

Rye Heritage Commission

Historic Gazebo Restoration Complete

In 2021 the Rye Heritage Commission received a donation of a historic gazebo which used to sit on the rocks in front of the Ocean Wave Hotel (1879 - 1960), where Philbrick's by the Sea is located today.

In October 2024, the restoration project was completed, and the gazebo can be seen on the hill behind Town Hall with the Congregational Church in the background. The historic gazebo is a reminder of Rye's rich history as a summer resort. Long into the future, the Gazebo will provide a place to enjoy one of the finest 360- degree views in town.

The Rye Heritage Commission (RHC) would like to thank the following for their services in making this restoration possible.

All those who contributed to RHC for this project

Rye 400

Carpenter - Jeff Hynes, Exeter

Rye Department of Public Works - moving the new gazebo base to the site

Ben Holmes, Rye Beach Landscaping - preparing the site and granite foundation

R J Santa, Moore's Crane Rental, Dover

Rye Driftwood Garden Club - for a grant to be used for planting in 2025

In 2025 RHC will provide seating in the gazebo and will paint the upper section a dark green to match the shutters on Town Hall.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow members of the RHC for their hard work, patience and perseverance in completing this project.

Alex Herlihy

Chair, Rye Heritage Commission