

March Rye Town Center Committee
Rye Civic League Notes

March 2, 2022:

- Meeting Minutes: [Click here](#)
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Highlights

- TAP Grant update: Special Guest Scott Bogle
- Library Common Project update

Details

Scott Bogle from Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) attended the meeting to answer questions from the Committee in regards about the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant.

Project planning: The 10-year plan (HB-2022) shows preliminary engineering for the project in 2023 and 2024, the right-of-way in 2025 and construction 2027 through 2029. DOT will manage the project. One of the DOT pre-qualified engineering firms will be assigned to Rye to do the project.

Project funding: Once a consultant starts on the project, the town will begin to be billed. The town will pay the bill in full and submit 80% of the bill to the DOT for reimbursement. Rye has \$300,000 set aside for this project now but will have to wait before spending on anything except non-participating items or items that are not transportation related. (i.e., lighting, benches, landscaping, etc.)

Library Common: A warrant article and fundraising for an actual plan by this time next year. Construction in 2023 and 2024. Last update on the library web site is from August. [Click here](#)

Reminder: The funds will be used to the design and construct improvements that will increase safe pedestrian and bicycle travel for school children and other residents and visitors. The scope of work includes a separated sidewalk along the west side of Washington Road, dedicated bike lanes on each side of the road, safe road crossings, and appropriate lighting and landscaping.