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ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 27 To see if the Town will vote to study the appointment of a Town Treasurer, in accordance with RSA 41:26-e, rather than the election of a Town Treasurer.

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

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YES

NO

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ARTICLE 28 To see if the Town will vote to study the effects of discontinuing the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

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YES

NO

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ARTICLE 29 To see if the Town will vote to study the appointment, rather than the election of a Tax Collector, while considering the separation of the Town Clerk-Tax Collector under Article 28.

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

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YES

NO

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ARTICLE 30 (By Petition) Shall the Rye Board of Selectmen implement a plan to determine which (if any) town roads, or portions thereof, having a posted speed limit of 35 mph are not currently in compliance with State law, and establish a speed limit of 30 mph on such roads, per RSA 265:60 and RSA 259:118?

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

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YES

NO

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ARTICLE 31 (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to direct the Select Board to publish a list of all civil litigation matters that are presently or were active during the calendar year together with the amount of legal fees and costs incurred related to each such case as of December 1 of that calendar year. Further, to see if the Town will vote to direct the Select Board to maintain and update on no less than a quarterly basis a list of all active litigation in which the Town is a party, said list to identify: (a) the case caption; (b) the court and/or administrative agency in which the matter is pending; and (c) the docket number related to such case, provided that, if the identification of the litigation would disclose information which would constitute an invasion of privacy, the Town may identify the caption using a pseudonym, i.e. "John Doe" or "Jane Doe" and may identify that the case number is "withheld." For the purposes of this warrant article, "litigation" shall be defined as any matter brought by or against the Town, or in which the Town has sought status as an intervenor, and which is filed with a State or Federal court or administrative agency but shall not include criminal prosecutions initiated by the Town Prosecutor, County Attorney, Attorney General, or any other prosecuting entity.

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

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YES

NO

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ARTICLE 32 (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to alter the boundaries of the Town Forest, as established in 1981, utilizing a concise metes and bounds description to be provided by a surveyor and further to authorize the Select Board, Conservation Commission, and the Cemetery Trustees, to alter the location of the Rye Town Forest and to correct the Conservation Easement granted by the Town to the Rockingham County Conservation District on January 29, 2001 (recorded at Rockingham County Registry of Deeds Book 3539, Page 0314) related to the Rye Town Forest, in accordance with the following parameters:

- A. The unwooded portion of the so-called "Perry Walker Tract" that was conveyed to the Town of Rye in 1961 for the purposes of "enlarging the Central Cemetery" will be removed from and unburdened by the Conservation Easement.
- B. The wooded portion of the Perry Walker Tract to the immediate north of the Cemetery Annex (hereinafter the "wooded uplands") will be removed from and unburdened by the Conservation Easement.
- C. The lands identified in Paragraphs A and B will be under the management and control of the Cemetery Trustees.
- D. The Conservation Commission will retain a perpetual easement, 20 feet in width, over the wooded uplands for the red trail and such portions of the orange trail that are within those wooded uplands. The Cemetery Trustees shall have the option in the future to relocate the easement for red trail and orange trail (if the latter is included in the easement area), to along the perimeter of the cemetery lands that are along the existing stone wall adjacent to the Cemetery Annex, provided that the cost for the laying out, grading, and clearing of such a trail shall be paid by the Cemetery Trustees. If the Cemetery Trustees exercise that option, the perpetual easement referenced would be amended to the relocated red trail and/or orange trail.

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- E. The trees on the wooded uplands are to remain unless and until that space is needed for cemetery purposes in the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees.
- F. The Cemetery Trustees will consult with the Conservation Commission regarding the location of any cemetery road constructed in the wooded uplands if that cemetery road crosses the red trail, provided that, if the Cemetery Trustees and the Conservation Commission are unable to reach agreement after good faith discussion as to that cemetery road, the Cemetery Trustees shall have the final say as to the location of that cemetery road.
- G. For the avoidance of any disturbance of funerals, signage shall be posted along the red trail at the entry of the cemetery lands identifying that the land is part of the cemetery and stating that "users are advised to exercise proper respect and consideration for funerals and their attendees, " or words to that effect. The cost of the signage will be borne by the Cemetery.
- H. The Cemetery Trustees will not grade the wooded uplands until it is reasonable and prudent to do so in the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees.
- I. The portion of the Perry Walker Tract located to the south of the Cemetery Annex, largely comprised of wetlands, will remain in the conservation easement, with the exception of the portion of those lands that are presently used by the Cemetery Trustees for storage.
- J. The survey of the metes and bounds description will be funded by the Select Board and Conservation Commission, with the metes and bounds description to be approved by the Select Board, Cemetery Trustees, and Conservation Commission.

Further, to authorize the Select Board, Cemetery Trustees, and Conservation Commission to enter into an agreement formalizing the terms set forth above and to execute any documents and take all other necessary actions related to this Article. (Majority Vote Required)

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YES
NO

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

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ARTICLE 33 (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to prepare an informational guide to assist land use applicants, developers, and members of the public with regard to the building and land use processes in the Town of Rye, said guide to identify the various ordinances, rules, and regulations applicable to building and land use, as well as the various applications, checklists, and fee schedules which may be applicable.

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YES
NO

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

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ARTICLE 34 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2024.

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YES
NO

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

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