Building Inspector's 2021 Report

This past year has been a challenge for everyone to stay healthy and safe. I want to thank all staff in the town of Rye for the great job they do and have done through these difficult times. A special thanks to our administrative assistant Sandy Dufresne who has been a great asset to this department and the town. In October we welcomed Vince Bauer as the new Assistant Building Inspector. Vince comes to us with a lifetime of construction knowledge and working with the public. He immediately hit the ground running and has been a strong addition to our department.

The Building Department is currently staffed with two Building Inspectors, and a part-time Administrative Assistant. The office is staffed every day between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM by the assistant. The office has developed policies during this pandemic for appointments and office visits. Please check the website for further information.

Construction continues to be at an all-time high, with the influx of people relocating to the seacoast as well as unexpected remodelling due to most people being home during the pandemic. Such projects in 2020 have been, new developments, new construction, replacement buildings, major and minor remodelling. Any commercial projects have been limited to remodelling or changes of use. The Building Department continues to be overwhelmingly busy. We would like to sincerely thank everyone for their patience and understanding.

We continue to monitor the Parsons Creek Pump-Out and Inspection Regulation. The ordinance requires that septic systems in the Parsons Creek Watershed be pumped every three years. Pumping invoices must be delivered to the Building Department to avoid action by the town. This area has tested high for bacteria and has been identified as an impaired watershed by NH DES.

The Building Department primarily deals with the enforcement of the *State Building and Life Safety Codes*. We also enforce the town's Zoning ordinances, FEMA regulations and assist in the enforcement of Planning Board decisions. All development within the high hazard flood area needs to be evaluated for compliance to prevent damage during the 1% flood event. If you are contemplating any building or land changes, please visit our website or call the Building Department.

CATEGORY	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
CONSTRUCTION VALUE	$49,723,596.17	$37,714,133.00	$31,843,387.85	$21,667,671.13	22,998,718.13
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	$538,256.80	$438,567.44	$366,205.65	$215,659.756	$225,058.93
NEW HOMES INCLUDES REBUILDS	41	17	25	12	13
ADDITIONS PERMITTED	26	44	34	22	N/A
DEMOLITION PERMITS	26	36	15	18	17
EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	332	191	105	77	N/A
INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	132	222	252	216	N/A
PLUMBING PERMITS	97	102	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELECTRIC PERMITS	267	204	N/A	N/A	N/A
MECHANICAL PERMITS	297	307	N/A	N/A	N/A
SEPTIC PERMITS	105	117	N/A	N/A	N/A
NEW DWELLING UNITS #	Homes 41 2 Apts	Homes 10 No Apts	17 Homes 3 Apts	6 Homes No Apts	3 Homes 3 Apts
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	1366	1240	931	976	884

Respectfully Submitted,
Milon C. Marsden, Building Inspector