

RCL 2024 VOTER PREPARATION

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Position (bold is contested race)	Candidate(s) on ballot
1 Board of Selectmen (3 years)	Tom King, Rob Wright
1 Town Moderator (2 years)	Nina Parrot
1 Treasurer (3 years)	Susan Philbrick
1 Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	Kenneth Moynahan
2 Library Trustees (3 years)	Jeffrey Ross, JoAnn Hodgdon, Joe Martilla, Joane Coutu
1 Library Trustee (2 years)	Rachel McCann, Julie Tucker
1 Trustees of the Trust Funds (3 years)	Kerry Pope
Budget Committee (1 Seat, 1 year)	Michael Coutu
Budget Committee (2 Seats, 3 years)	Kate Dumas, Douglas Adams, Julie Tucker
Planning Board (2 seats, 3 years)	Steven Borne, Peter Moynahan, John Shaw, Paul Ziolkowski
1 Planning Board (1 seat, 2 years)	Robert Eberhart
1 Planning Board (1 seat, 1 years)	Donald Cavallaro
2 Zoning Board of Adjustment (2 seats, 3 years)	Robert M Patten, Christopher Piela
Sewer Commission (3 years)	Susan Labrie
Supervisor of the Checklist (1 for 6 years)	Gerry Terhune, Sally King, Susan Philbrick
1 School Board (3 years)	Laura Marshall Belden, Allyson Kreycik
School Moderator (1 seat, 3 years)	Nina Parrot

Rye Land Development Regulations

[LDR 2024-01 Amends 202-5.5](#) Home Owners Associations can be dissolved by State RSA

[LDR 2024-02 Section 5-E](#) Adds to section M for Fire Chief to look at Driveways

[LDR 2024-03 Amends section 202-7.1](#) Surty word change by State RSA – already in approved and in affect

Rye Zoning Ordinances

[Amendment 1 RZO 2024-01](#) Two dwellings on a lot

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[Amendement 5 RZO 2024-07](#) 190-2.1 This updated the name of the Zoning Map to be referenced

[Amendment 6 RZO 2024-08](#) 190-3.1.H Aligns Buffer language to match State RSA for Mean High Water

Article 04: Flood Plain Ordinance

[FPO 2024-01](#) 60-6 Puts a time frame on when improvements will be counted towards the 50% improvement

RESERVE FUNDS WHERE WE ARE NOT CONTRIBUTING IN 2024**Town Accumulated Leave Fund:** 0

Current Balance: **\$252,422 (as of 10/31/23)**

Estimated liability: ???

Fund should have 50% of the liability, 2022 had \$100K added.

Unclear what changed to make the number say we needed this much more.

Records Restoration Fund \$3,000 (nothing may have been spent last year)

Current Balance: **\$8,524 (as of 10/31/23)**

Library Accumulated Leave Fund: \$10,000

Current Balance: **\$21,149 (as of 10/31/23)**

Estimated Liability:

Municipal Buildings Construction and Renovation Fund

Fund was established in 2020 and portions of the Trolley Barn (\$280K) went to this fund, with the remainder from that sale going into the general fund.

Current Balance: **\$104,580 (as of 10/31/23)**

Article 5: \$13,457,939 Town Budget

See Full Presentation on Town Budget. [Click Here](#) Budget table from the Town [Click Here](#)

If the budget fails, the town uses the Default budget that is based on last year and mandatory increases. The Town has been operating on the 2023 budget limits since January 1st. \$12,315,462 is the 2024 Default Budget

Voters can make changes to the budget (no more than 10%). Go to the MS-7 to identify the account number and include that in the amendment to change a budget line item. [Click Here](#)

Summary “Green Sheet” provided at the Deliberative meeting: [Click Here](#) (updated pre-election)

Article 6: Harbor Rd. Bridge replacement \$975,000

After much investigation and engineering work the town has agreed on a plan. There was a trade-off for how long there would be no access for residents and cost.

Funding an identified Capital Project is one of the acceptable uses of the unassigned fund balance. This is money the town currently has that will be used to fund this project.

Select Board/DWP stated at Deliberative meeting that this can't wait and did not want to risk delays.

Yes: Town will move \$975,000 to the DWP for replacing the bridge

No: Will prevent the town from using this money for the bridge work.

Article 7: Use \$307,000 towards replacing the Perkins Rd. Culvert

Funds will be moved from the unassigned fund balance to DPW for this work. The town currently has these funds, so this will not directly raise taxes.

At Deliberative meeting it was suggested that since there is a schedule and culverts are specific enough (like DPW & Fire trucks), a reserve fund for these can be created.

Yes: Use \$307,000 from the Unassigned Fund balance to pay for the Culvert

No: Do not use the Unassigned fund balance for this culvert replacement

DPW Vehicle & Equipment Inventory

Design ation	Status	Category	Mod el Year	Manufacturer	Model	Description	Purchase Year	Purchase Price	Replacement Cost	Service Life	Replacem ent Year	Plate	VIN
107	ACTIVE	Vehicle	2009	International	7400	Six Wheel Dump	2009	\$70,664	\$250,000	15	2024	G00554	1HTWDAAR89J108247
114	ACTIVE	Vehicle	2012	Ford	F450	One Ton Rack	2012	\$63,748	\$90,000	10	2023	G23506	1FDUF4HT4CEC31315
115	ACTIVE	Vehicle	2015	International	7400SFa4	Six Wheel Dump	2014	\$148,009	\$300,000	14	2028	G24343	1HTWDAARXFH638108
116	ACTIVE	Vehicle	2015	Ford	F450	One Ton Dump	2014	\$65,569	\$70,000	10	2025	G24147	1FDUFH4T2FEA70645
117	ACTIVE	Vehicle	2016	Ford	F350	3/4 Ton Pick Up	2015	\$62,883	\$90,000	10	2026	G25346	1FTRF3BTOGEA38811
118	ACTIVE	Vehicle	2017	International	7400SFa4	Six Wheel Dump	2016	\$174,000	\$310,000	15	2031	G25588	3HAWDST7HL758402
119	ACTIVE	Vehicle	2018	International	7400SFa4	Six Wheel Dump	2017	\$171,000	\$320,000	15	2033	G00556	3HWDSTRXJL424063
120	ACTIVE	Vehicle	2020	Ford	F450	One Ton Dump	2020	\$69,260	\$90,000	10	2030	G28337	1FDUF4HN1LDA11203
121	ACTIVE	Vehicle	2023	Ford	F450	One Ton Dump	2023	\$104,925	\$110,000	10	2032	G30078	1FDUF4HNXPDAO7785
206	ACTIVE	Equipment	1989	Woodchuck	W/C-17	Chipper	1989	\$14,500	\$30,000	30	2025	G22264	1W9CE8919GS4D7906
207	ACTIVE	Equipment	2011	John Deere	310SJ	Backhoe	2011	\$113,230	\$180,000	10	2026	G18291	1T030SJJBD204423
208	ACTIVE	Equipment	2014	Volvo	L60G	Wheel Loader	2014	\$177,839	\$250,000	25	2044	G24341	VCEOL60GJ0S611239
209	ACTIVE	Equipment	2018	John Deere	5075M	Mower/Tractor	2018	\$40,000	\$70,000	15	2033	None	ILV5075MVJJ401518
210	ACTIVE	Equipment	2018	John Deere	316GR	Skid Steer	2018	\$40,000	\$60,000	15	2033	None	IT0316GKCGJ295443
211	ACTIVE	Equipment	2021	John Deere	310 SL HL	Backhoe	2021	\$158,992	\$225,000	10	2036	G28982	1T0310HLHNF420443
212	ACTIVE	Equipment	2022	Volvo	L60H	Wheel Loader	2022	\$200,000	\$250,000	25	2047		
NA	ACTIVE	Equipment	2002	Barber	Surf Rake	D264	2002	\$45,000.00	\$56,000.00	OWNED BY STATE		6840	600HD
								TOTAL REPLACE COST	\$2,751,000				
								AVERAGE SERVICE LIFE	15				
								MIN YEARLY CONTRIBUTION	\$183,400				

Public Works Equipment and Vehicles

RESERVE FUNDS

Action Year	Start Principal	Withdrawal	Mid Year	Deposit	Year End
2020	\$230,091.89	(\$70,000.00)	\$160,091.89	\$100,000.00	\$268,918.74
2021	\$268,918.74	(\$200,000.00)	\$68,918.74	\$100,000.00	\$168,969.33
2022	\$168,969.33	(\$195,935.00)	(\$26,965.67)	\$100,000.00	\$74,306.89
2023	\$74,306.89	(\$104,925.00)	(\$30,618.11)	\$200,000.00	\$169,381.89
2024	\$169,381.89	(\$250,000.00)	(\$80,618.11)	\$200,000.00	\$119,381.89
2025	\$119,381.89	(\$126,000.00)	(\$6,618.11)	\$200,000.00	\$193,381.89
2026	\$193,381.89	(\$104,737.50)	\$88,644.39	\$200,000.00	\$288,644.39
2027	\$288,644.39	(\$86,821.88)	\$201,822.51	\$200,000.00	\$401,822.51
2028	\$401,822.51	(\$303,876.56)	\$97,945.95	\$200,000.00	\$297,945.95
2029	\$297,945.95		\$297,945.95		\$297,945.95

Article 8 DPW Highway Equipment Capital Reserves (\$200K)**DPW:**

- Shift in strategy. Not holding on to vehicles to the end of life as there is no re-sale value. Replacing sooner may help reduce the overall costs to the town.
- Historically this had been \$100K per year and is expected to ramp down to this amount
- ~ **\$1.7M** of DPW trucks/equipment used for the transfer station and road maintenance. Lifetimes vary. Rolling
- Rolling replacement rotates out the oldest equipment as maintenance costs and inconveniences increase; and smooths taxes with 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: \$77,486

Yes: Add \$200K to the reserve fund to support the rolling replacement plan. Keep tax rate steady despite periodic large ticket items purchased

No: Leave the reserve fund balance as is with no additional funds this year.

Article 9: \$160K towards the Library Common upgrade

Total project will be over \$500K. The balance of the funds will be from Rye Library funds and additional fund raising.

Yes: Provide \$160K for the Library Common work.

No: Do not contribute \$160K raised through taxes

Note: LBOT presenting to Select Board Feb. 26th. [Video Link](#)

From RPL:

Features of the design include a performance space (i.e., a gazebo/bandstand), smaller seating areas for informal gatherings, book clubs and smaller Library events, a larger patio, gardens using native plants and new hardwood trees. The goal is to create an iconic Town Center which will act as a magnet to bring people together. The Trustees are excited to share specific design elements with the public in the near future as we continue reviewing options.

Initial estimates indicate that the Library Common project will cost approximately \$500,000. The Trustees seek \$160,000 in public funding to assist with this effort, with privately raised funds making up the remainder of funding for the project. We believe that the result will be a space that the people of Rye will enjoy for generations.

What do we already own:

- 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
- 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

[Click Here](#) to see this table

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
Population	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 10: Fire and Ambulance Capital Reserve fund**Fire & Ambulance:**

- Request \$100K for this year
- The separate Ambulance & Fire Vehicle Fund is funded through Grove Rd. Cell Tower at \$50K a year now goes into this fund.

Current Balance of Fund: **\$403,704 (as of 10/31/22) \$370K coming out for the new Ambulance**

Yes: Add \$100K to the reserve fund to support future equipment purchases

No: Leave the reserve fund balance as is with no additional funds this year

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Article 11 \$75K to create a Softball Field at Rye Recreation

Rye Softball has grown to approximately 90 players and the single field at the Rye Elementary School can't accommodate all of the teams for practices and games.

Plan is to convert a corner of the Recreation Field for Spring softball, leaving the space available for Fall Soccer. [Click Here](#) for Image

Yes: Provides funds to create a second Softball Field

No: Town can't spend funds to support this effort this year. Does not preclude Rye Softball from funding the effort.



Article 12 \$75K for Design and Engineering of new buildings

Funds are coming from the Recreation Youth Athletics Fund. These are fees accumulated from Rye Recreation Activity account. This is the revolving fund that for the Athletic Programs. This does not impact taxes as the funds are currently available.

The Recreation Master Plan is a Recreation Facility Plan and not a Master Plan for Rye's Recreation Needs. [Click Here](#) for full size image.

Yes: Allows Recreation to contract for this work

No: Town can't spend funds to support this effort this year. Money could be raised privately.



Article 13: \$35,000 for Municipal Buildings Maintenance Fund

Current Balance: **\$203,620 (as of 10/31/23)**

Select Board discussed projects that will extract funds from this account.
Fund is used for major repairs to municipal buildings

The similarly named Municipal Building Construction and Renovation Fund with **\$104,580** (as of 10/31/23) is used for construction and renovation.

Yes: Add \$35K to the maintenance fund

No: Leave the fund balance as is with no additional funds this year

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

MS4 is a publicly-owned storm drain, pipe, ditch, or other means of collecting and transporting rain water (i.e. stormwater) from a town to an outfall that deposits the water into a stream or river.

MS4 Sate website: [Click Here](#)

Seacoast Stormwater Coalition: [Click Here](#)

Rye Resources: [Click Here](#)

Impaired map Rye [Click Here](#)

Multi-levels that must be met. Adds costs – need to sweep streets twice a year.

Table 2 shows the priority list of the 8 municipal, non-conservation parcels with their NH GIS ID and street address.

*Table 2: Priority municipal, non-conservation parcels ranked by descending IC with NH GIS ID and street address.****

Treatment Priority	IC (ac)	NH GIS ID	Street Address
1	2.57	08187-011-134-000	309 Grove Road
2	1.28	08187-012-055-000	20 Central Road
3	1.15	08187-016-007-000	555 Washington Road
4	0.69	08187-012-043-000	575 Washington Road
5	0.51	08187-012-054-000	10 Central Road
6	0.48	08187-012-053-000	0 Washington Road
7	0.14	08187-012-038-000	37 Central Road
8	0.13	08187-012-042-000	581 Washington Road

190-5.7 Stormwater Management Plan in LDR

44 Culverts

850 Catch Basins

22 Outfalls that drain to wetlands

43 Miles of Road



Article 14: Fund for MS4 and Spill Prevention \$25K

SPCCP = Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Pland

SWPPP = Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan

MS4 = Municipal Separate Sewer Stormwater System

Establishes a fund for unanticipated costs during the year.

Yes: Agree with having a reserve for major unplanned and required actions

No: Find or reallocate funds for current budgets

Article 18: Rye Public Library Building Maintenance Fund: \$10,000

Current Balance: **\$35,433 as of 10/31/2023**

Fund created in 2005 as a maintenance fund for Library.

Yes: Add the requested funds to each account to accrue funds over time

No: Do not add the requested funds to each account

Article 15: Rye Public Library HVAC Fund \$20,000

Current Balance: **\$80,012 (as of 10/31/23)**

Time is now so this gets us to what it may cost.

Yes: Add the requested funds to each account to accrue funds over time

No: Do not add the requested funds to each account

Article 16: Create a new fund to be used for un-expected expenses

Today, if there is an un-planned expense, the money needs to come from another named budget account. Normally the “best fit” is used. There may not be a good match.

\$15K will be pulled from the “Un-assigned Fund Balance” and held in this account each year. If it is not used, it will be returned to the “un-assigned fund balance”

Yes: Make it easier for the Select Board to react and spend to address emergencies

No: Would require funds to come from other planned accounts. Would enable more funds to be used to pay down annual taxes.

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Article 17: Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund \$15,000

Fund was established in 2020 to fund revaluation. State law requires property revaluation at a minimum every five years.

Total cost is estimated to be \$75,000.

Balance as of 10/31/2023 was: \$16,000

Yes: Add \$15k to the fund Reduced the 5th year cost of funding the re-evaluation.

No: Leave the fund balance as is with no additional funds this year

Article 19: Annually have a fund to be used for Emergencies

The RWD Boil Water alert required funds for some actions, like buying water. There was not a specific place for those expenditures to come from. [RSA 35-1](#)

\$35K will be pulled from the “Un-assigned Fund Balance” and held in this account each year. If it is not used, it will be returned to the “un-assigned fund balance”

Yes: Make it easier for the Select Board to react and spend to address emergencies

No: Would require funds to come from other planned accounts. Would enable more funds to be used to pay down annual taxes.

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Note: This was at \$10K, but knowing the vehicle and other damages Rye knows about from the January flooding, the Select Board increased this amount to \$35K

Article 20 Conservation Maintenance Expendable Trust \$10,000

Current Balance in the fund is: \$38,655 as of 10/31/23

Yes: Add to this fund that was created in 2021 for maintain Goss Farm and conservation land.

No: Do not make an annual contribution to this fund, leaving the current balance as is.

Article 21: Recreation Building Reserve Fund \$10K

Current Balance is: \$15,952 as of 10/31/23

This is a name change from Capital Reserve to Buildings and Maintenance so that funds can be used for both.

Recreation Master Plan update is in process.

Yes: Add \$10K to the building maintenance fund

No: Leave the fund balance as is with no additional funds this year

Article 22: Change the Grove Road Landfill to *Dump* & Landfill Monitoring

This is so the funds can be used at Breakfast Hill Landfill. Grove Rd. is a Dump not a Landfill.

Note: At the Deliberative Meeting “Dumps” was added as Grove Rd. is a Dump not a landfill.

Article23: Now called the *Dump* & Landfill Capital Reserve \$10K

Current Balance is: \$7,870 as of 10/31/23

Annual Cost estimates are: Not disclosed

As this is something that must happen every year, after this year, this cost should move to operating expenses.

Fund covers the cost of the monitoring and testing of the samples for PFOA.

This is the old Rye Town Dump. When Testing for PFOA started, readings in the harmful range were recorded around the landfill.

This dump and the current Transfer Station are uphill from the Garland well. The soil here is transmissive (i.e., pollutants are less abated as they make their way toward our drinking water)

Yes: Add \$3K to the fund to maintain the testing and monitoring

No: Leave the fund balance as is with no additional funds this year

Article24: Center for Wildlife \$2,500

Historically a warrant article would add an entity to the Regional Association budget for the Town to make a contribution to. Once on the list it would either continue or groups with “fund raising” staff would push and get an increase from Rye.

The Select Board created a new Committee to review and use this process [Click Here](#) to evaluate the current list and make recommendations. [Click Here](#)

Committee reduced this budget by about \$20K from previous years as many agencies no longer met the established criteria.

The Center for Wildlife did not provide the requested information and was not recommended for this list. Select Board Member McGrath has served as the Rye Animal Control Officer and knows firsthand the Services Rye receives. This is his recommended contribution amount.

Yes: Add \$2,500 to the Regional Association budget for the Center for Wildlife

No: Rye will not be able to make a contribution to the Center for Wildlife

Article 25: End the Rye 400 Fund

Yes: Moves any balance to the general fund

No: Leave the fund balance as is.

Article 26: End the Parsonage Maintenance Fund

Yes: Moves any balance to the general fund

No: Leave the fund balance as is.

Note: There is about \$40K in this account. Motion to have this moved to the Library, since the Library had to pay \$300K to gain control of the Library Common that the town already owned. Could not happen as DRA stipulates that the funds need to go to the General Fund.

Article 27: Treasurer to be appointed rather than elected

The Treasurer is responsible for all of the financial assets of the town except those under the jurisdiction of the Trustees of the Trust Funds and those special funds that are managed by other Town officers as prescribed by law. The Treasurer signs all Town payroll and Accounts Payable checks; has the authority (along with the Select Board) to borrow on behalf of the Town; maintains all of the Town's bank accounts; and reconciles the Town's bank statements. The Treasurer also holds the Town's escrow and other cash accounts.

Select Board wants to do the “hiring” and not let the voters decide who has the skills to manage the finances. Becomes a concern of how aggressively or conservative you want to manage current account balances.

Note: “To study” was added to this and the bulk of the wording was removed at the Deliberative meeting.

Yes: The Select Board would hire the next Treasurer.

No: Town would continue to elect this position

Article 28: This would make the Tax Collector an appointment to the Select Board

Currently we Elect the Town Clerk/Tax collector who hires the assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector. There is also a part time person.

This would leave the Town Clerk only doing the Town Clerk functions.

This has to happen in two steps.

- 1) Town has to say NOT to continue the dual Clerk/Tax Collector
- 2) Then the next warrant article empowers the Select Board to hire the next Town Clerk

What are the problems that are being addressed by making this change?

Why is this better for the town?

What are the long term cost impacts of this?

Note: “To study” was added to this and the bulk of the wording was removed at the Deliberative meeting.

Yes: This will keep things as they are. Dual Clerk/Tax Collector

No: Would split this to two positions with the Tax Collector under the Select Board

Article 29: Allows Select Board to “hire” the Tax Collector

This article is only relevant if Article 28 is voted down. So a NO vote is the majority.

A yes, then allows the Select Board to hire the Tax Collector.

Yes: If Article 28 does NOT pass, then this also needs to pass to change the position to appointed.

No: If article 28 passes than this article is mute.

If Article 28 fails and this also fails?

Good question.

Note: “To study” was added to this and the bulk of the wording was removed at the Deliberative meeting.

Article 30: Petitioned Warrant Article – Change Speed Limits

[Click here](#) for petition.

ARTICLE 30. (By Petition) Shall the Town of Rye reduce the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph on all town roads where the current speed limit is 35 mph, effective June 1, 2024.

State Law says that:

Rural Zones are 35mph

Urban Zones are 30mph

So does Rye have Urban Zones that are 35mph?

Data backed study is required to modify the speed limit in a correctly signed zone.

Yes: As written has implementation issues/challenges

No: May keep the Town from doing things like this

Note: Wording was changed at the Deliberative meeting to Study which roads posted as 35 mph, may now be an urban area and should be 30 mph

Article 31: Petitioned Warrant Article – Litigation Reporting Requirements
[Click here](#) for petition.

Three separate sections about litigation reporting.

[Click Here](#) to see for an example of what the Town has been providing for about a decade.

Yes: As written has implementation issues/challenges

No: May keep the Town from doing things like this

Note: Changed at the Deliberative meeting, but this will require the town to make public more details on ongoing litigation and quarterly. Currently the summary of legal cost items is in the Annual Town Report.

Article 32: Petitioned Warrant Article – Says town should do what it has been trying to do.

[Click here](#) for petition.

Short story: Land was given to the cemetery.

Rye moved the Town Forrest to a conservation group

The deeds/recording had a mistake and moved land being used by the Cemetery to the Conservation group.

Yes: As written has implementation issues/challenges

No: May keep the Town from doing things like this

Article 33: Petitioned Warrant Article – Building Permit Process

[Click here](#) for petition.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate human and technical resources needed to document all procedures for obtaining a building permit. Documentation shall include, but is not limited to, how commissions such as RCC (Rye Conservation Commission) and DRC (Demolition Review Committee) are to be engaged, by whom and when. Documentation shall also specify the legal limitations on the RCC, DRC and any other appointed (un-elected) committees in terms of their recommendations.

Procedures will also address zoning and planning variances, including: how an applicant can be adequately prepared for presentation to said committees, the limitations on committees revisiting previously determined elements of a submission and expectations on how long a decision will take as well as any costs that may be incurred.

These procedures will include a schedule of fees and expected expenses, as well as reasonable expectations for how long each step of the process will take. This information will enable applicants to better plan and prepare a budget for their building maintenance and improvement projects and in so doing use the time of the ZBA (Zoning Board of Adjustment) and PB (Planning Board) more efficiently in service of the Town of Rye and the applicants.

Calls out the Conservation and Demolition.
Then moves to Planning and Zoning Boards

Yes: As written has implementation issues/challenges

No: May keep the Town from doing things like this

Note: The first paragraph was changed and the remaining ones removed at the Deliberative meeting.

Article 34: Allows the Selectmen to sell Surplus Equipment

Note: Allows for public auction or sealed bid. Potential for surplus to be acquired at less than market value.

Yes: Permit the Town to sell surplus equipment through auction and receive revenue without needing to wait for Town Meeting approval.

No: Keep the current process

School Article 1: Operating Budget of \$17,499,947

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

School Budget Table: [Click Here](#) (rotate)

Warrant: [Click Here](#)

Explanations of increases from the SAU office. [Click Here](#)

Yes: Approves the proposed budget

No: Rejects the proposed budget and requires School Board and administration to use the Default Budget of \$17.065,048

School Article 2: Support Personnel Salary Increase

RES and RJH are both operating without enough support staff. Several staff left and recruiting is difficult as neighboring towns are paying more for similar jobs.

2024-2025: \$86,147 (impact taxes this year)

2025-2036: \$66,188

2026-2027: \$70.967

Yes: Increases the salary budget for support personnel

No: Will make it very difficult for the schools to hire support personnel until a new support contract is established

Article 3: Enables the School Board to call a special meeting if Article 2 fails.

School Article 4: School Maintenance Trust Fund

As of June 30, 2024 if there are funds in the unassigned fund balance, then Up To \$60,000 can be put aside to fund spikes for Special Education.

Current balance of \$143,515 as of 10/31/2023

Yes: Will allow the School Board to send upto this amount if there are available surplus funds

No: No contributions will be made

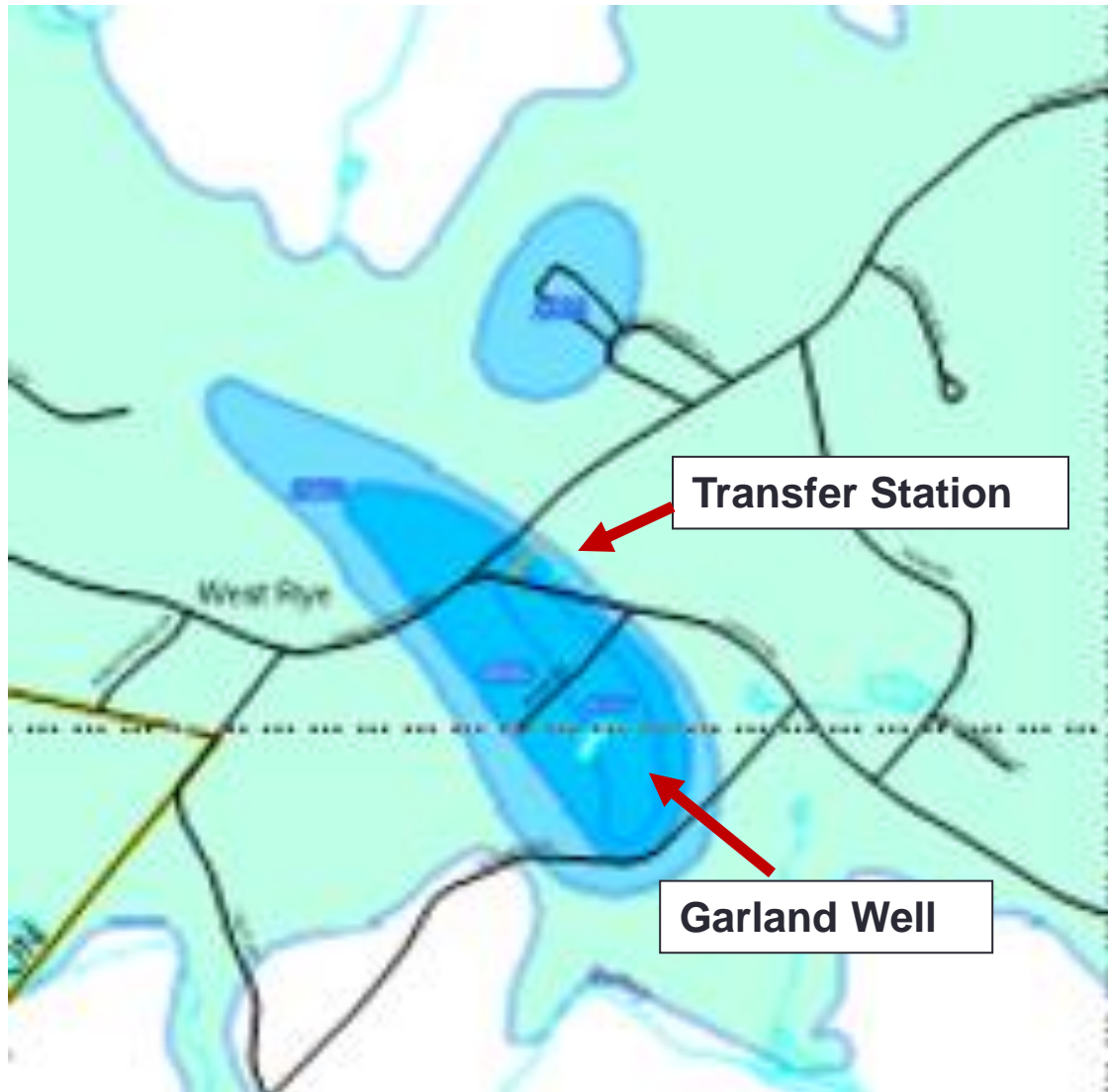
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The darker the blue, the higher the transmissivity.

Transfer Station is 1,610 ft. uphill from the Garland Well



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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)

