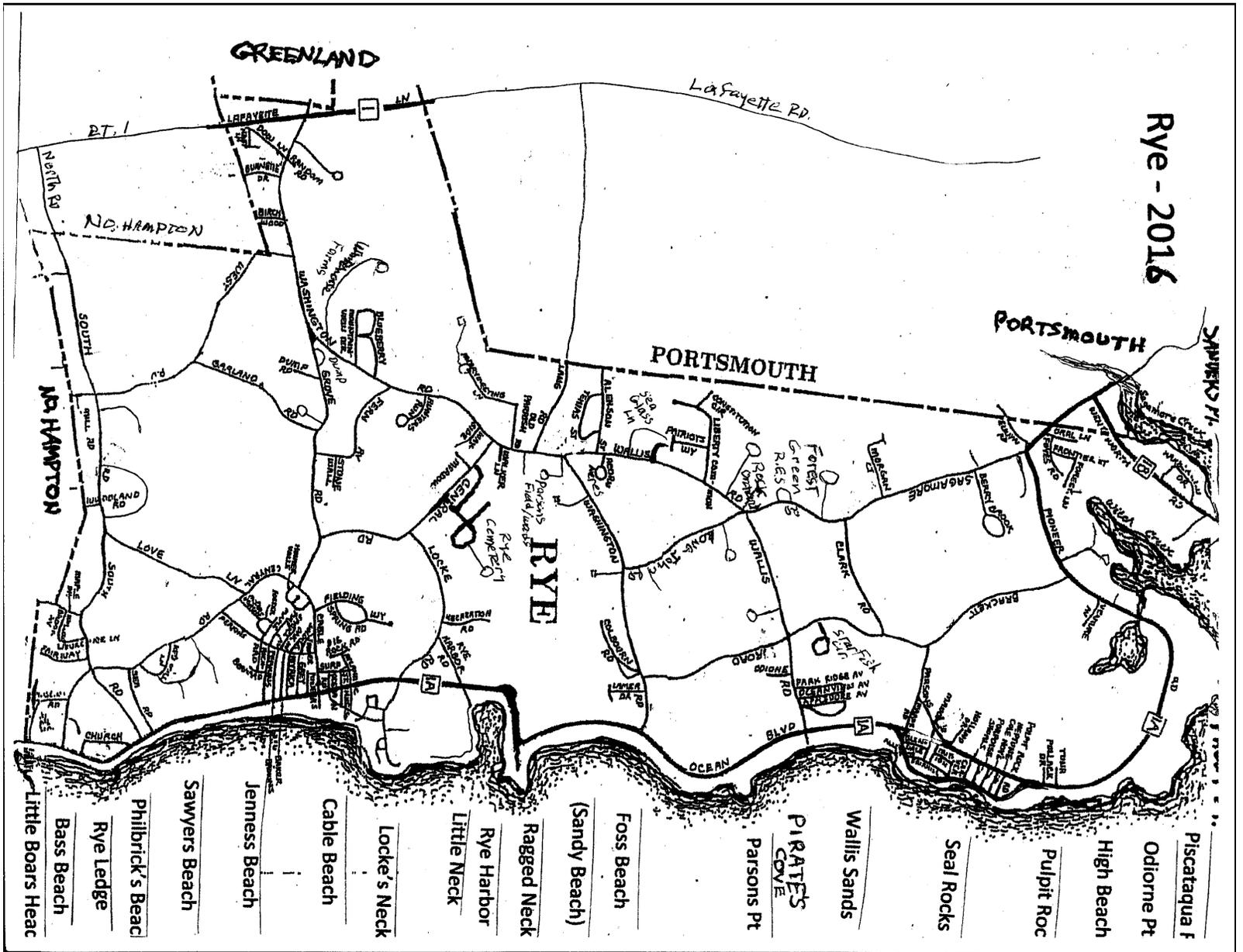
c. 1980 – c. 2000 (some of these are after 2000, and a few before?) – from north to south

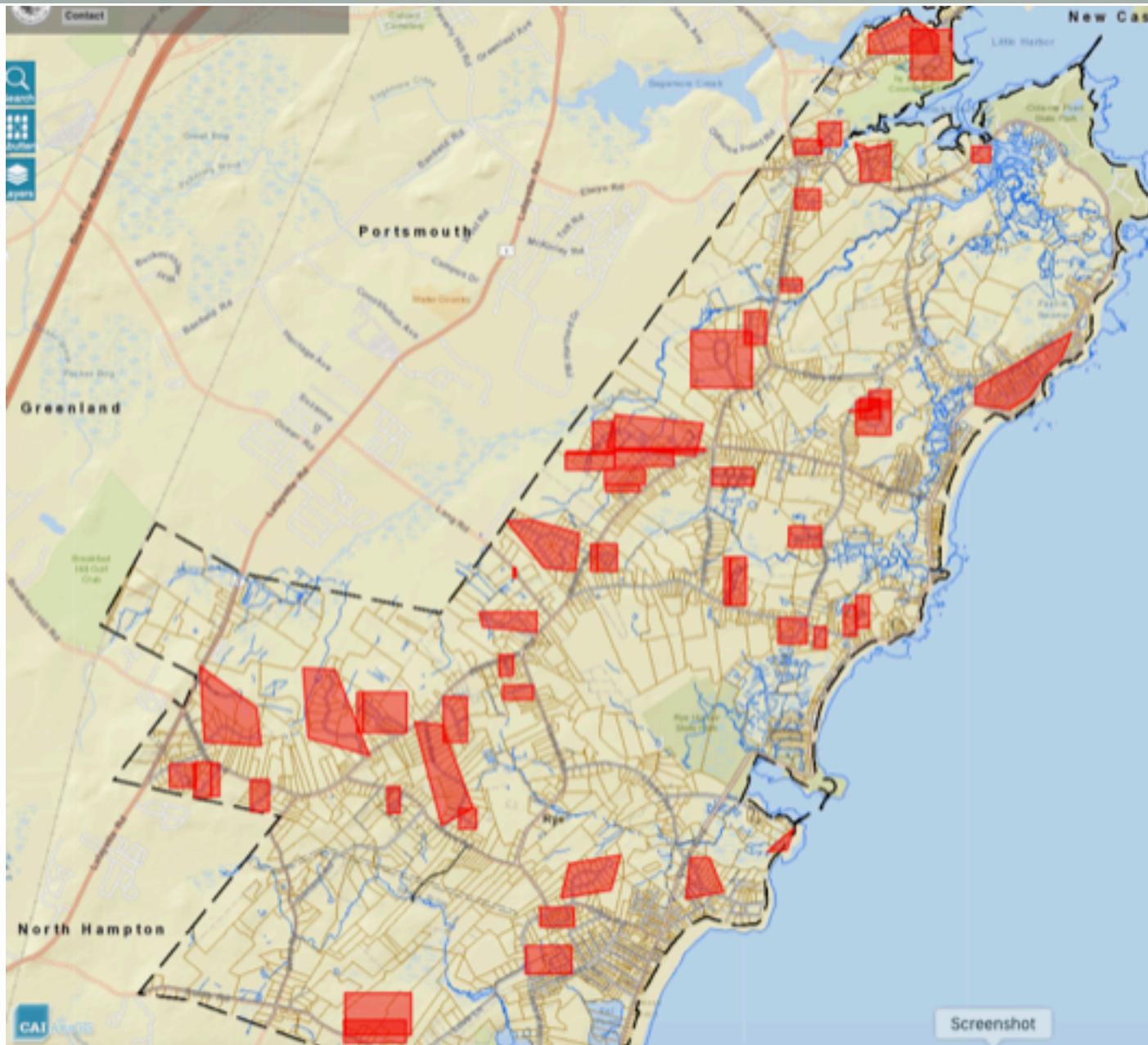
- Harborview Dr., off Wentworth Rd
- Cul-de-sac – close to Foyes Cor on Sagamore Rd
- Wentworth golf course housing development, off Pioneer Rd – road name?
- Venture Ave, off Pioneer Rd.
- Berry's Brook – off Sagamore Rd
- Morgan Ct, off Sagamore Rd.
- Forest Green, off Sagamore Rd.
- Young Dr., off Long John Rd, nr. Lang's Corner
- Cul-de-sac, off Wallis Rd. , nr. Brackett
- Odiorne Dr., off Wallis just beyond Brackett
- Libby Ln., off Washington Rd., nr. Long John
- Colburn Dr., off Washington Rd. nr. Brackett
- La Mer Dr., off Washington Rd., nr. Ocean Blvd.
- cul de sac, “ “ “ nr. Ocean Blvd.
- Rock Orchard, off Wallis Rd nr. Lang's Corner
- Recreation Rd.
- Along and off Straws Point Rd.
- Foss Circle, off Old Beach Dr.
- Fielding Way, off Cable Rd. – Rand Springs
- McGlaughlin Dr/Pine St to Cable, off Central Rd. nr. Perkins
- Merrymeeting Ln., extension of Old Parish Rd.
- Wayside Dr., off Washington Rd., nr. Center
- Hunter's Run off Washington Rd. nr. Fern Ave
- Stonewall Ln., off Fern Ave.
- Birchwood Dr., off Washington Rd. beyond West Rd
- Burnside Dr., “ nr. Dow Ln
- Mast Ln., off Dow Ln
- Random Rd., off Washington Rd., nr. Lafayette Rd.
- Fairway Dr., off South Rd nr. Central
- Lawrence Ln., off South, nr. Fairway Dr. Maple Dr., nr. Lawrence In.
- Cul-de-sac off South Rd, nr. where it changes to North Rd in No. Hampton, heading to Laffayette Rd.

Development in Rye: post-1968

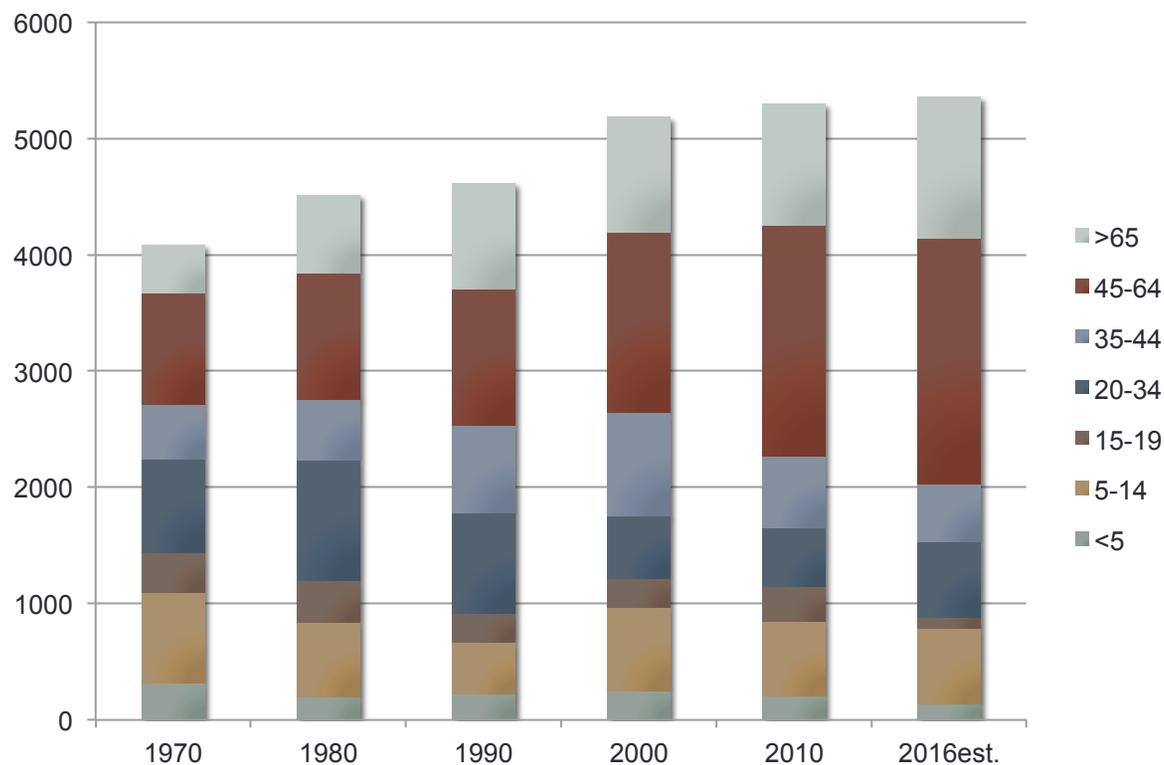
Since c. 2000 or just before

- 2004 – White Horse Farms, off Washington Rd. nr. Grove Rd.
- 2005 – new fire/police station
- Airfield Dr. – off Lafayette Rd., Cedar ?
- Sea Glass Ln. (former Rand Lumber), off Wallis
- Starfish Cir., off Brackett, between Wallis and Clark
- c. 2017, off South nr. West Rd.
- 2018, off South Rd., nr. Woodland Rd.
- Current proposed development – between Harbor and Locke, on edge of salt marsh, five houses



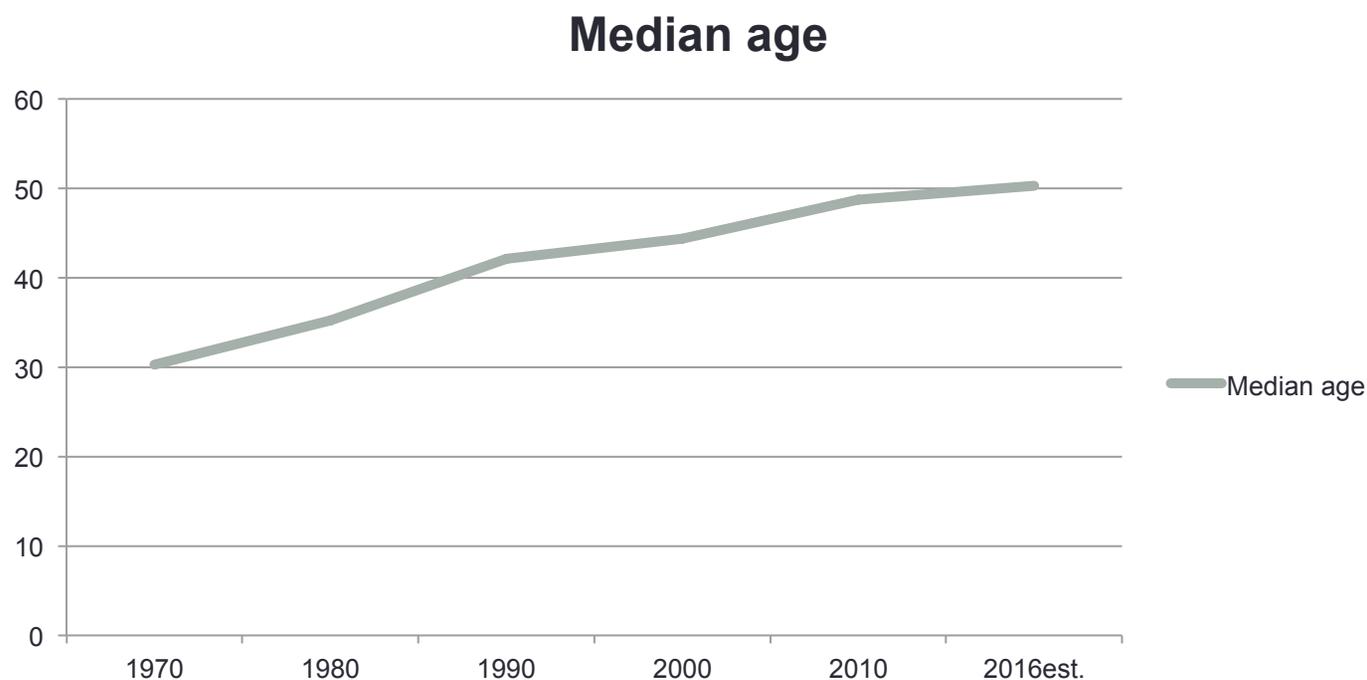


In fifty years, Rye has been transformed from a town of young families with many children to a community of largely older residents with few children



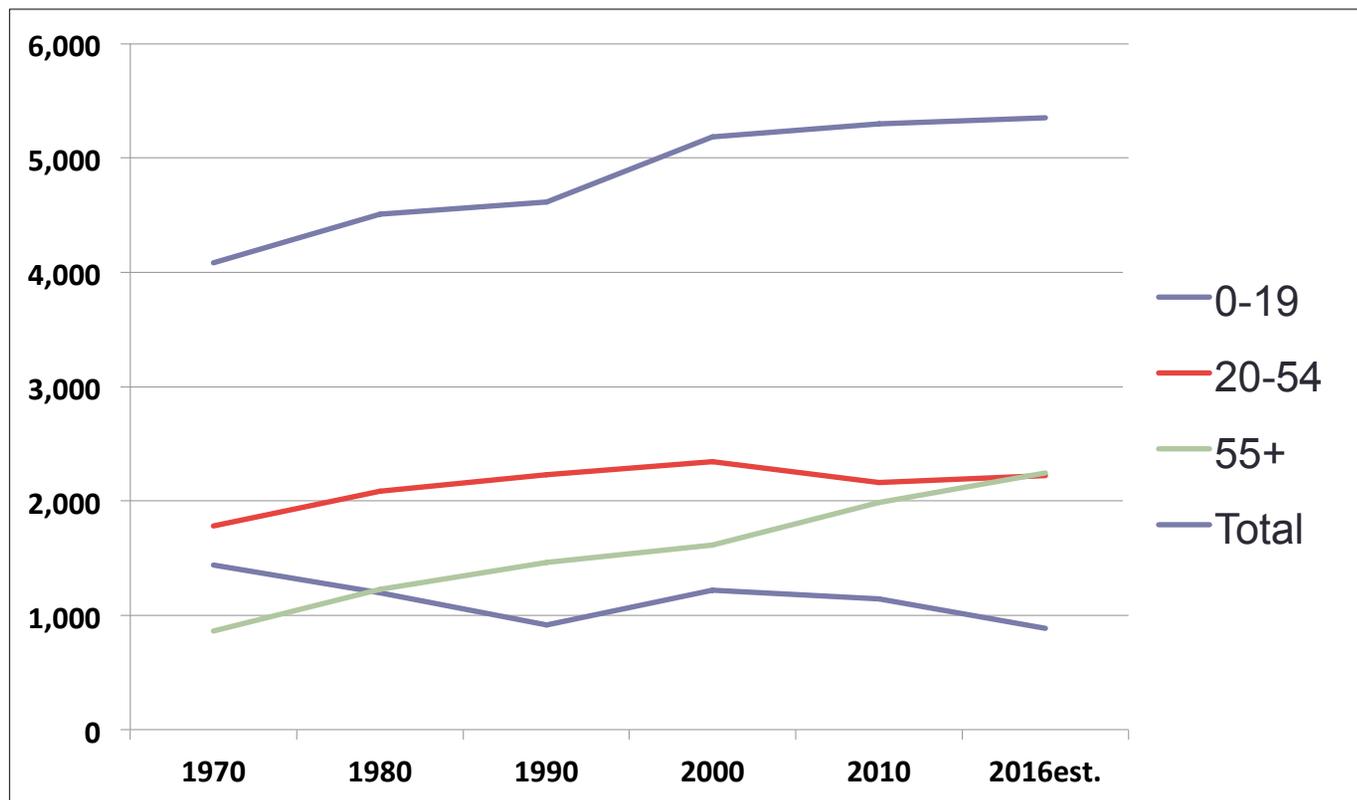
Sources: 1970-2010 U.S. Census bureau actual enumeration; 2016 estimate by U.S. Census bureau based on sampling (significant statistical uncertainty)

In fewer than 50 years, Rye's median age has increased by 20 years



Source: U.S. census, estimates for 2016, actual enumeration for other years

Despite overall population growth since 1970, children under 20 have declined in Rye



Source: U.S. census, estimates for 2016, actual enumeration for other years

	1968	2018
Admin.	Town Clerk working from home, BOS at Fire Station	Consolidated at Town Hall
Fire	At old Fire Station manned 24 hours (often 1 person)	At Public Safety Building, 24/7 coverage with 2-3 FF/shift.
Ambulance	Volunteer Rye Ambulance Corps, \$10/year subscription.	Consolidated under Fire at large, new Public Safety Building
Police	At old Fire Station. Chief plus 3 officers plus PT/summer.	Consolidated at Public Safety Building. 24/7 with 2 officers.
Public Works	Under Highway Agent at 1899 Trolley Barn. Self-serve Grove Rd. Landfill (south of Grove).	Transfer Station & recycling added to brush dump north of Grove Rd. Highway consolidated there also.
Library	Small bldg., open 26 hrs./week	Expanded bldg., open 55 hrs./week
Planning/ Zoning	Appointed PB/ZBA, small min. lots, limited wetland/septic regs	Elected PB/ZBA, expanded min. lots, strong wetlands/septic regs
Sewer	None	Covers Rye Beach, Jenness Beach, Foyes Corner, Adams M.H. Park
Conservation	Wetlands focus, no acquisitions	>\$10m spent on acq./easements

“A page of history is worth a volume of logic”

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Setting the stage: Rye before 1968

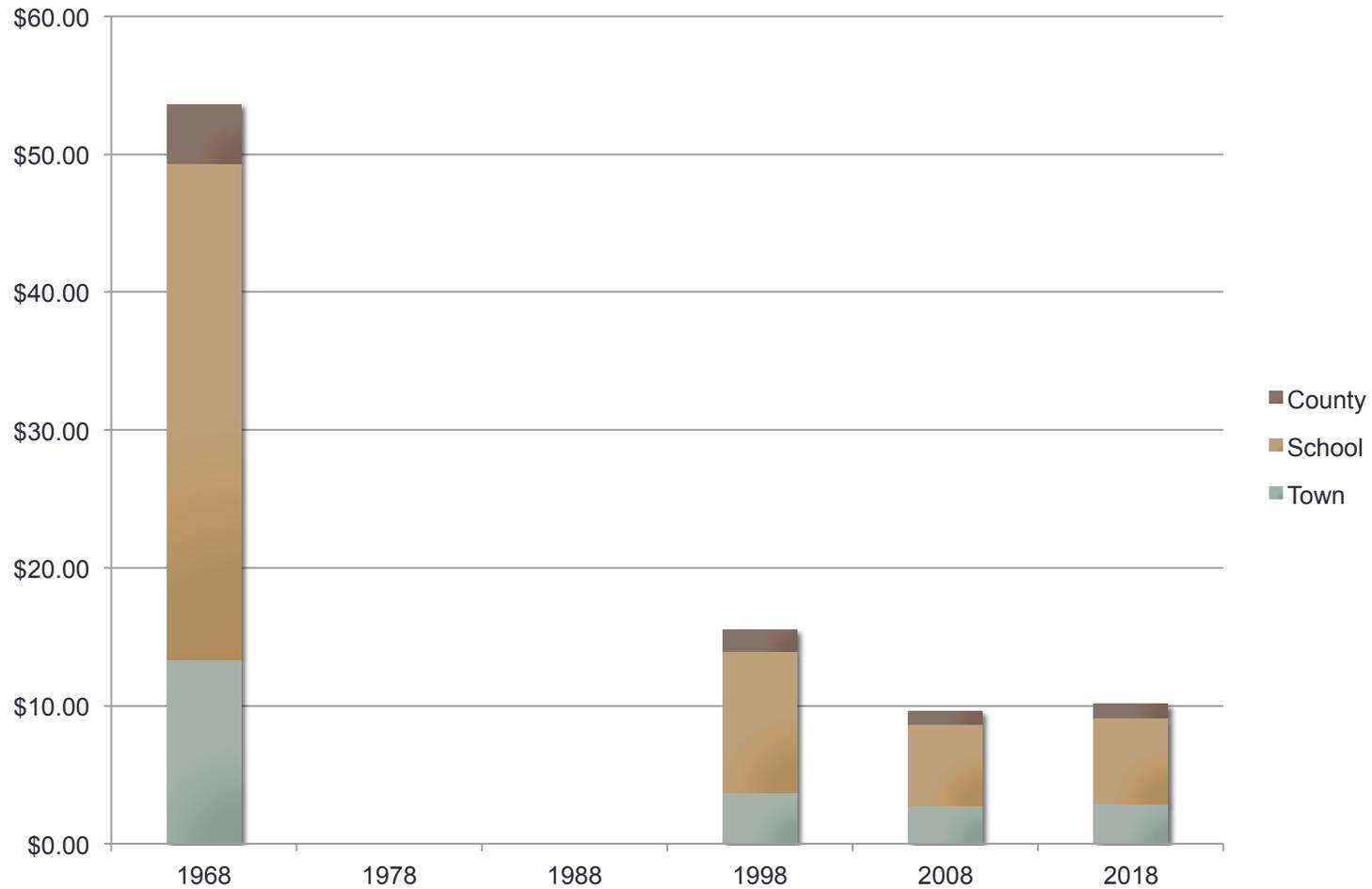
1940	On the eve of World War II, Rye is truly a small town. Postwar boom. Census population data (1940, 1950, 1960, 1970): 1246, 1982, 3244, 4083.
1949	Newell Marden is Selectman <u>and</u> Moderator. Total valuation of Rye \$3.4 million, including 28 horses, 54 cows and personal property. Taxes raised \$130,181.76. Blake Rand retires as Town Clerk after serving 61 years.
1951	Petitioned warrant article to establish Planning Board passes. Empowered to create zoning districts and approve plats.
1952	Single Residence district 15,000 sq. ft. min. lot size, General Residence 10,000. ZBA established. Newell Marden, first elected 1907, suddenly dies.
1954	School Board suggests building elementary school. Enrollment is up from 250 pupils in 1950 to 373 in 1954. Many parents work at Pease and the shipyard.
1958	Town Counsel Thomas Simes dies after over 55 years of service.
1964	Recreation Commission established. Conservation Commission established.
1966	Historic District Commission established
1968	Rye Civic League formed after 1968 town meeting

1973 Annual Report

“Rye is reaching the point of being a not-so-small, small town and as this year’s proposed budget indicates, it is a million dollar business.”

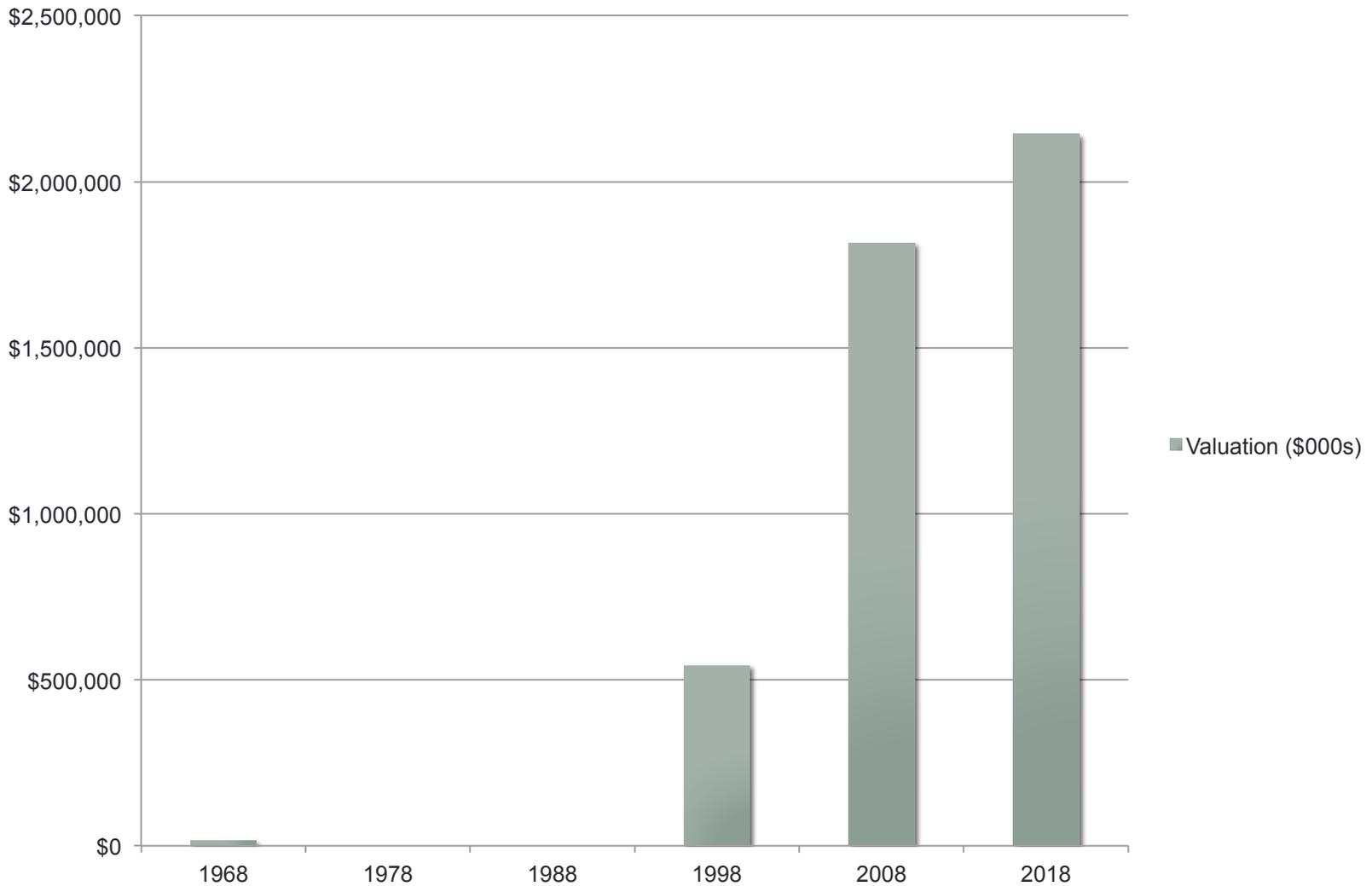
Douglas R. Gray, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Does lower tax rate mean we got more services for free?

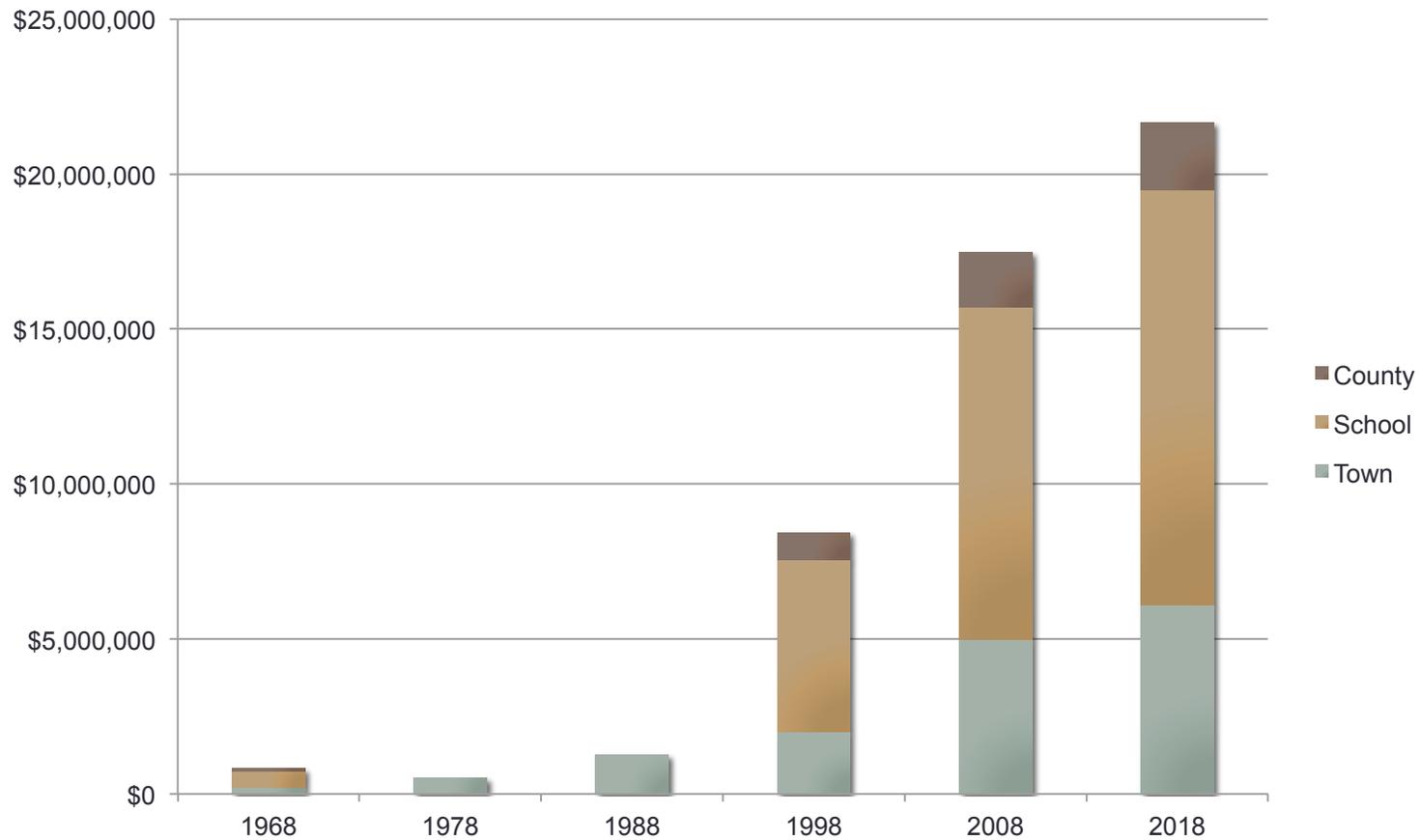


No. Assessments have increased enormously since 1968

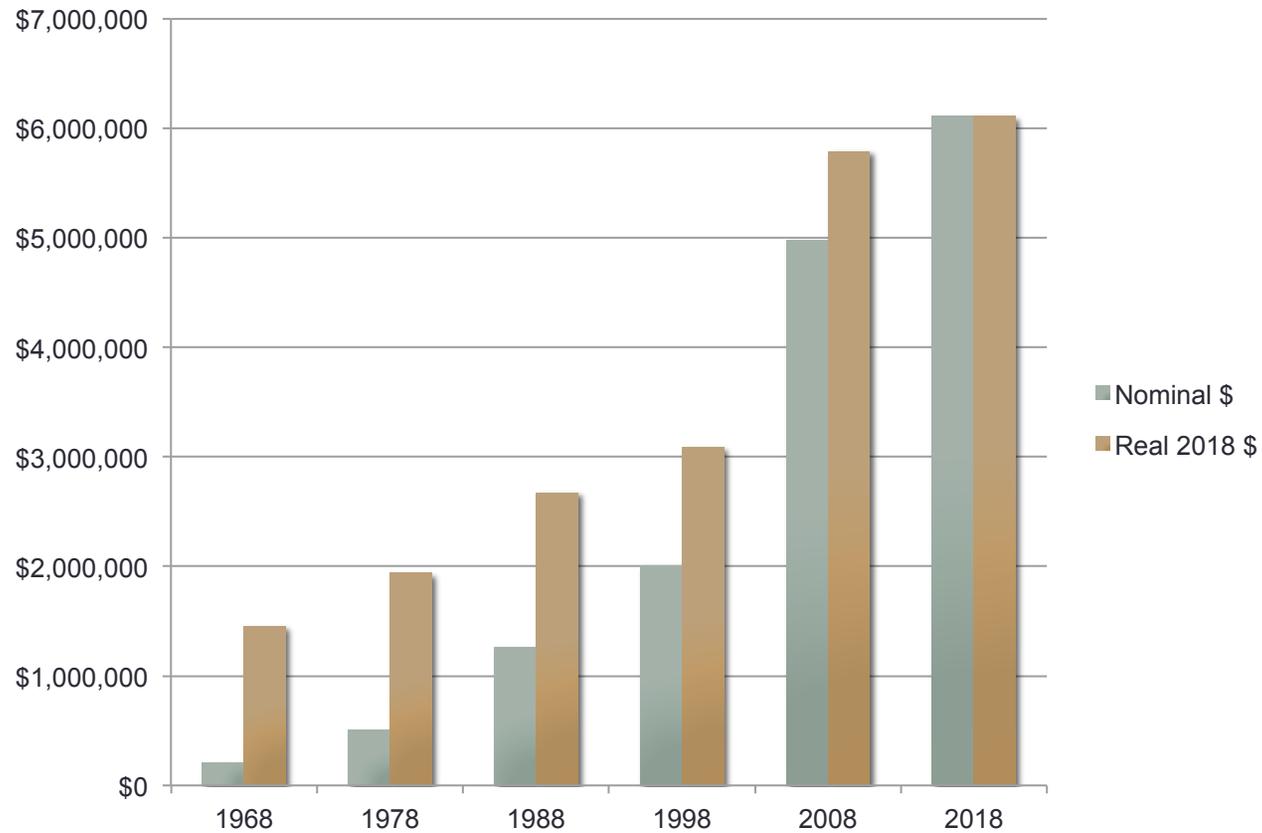
Town-wide Valuation (\$000s)



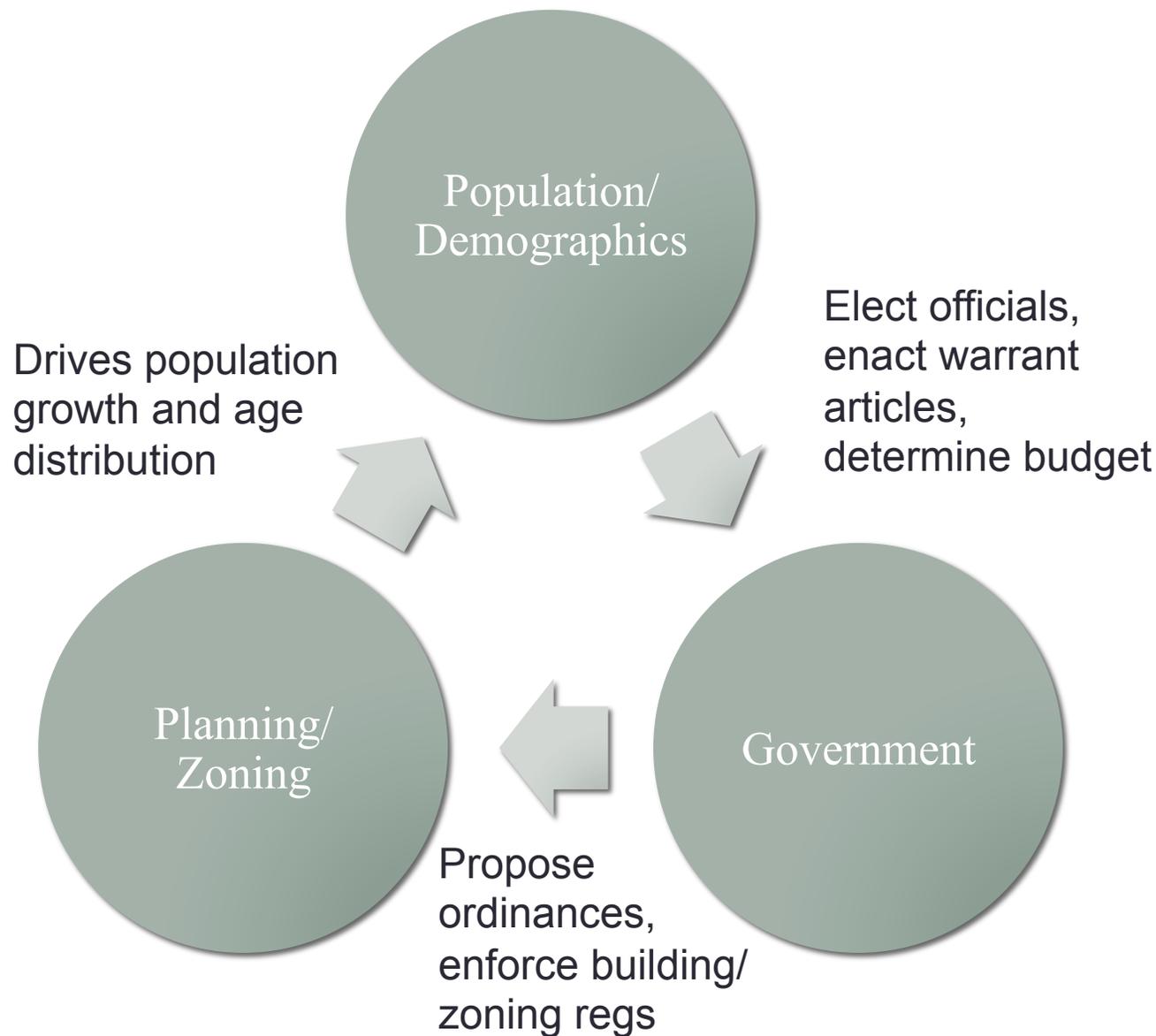
So, taxes raised have increased enormously



Town taxation is way up, even after adjusting for inflation

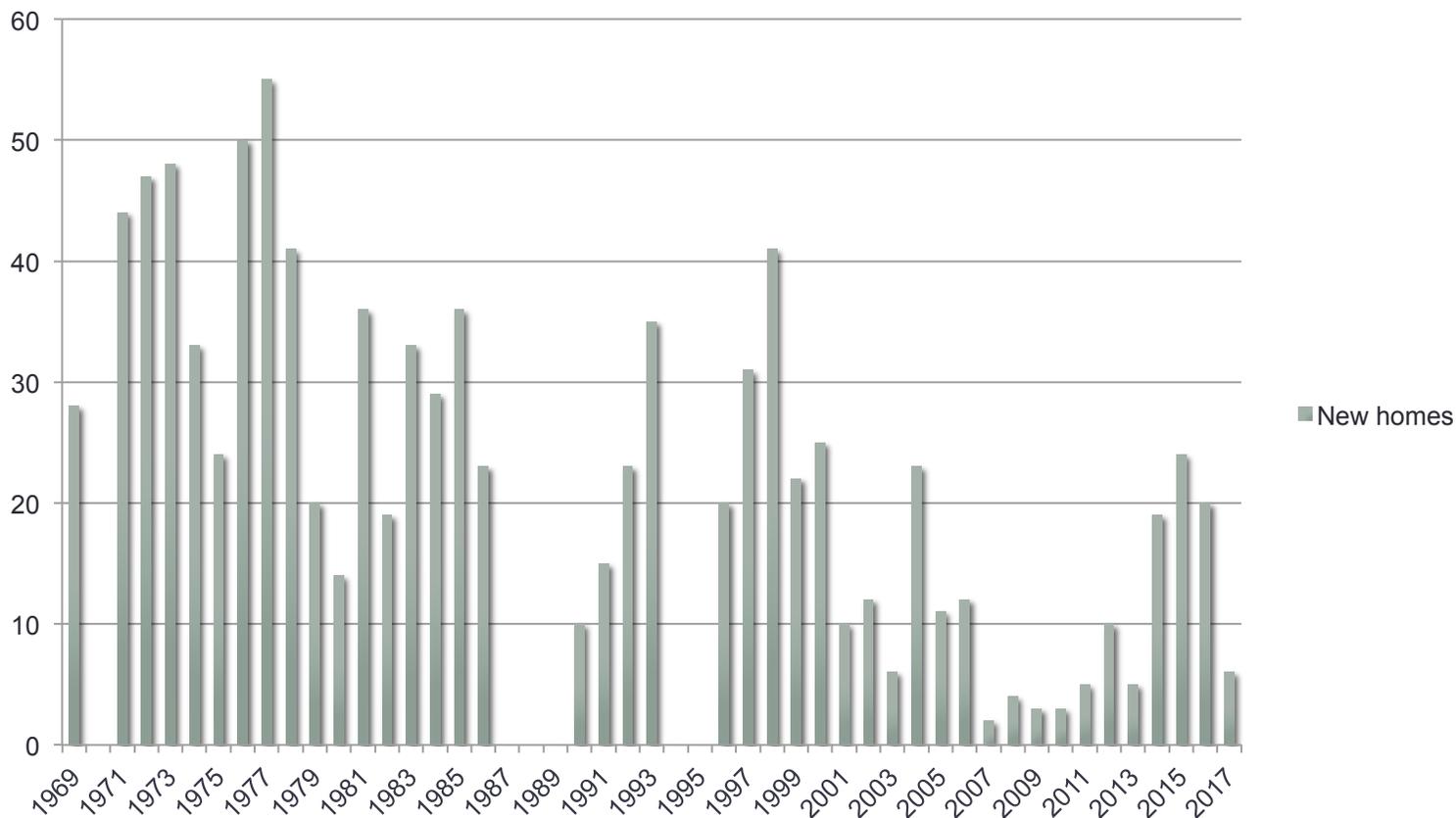


Planning/zoning, open space acquisitions, Rye's desirability and the resulting high home prices have been key causes of the aging demographic in Rye.



The era of feverish new housing development ended around 2000.

New homes



Source: Building Inspector's reports in Town annual reports. Data are missing for some years and may not have been consistently reported. Data prior to 2004 may include tear-down/rebuilds. Beginning in 2004, these were broken out and have been excluded. Starting 2012, the graph is based on the "new dwelling units" reported by the Building Inspector, including apartments.

Governance: Are we being managed effectively?

1971	Reappraisal quadruples town valuation.
1975	Town votes to have Highway Agent appointed by BOS, not elected.
1976	Mosquito Control District voted.
1982	Auditors note that 1981 budget was overspent. Town Clerk Leigh Johnston resigns, is replaced by Treasurer Jane Ireland.
1986	Selectman Maynard Young reports tripled BOS workload to 35-45 hours/week.
1987	Town votes \$30,000 for BOS Administrative Assistant.
1990	Town votes to increase BOS from 3 to 5 members.
1991	Town votes to combine Town Clerk and Tax Collector positions. Auditors express dismay at the condition of the town's accounting records.
1992	BOS reports 92 meetings during 1989. Town votes to decrease BOS to 3.
1993	Planning consultant Michael Donovan assumes role of Town Attorney as well.
1995	Five percent discount for prompt tax payment eliminated after many attempts.
1998	Town votes to adopt SB2. Separate Deliberative Session and final ballot vote.
2000	Title of BOS Administrative Assistant changed to Town Administrator.

Planning/Zoning: Do we have a plan and are we following it?

1969	Planning Board thanks Rye Civic League members for participation in meetings. Voters approve new Zoning Ordinance and Building Code.
1975	Petitioned warrant article voted to increase minimum lot size in Single Residence District to 44,000 sq. ft. with 150 ft. minimum frontage. Town votes to join Southeast Regional Planning Commission.
1976	SE Regional Planning Commission is providing person 4 hours/week in Rye. Planning Board reports 16 subdivisions approved on 200 acres, 62 house lots.
1977	Building Inspector reports 55 new house permits.
1979	Petitioned warrant article passes despite non-recommendation of Planning Board. Annual permits are capped at 40, and 4 per developer/subdivision.
1979	Sounding Board adjunct to Planning Board is updating Master Plan.
1980	Planning Board granted site plan approval authority for >2 unit multi-family.
1984	Michael Donovan replaces SERPC as Planning Consultant.
1985	Petitioned warrant article adopted to provide for election of Planning Board.
1987	Planning Board does five year CIP as basis for growth management. Town votes to cap dwelling unit increase at 1.75% annually (35 units).
2012	Petitioned warrant article adopted to elect ZBA. BOS says effective in 1 yr.

Conservation: Is the goal to preserve open space or limit development?

1970	Petitioned warrant article creates \$5000 Conservation Land Acquisition Fund.
1977	Emergency town meeting to buy Parsons Park for \$214,700 falls 15 votes short.
1978	Voters approve \$60K Parsons Park purchase, excluding house, front field.
1981	Town votes to establish Town Forest.
1989	Town votes to establish conservation district.
1992	Town, through Conservation Commission, acquires 58 acre Seavey Acres.
1995	Town votes up to \$10,000 annually from Land Use Change Tax to CLAF.
2001	Town votes \$300,000 for CLAF from current taxation.
2002	Town votes \$200,000 for CLAF from current taxation.
2003	Town votes \$5 million bond for CLAF, drawn down as needed.
2014	With the \$5 million finally depleted, town votes another \$3 million bond for CLAF. Selectmen institute waivable “a-p” documentation requirement.
2016	Town finally closes on \$1.25 million acquisition behind Seaglass Ln.
2018	BOS waives “a-p,” settles South Rd. litigation with \$300,000 of CLAF funds.

Are our wetlands, aquifer and coastal waters adequately protected?

1977	Regs for septic systems tightened. Leach field must be 8 ft. above bedrock (6 feet if state approved water supply), 4 ft. above seasonal high water table.
1978	Warrant article to pursue sewer defeated. Pollution Control Ctee. established.
1979	Committee reports 13,000 gal./day of untreated sewage disch. in Rye Beach.
1981	\$155K sewage plan rejected 45-366. Federal and State mandate July 9, 1981.
1989	March: Town rejects, 160-300, \$5.2 million waste water treatment facility. May: Special town meeting learns of Hampton negotiations and tables the warrant article. November: Sewer finally approved 470-114 with Hampton connection.
1991	Additional \$2.4 million for Jenness Beach sewers voted.
1994	Town votes to split sewer capital costs 40/60 with taxpayers/users respectively.
1995	Town votes \$10,000 for preliminary engineering of Lafayette Rd. sewer from Washington Rd. to Portsmouth line. Only Adams Park ultimately addressed.
2004	Voters reject \$125,000 for salt shed planning.
2010	Voters approve extension of Portsmouth sewer to Foyes Corner.
2016	Voters establish pump-out ordinance for the Parsons Creek watershed, 1172-293.
2018	Vote for \$700,000 salt shed bond article falls short of necessary 60 percent.

Are we getting rid of our garbage safely and economically?

1971	Refuse Disposal Planning Committee established.
1974	Special town meeting to authorize \$10,000 for additional dump acquisition is adjourned without action after Rye Water District discovers water nearby.
1975	Sale of Grove Rd. Landfill (south of Grove) to Rye Water District voted.
1976	Grove Rd. landfill closed. Breakfast Hill Landfill lease finalized. Brush Dump (north of Grove) converted to collection site. Voters establish voluntary recycling program, authorize BOS negotiations with UNH, other towns.
1980	Voters adopt plan to transfer the Highway Department to the Brush Dump.
1982	Trash is now going to the Portsmouth incinerator at Pease. The salt shed is replaced.
1991	Town votes \$35,000 for hydrogeological investigation of Grove Rd. Landfill after state realizes it was never properly closed.
1996	CMA Engineers hired to design Grove Rd. closure. Decomposed trash in ground water is discovered, increasing cost from \$500,000 to \$900,000. State is asked to allow it to remain as is since no groundwater contamination found.
2015	Town rejects, 1272-222, Pay-as-you-throw for Transfer Station.

Beaches: Will Rye ever get serious about our major attraction?

1953-4	Town annual reports refer to dogs on beach, parking, blocked driveway issues.
1977	Town votes fifth and final \$6000 payment to acquire Sawyer's Beach.
1983	Police officers are assigned to crosswalks at Wallis Sands and Jenness Beach. Beach is being patrolled during the day and also at night.
1988	Town votes to establish Beach Commissioner as a voluntary position.
1993	Porta-potties have been installed at Wallis Rd. Ext. and Cable Rd. Ext.
1999	Beach Commission established by town vote. Beach Supervisor to be hired.
2009	Proposed tightened dogs on beach ordinance amended at Deliberative Session to remove leash requirement.
2013	Warrant article to require BOS-issued permit for business use of town beaches is amended to a study at Deliberative Session.
2014	Town votes to require BOS-issued permits for commercial beach activities.
2015	Beach Commission dissolved by town vote. Beach Supervisor was never hired. Lifeguards are under Fire Department. Beach Committee formed.
2017	Ordinance to require leashing of dogs on the beach is amended at Deliberative Session to require leashes only for dogs not under control.

Public Safety: Expanding and becoming increasingly expensive

1968	Police and Fire departments are providing 24 hour coverage. Fire Department has 3 firefighters; Police, a chief, 3 full-time officers, plus part-time officers.
1980	Police are experiencing major problems with dogs and alcohol on the beach. The juvenile officer is very busy.
1982	The Fire Department is manned 24 hours, but by only one firefighter. On receipt of an alarm, he leaves but is soon joined by an off-duty firefighter.
1983	Voters approve two petitioned warrant articles to give 10 percent raises to Police and Fire Department employees.
1992	Volunteer Rye Ambulance Corps folds and transfers assets to Fire Dept.
2005	Voters restrict Grove Rd. cell tower revenues to ambulance purchases.
2014	Voters reject hiring of additional full-time police officer.
2015	Voters approve hiring of additional full-time police officer.
2018	Voters expand cell tower fund to encompass fire apparatus as well.

Town of Rye buildings: Voters repeatedly reject grandiose plans

1965	Lower Town Hall renovated, toilet relocated
1969	Town rejects \$12,500 to buy Washington Rd. store for BOS and other functions. Planning Board given \$2000 to study town needs.
1974	Petitioned article to provide \$28,000 to renovate Town Hall passes 234-5 despite lack of Budget Committee recommendation.
1981	Special Town Meeting approves new highway building at brush dump.
1982	Teen center in 1899 Trolley Barn (formerly highway building)
1985	\$3.5 million town complex (police, fire, town offices, library) rejected 437-64.
1988	Town rejects \$395,000 police station off Olde Parish Rd.
1989	Town rejects \$418,000 police station adjacent to cemetery and Town Hall. Vote is 297-150, one vote short of the needed two-thirds.
1990	Town rejects \$310,000 purchase of land for Library, second attempt at police station on cemetery land.
1993	Police station is moved to 1899 Trolley Barn, vacated after ambulance is moved to fire station. DIY renovation costs <\$50,000.

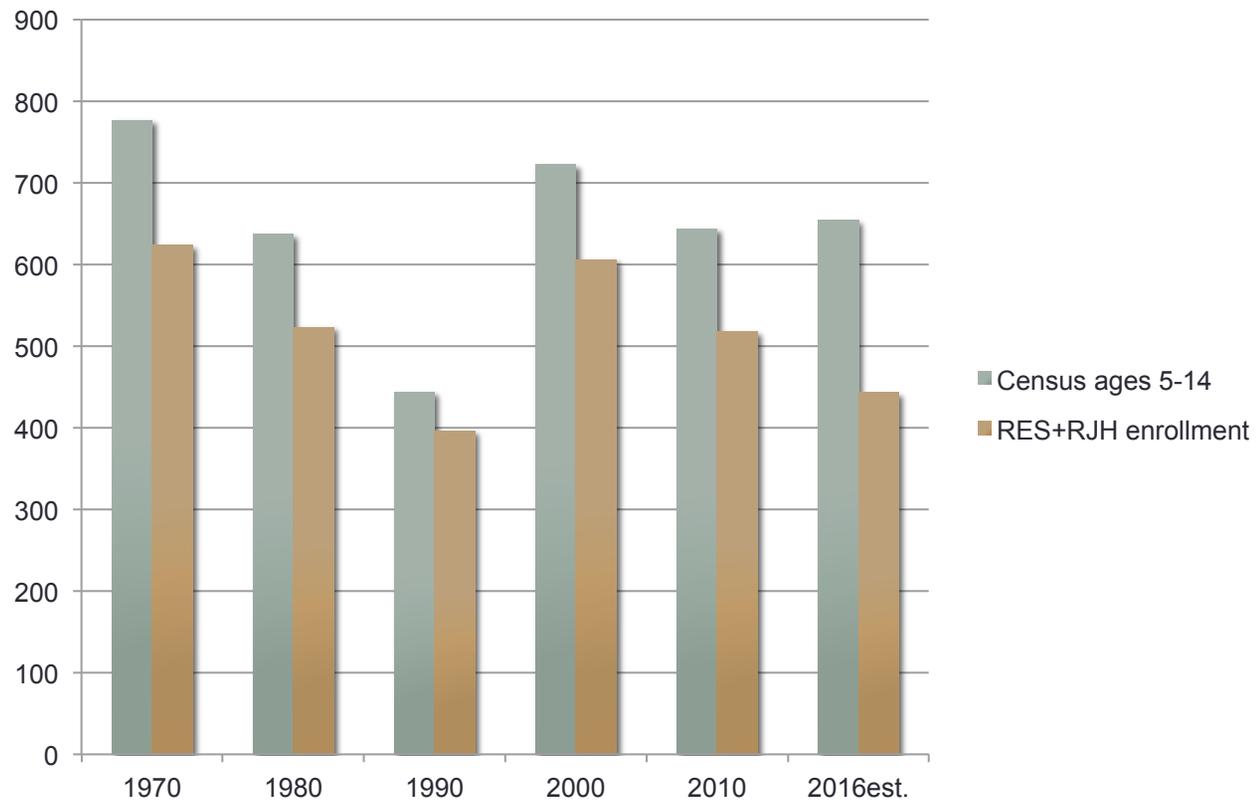
Town of Rye Buildings (continued)

1995	Voters pass \$500,000 purchase of Parsonage Apartments and adjacent lot for use by Library expansion at follow-on meeting (initially rejected).
1997	Town votes at special town meeting on Parsonage to retain the 1810 building, giving the relocated 1738 building to the Rye Historical Society (museum).
1998	Additional \$250,000 voted for Library project. BOS is authorized to negotiate lease of the Parsonage Apartments.
1999	Voters ratify 20 year lease of the Parsonage Apts. to the Housing Partnership.
2003	Public Safety Building \$3.3 million article fails to get the necessary 60%, but \$485,000 for land and \$80,000 for architect passes.
2004	Public Safety Building, now \$3.7 million, passes with 12 votes to spare.
2011	Town votes Town Hall study. Architect proposes large two building complex.
2012	Town rejects \$135,000 Town Hall design continuation. Petitioned article directs BOS to step back, look at other options and sq. ft. per employee.
2015	Town rejects \$4.1 million, somewhat reduced, design.
2016-7	Town rejects various Town Hall options but votes for free tear-down design.
2018	Voters reject Town Hall tear-down/rebuild and TD Bank purchase for offices. At long last, the Town Hall is painted.

Schools: Are we managing the roller coaster or will it crash?

1955	Voters approve \$225,000 bond to construct Rye Elementary School
1968	1968-1969 budget recommended is \$685,109 but net cost after revenues and credits is about \$510,000. Cost per pupil (790 incl. 225 PHS) is \$646.
1996	Voters pack the Rye Junior High gym, and approve a \$5,614,814 bond article for expansion and renovation of both the Rye Junior High and Rye Elementary School. Enrollment has climbed 30% in last four years. Vote is 566-233, 33 more than the two-thirds needed.
1999	Enrollment at RES plus RJH peaks at 606 (375 and 231 respectively).
2017	Petitioned warrant article to look at combining the two schools is amended at the School Deliberative Session to look at other options as well, including possible town use. Article passes, and committee recommends that fifth grade be moved to to RJH.
2017	Petitioned warrant article to former Younger Family Housing Committee to explore ways to reduce the school enrollment decline fails to pass 659-905.
2018	September enrollment at both schools combined is down to 380. School Board votes to transfer fifth grade to RJH starting with 2019-2020 school year. Cost/pupil (including estimated 180 PHS pupils) is up to approximately \$24,000.

School enrollments track census data



Sources: U.S. Census (enumeration except estimate for 2016),
School District annual reports.

“Municipal institutions constitute the strength of free nations. Town meetings are to liberty what primary schools are to science; they bring it within the people’s reach, they teach men how to use and how to enjoy it. A nation may establish a free government, but without municipal institutions it cannot have the spirit of liberty.”

Alexis de Tocqueville, *Democracy in America* (Chapter V)

Rye

The Next 50 Years

An Open Discussion

Moderated by:
Steven Borne

Question 1: What Type of Community are we?

Master Plan: says?

Our land use policies will be fair, supporting balances of choice, convenience, safety, security, conservation, a sense of community, and in compliance with all applicable State Land Use laws. Our reward will be a strong town in a beautiful place, comprised of an active, empowered citizenry working for the well-being of the community.

Our desires to see Rye altered are few. It is our intent to make changes deliberately to adapt to the dynamic needs of our citizens and respect the rights of others with interests in our community.

What is Rye becoming?

Are we a balanced community or are a retirement community?

What do you see happening?

Do you see changes in the types of Retirement people coming to Rye?

If there should be actions, what would they be?

Question 2: More Open Space or Development?

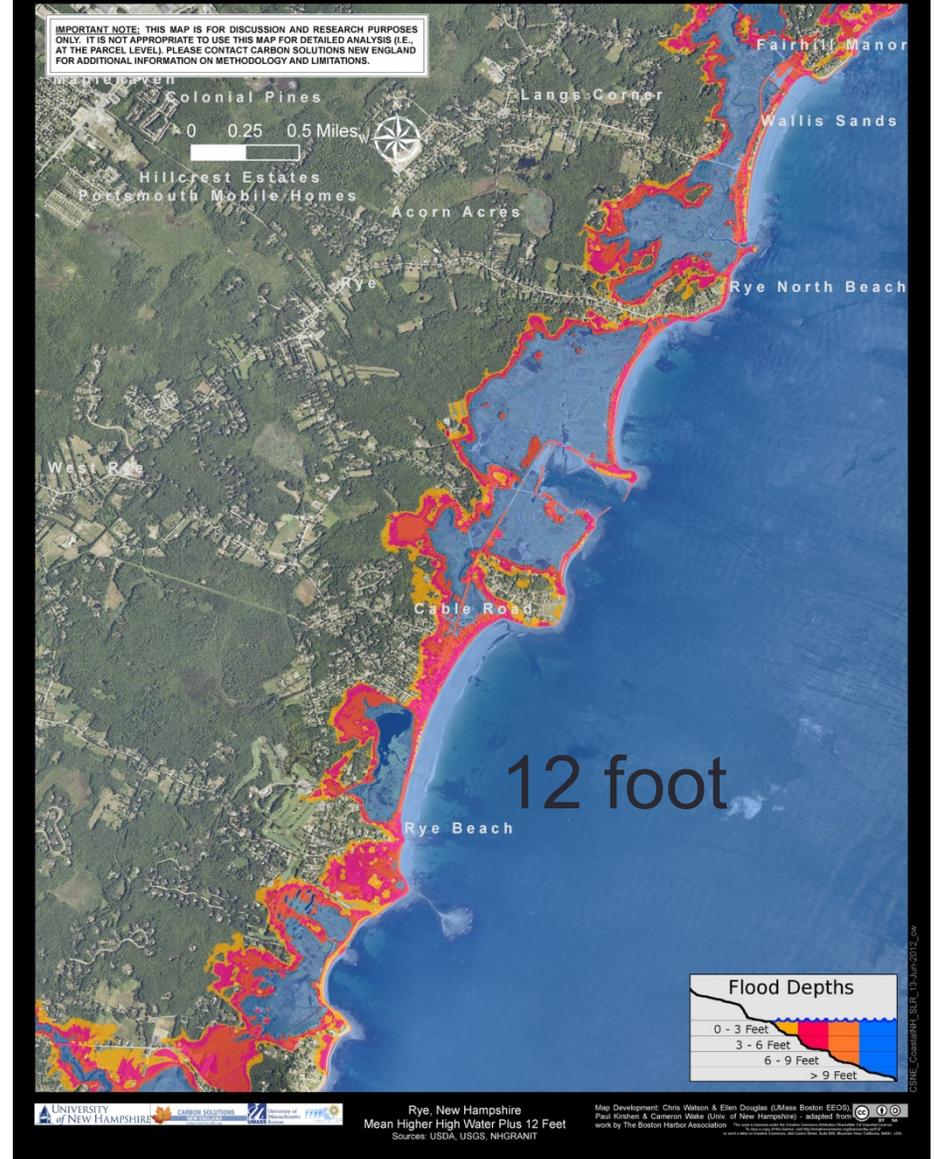
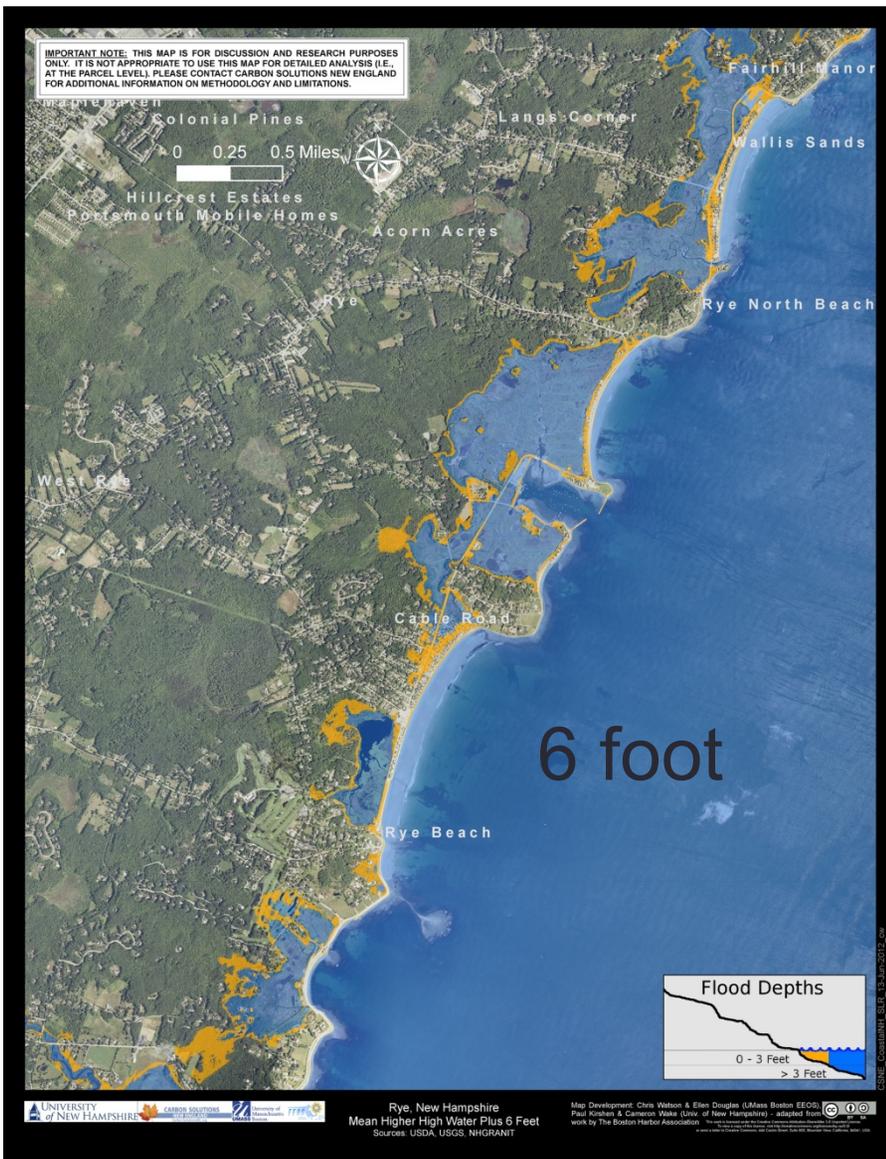
- Do we know how much open space is left?
- Which open space is the a priority?
- Can all of that land be developed?
- What can the land support?
- We updated the Master Plan for Climate Change – so now what are the actions?
- Are we still “semi-rural” or is that gone?
- Do we think our land use regulations are adequate or do they need to change?

Question 3: More, Less or the Same Town Services

- Town Services are what we buy, all of the departments, the Schools, Rye Water, etc.
- Do you say we have too much of a service now?
- Are there services you think we are missing?
- Should we continue to subsidize trash?
- Services increase taxes, how do we prioritize and make decisions?
- Investments, like side walks or buildings are different – what are some of the things we must improve or address?

Sea Level Rise and Climate Change (Projections at 6' and 12" floods)

http://www.granit.unh.edu/Projects/Details?project_id=264



Question 4: More Regional or Local Control

- Schools are regional under SAU 50, contracts with SAU 52 for PHS. Does anything there need to change?
- Should more regionalization be considered?
- Example – Rye, North Hampton, Greenland and New Castle have more fire equipment than people to operate it. Also, there is Portsmouth Station 2 (Lang Rd).
- Should Water or Sewer be more regional with Portsmouth and Hampton?
- Are there alternate models for Police forces working with our neighbors?
- Trash and recycling are another option, should this change?
 - Note our Transfer Station is next to our main well's aquifer.

Question 5: Commercial or Residential

- Do we want more business in Town?
- How important are the “beach” cottages to Rye?
- The State collects taxes but Rye is not easy getting rooms and meals revenue back, so what are the advantages?
- Are there specific business we would like to see? Where?
- Are there businesses we don't want to lose? If so, what can be done?
- Are there businesses or properties that should go? If so, what can be done?
- If more residential, what kind of residential?

Bonus Questions:

- How do we get people under 50 to participate in Town Meetings and vote?

- What is our responsibility for the Rye Beaches?
 - State Beaches
 - Rye Public Beaches
 - Sawyer's Beach

- Should we have paid parking for non-Rye residents for all Rye resources? Town Woods, special hours for beaches, other???

This Rye Civic League

The Rye Civic League publishes the monthly Rye Civic News. You can add yourself to the Rye Civic News distribution e-mail list at www.ryecivicleague.org

The Rye Civic League consists of Rye residents who volunteer our time. Please feel free to get involved and help residents be educated and informed.

We meet the last Wednesday of the month in the Rye Public Library at 6:30 p.m.

When the RCL meeting ends, there is a Public Forum that is attended by very knowledgeable residents in Rye. So, this is a chance to have an open discussion about what is on your mind or to ask questions.