

## Rye Heritage Commission 2025 Budget Request

### Projects Update

-Town Hall Storm Windows – Restoration completed with assistance from The Friends of Rye Town Hall in 2021

-Rye Beach Hotel Gazebo – Restoration completed in 2024

-Rye Town Signs – Designed and placed 11 signs in 2023 and 2024 highlighting Rye's rich and unique history and heritage

-Graveyard Maintenance – Identified ten families to maintain family plots and graveyards in Rye

-Town Hall Interior Windows – Awaiting ability to remove windows, mitigate lead paint, and replace. Construction schedule to be established.

-Town Hall Spiral Staircase – Awaiting restoration. Construction schedule to be established.

-Town Hall Shutter Restoration – Commencing project in 2024 with 2025 completion date

All of these projects have been funded by the Rye Heritage Commission **without tax payer assistance.**

### 2025 Budget Commentary

In 2024, we requested and were given a budget of \$4,800. These funds are used for:

- at least 12 meeting minutes memorialized
- an annual mailer (printing and postage) to the Town residents to support our annual appeal
- hosting the annual Memorial Day Ceremony with lemonade and cookies
- programs and honorarium highlighting and exposing our unique heritage

In 2025, we are requesting a budget of \$5,300:

- all of the above line items from 2024 representing \$4,800
- an addition of \$500 to support the Rye Advocates. The Rye Advocates is an ad hoc group of citizens focused on presenting Rye homes built before 1900. They conducted a survey in 2023 to identify old homes. In 2024, they developed a web site, for which Rye Heritage paid out of its unrestricted funds. In 2025, we are requesting \$500 for a web site upgrade and maintenance, so that the web site is more robust and interactive for users seeking information on Rye's historic homes.