

RYE CIVIC LEAGUE 2024



November 26, 2024
Rye Public Library

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Agenda

- 2024 Official Business Meeting
- Your Taxes – General Information and Q&A
- Options for getting more involved in Rye
- Talking Housing in Rye
- Open Discussion

Official Business Meeting

Presidents' Report

Board Members

Feed back on RCL Discussion

Alex Herlihy restarted the Rye Civic League in 2009

RCL II is now in our **Fifteenth (15) year** of helping Rye Residents

President's Report – What We Did

Budget & Warrant Articles Presentation

Civic Fair at the Town Deliberative Meeting

Town Candidates Night

Town Election Tools and Election Night Results

10 Years plus of the Rye Citizens' Handbook

State Representative Candidates Night

Website Updates

Civic News

Rye Civic News

Distribution is now at over 1650 People (over 5000 Residents)

Around 70% Open Rate every month

200 to 300 People Click on at least 1 Link for more information

Float between 2 and 5 clicks per issue

Can have over 1000 Clicks for more information from an issue

About 85% of people on distribution open the RCN in a 3-month span

Current Rye Civic League Board

Steven Borne – President

Alex Herlihy – Vice President

Sam Winebaum – Treasurer

Rachel McCann – Secretary

Elsie DiBella – Member

Susan Rizkalla – Member

Vote on Current Board

Anyone interested In joining us???

Monthly Rye Civic League meetings

Going back to the RPL the last Wednesday of the month

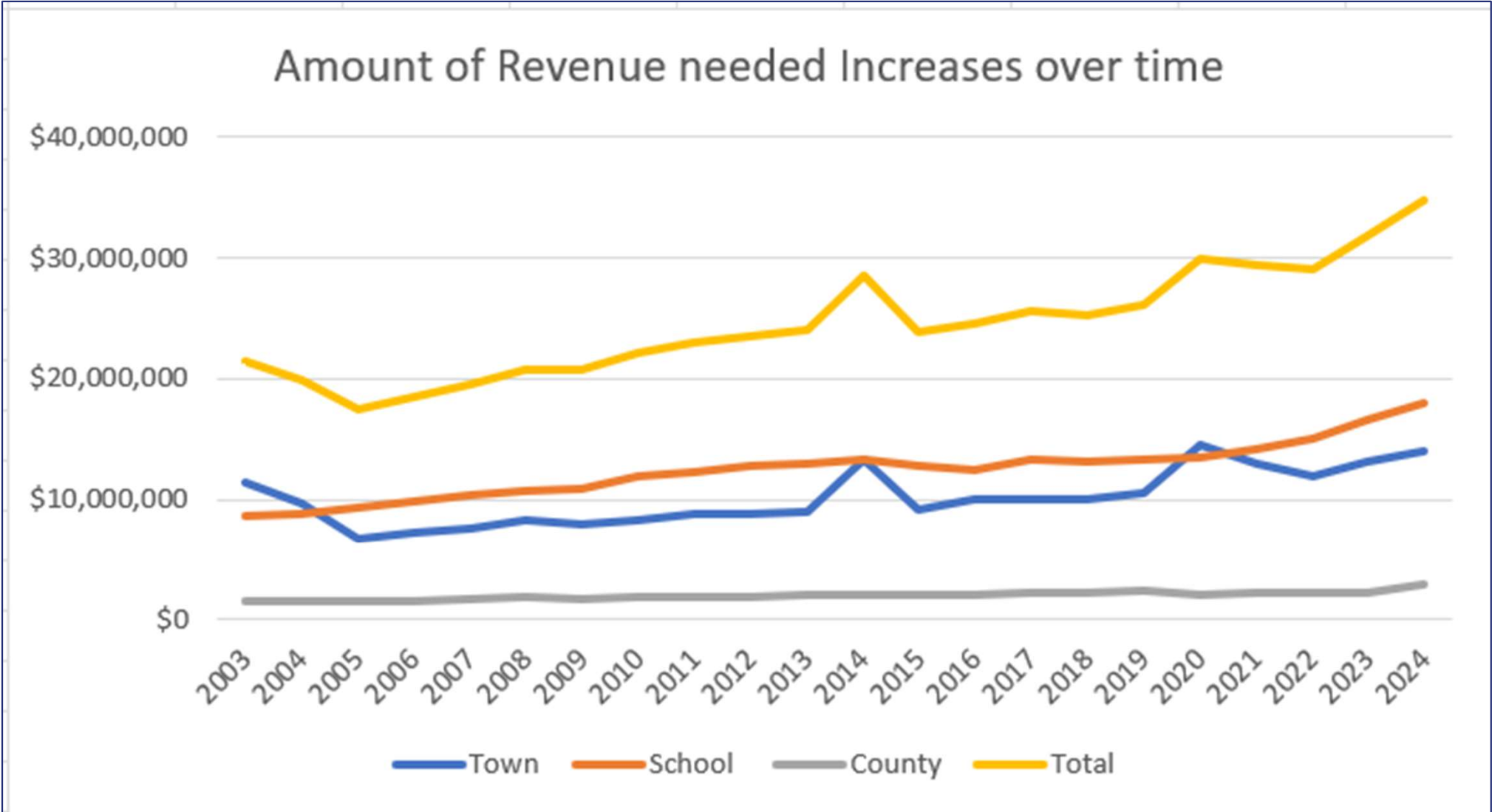
Other ideas, like Your Rye Night Out – did not work

Suggestions and Feedback for the RCL???

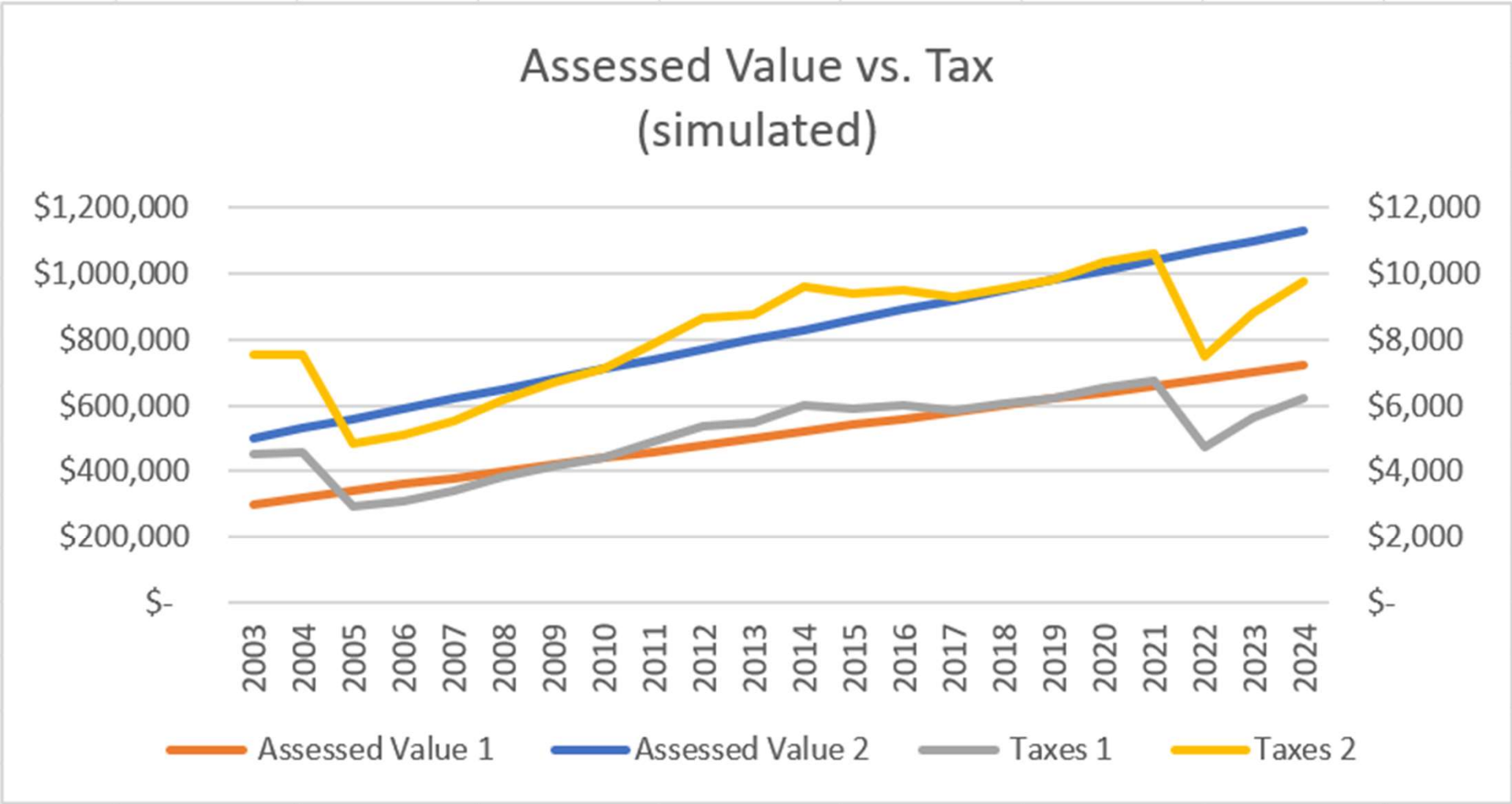
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Rye residents are buying **over \$10M more** of Services over the past 20 years



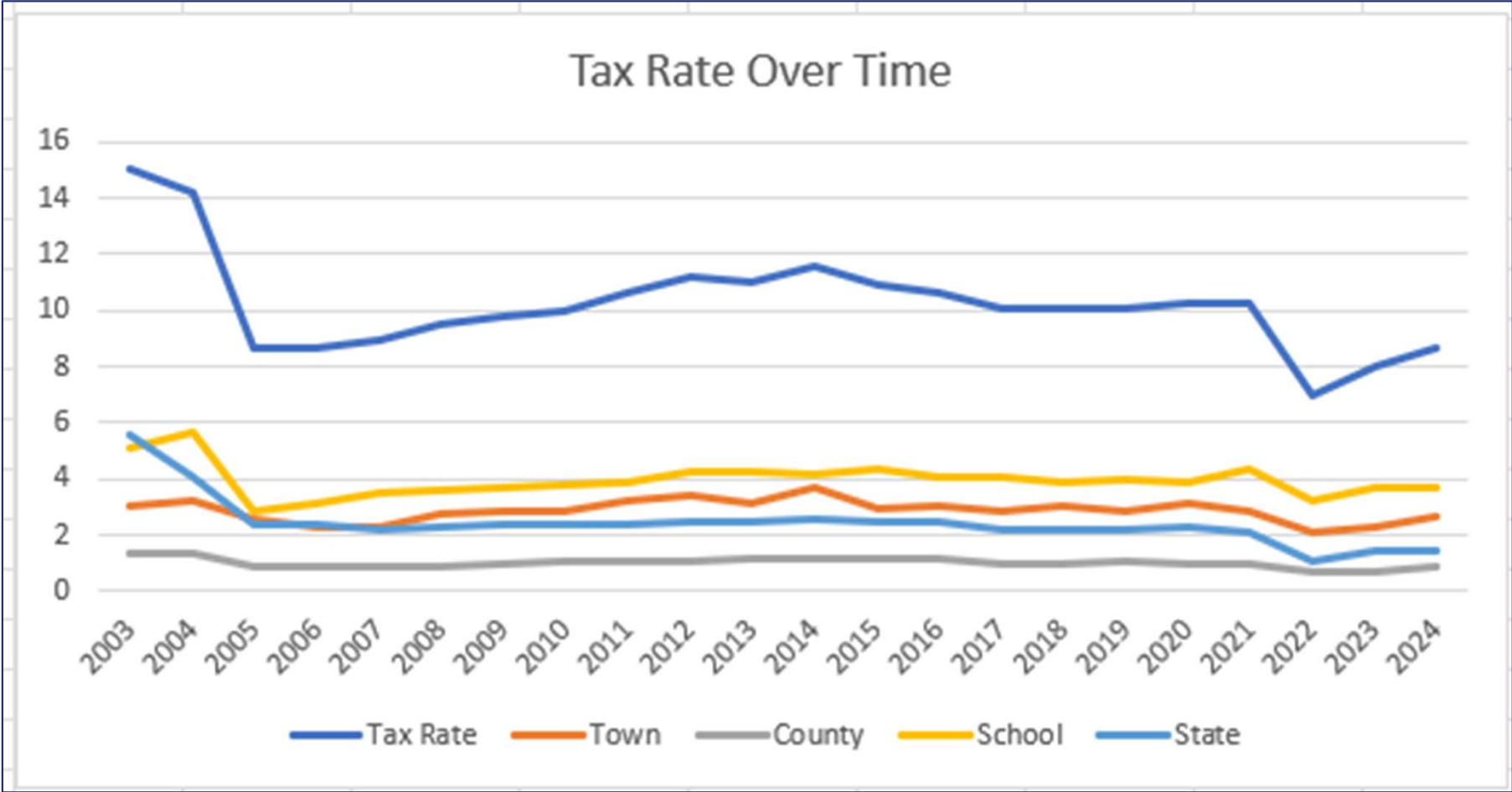
Annual Tax \$ Bills growth has been minimal



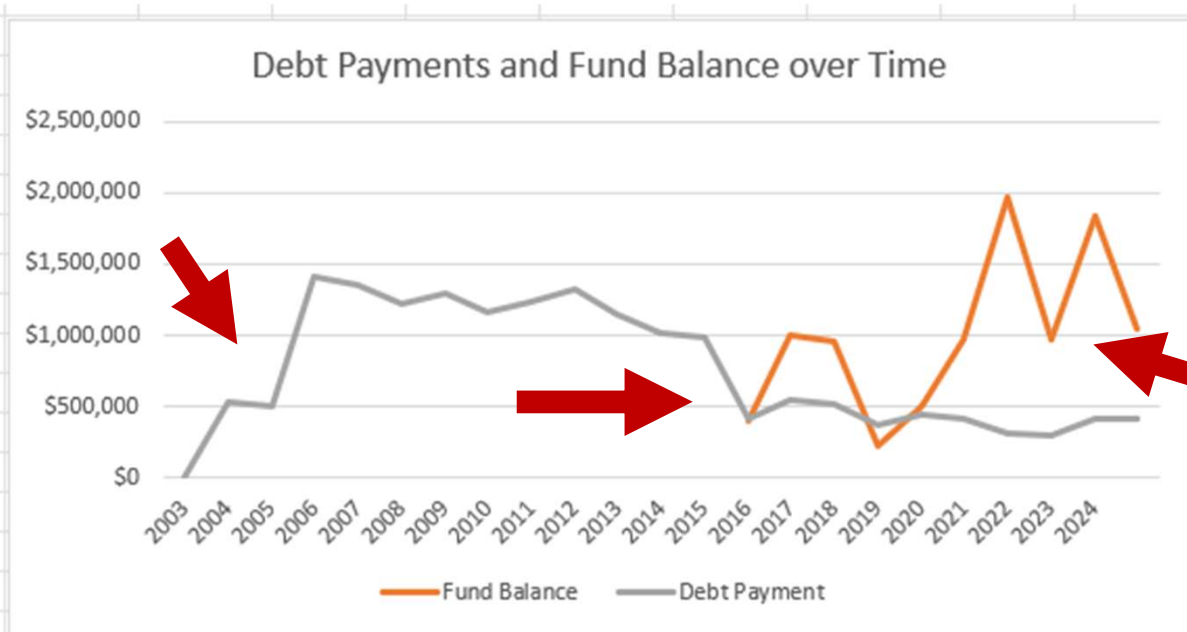
Tax Rate has stayed Relatively Flat

2004 Donor Towns went away

2022 Revaluation and assessed value now around \$3.4B



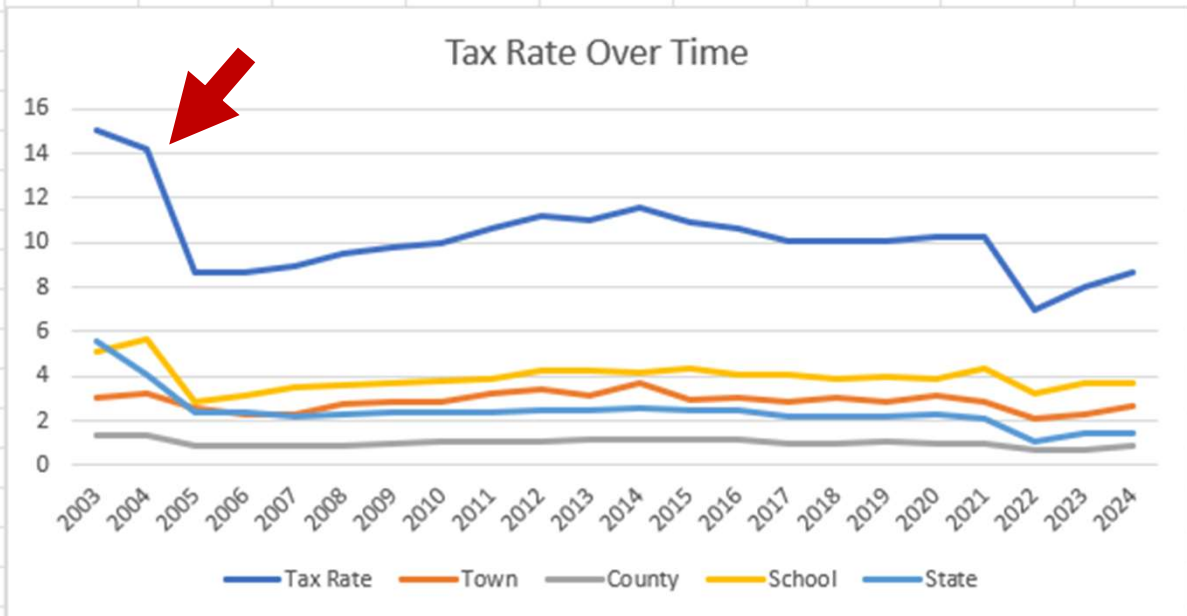
How that worked



Donnor Towns went away when Debt payments went up.

When dept payment decreases slowed down, Un-assigned Fund Balance used to “Buy down” tax rate.

Rye Debt payments are now \$1M less then 20 years ago



Your 2024 Tax Bill

Approved ~ \$2.4M more, plus ~\$600K more to the County

Appropriations	2023	2024
Town	\$13,066,489	\$13,982,939
School	\$16,531,839	\$17,941,094
County	\$2,288,839	\$2,828,395
Total	\$31,887,167	\$34,752,428
RWD	\$1,115,993	\$1,141,104
Fund Balance	\$1,827,336	\$1,050,500

Approved spending would increase tax rate of **\$8.98** would be a 11.8% increase over 2023 rate of **\$8.03**

November 2024, \$1,050,500 from unassigned Fund Balance reduces it to **\$8.66** or a 7.85% increase

June 2024 tax bill on a \$1M home was $\$1M/1000 \times (0.803) = \8030

You paid 1/2 of this in June $\$8030/2 = \$4,015$

Used the 2023 tax rate of 8.03

Using the new **8.66** rate – your June 2024 bill should have been \$4,330 (1/2 of \$8,660)

You were short $\$4,330 - \$4,015 = \mathbf{\$315}$.

Your December 2024 bills $\$4,330 + \$315 = \$4,645$ to make up for June 2024

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Elected or Appointed

Elected	Appointed
Budget Committee	Beach Committee *
Jeness Beach VD	Capitla Improvments
Library	Conservation Commission *
Cemetery	Demolition Commission
Planning Board *	Energy Committee
Rye Water District	Heritage Committee *
Rye Beach VD	Historic Committee *
Select Board	Mosquito Control
Sewer Commission	Recreation Commission
Trustee of Trust Funds	Ad Hoc Select Board Committee
Zoing Board of Adjustment *	- TAP Grant
Town Clerk	- Land Use Guide
Town Moderator	- Regional Association
School Moderator	- Welcomng Committee
School Clerk	- Rt 1A Flooding
Supervisor of Checkliast	Rockingham Committees
	Recycling Education Committee

* Alternates

Elected: 2nd week of January to get on the March ballot.

Appointed: Letter to the Select Board. Open period starts after the March Election

Go To the Meetings

Ask the RCL to get introduced to the Chair

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Housing in Rye

Q1: Does Rye need more housing?

According to the State, all communities should be helping to alleviate the statewide housing shortage

Q2: How Much Housing is Rye responsible for?

[2023 Housing Needs Assessment Report October 2023](#)

Rye has 5,543 people

Rye has 2,906 Housing Units

Report says Rye needs 476 more units by 2040

Q3: Can Rye squeeze in that many more units?

[Rye completed the Build Out Analysis in September 2024](#)

11% to 14% (959 to 1,172 acres) is buildable under current zoning.

Possible to get 410 to 501 new units

Ledge, too many septic's, other constraints make some of this number impractical.

What can be done in Rye for Housing

Q4: What are the different Housing Options?

The NH Housing Opportunity Planning Phase II draft goes to the Planning Board in December. This looks at options for creating more housing and how each option fits with Rye.

Q5: What does it take to make those changes?

Rye is waiting to hear if we are awarded the Phase III NH HOP grant to get assistance in making those Land Use and Zoning changes in Rye.

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What is happening with the Master Plan effort?

Q6: It's been years, is it done yet?

The Master Plan Steering Committee plans to have a version for the Planning Board to review at the December meeting. See [August 2024 Draft Outline](#).

Q7: What do I do?

There will be at least 2 Public Hearings noticed by the Planning Board when residents can/should provide inputs

Q7: Then what?

The Planning Board would like there to be an “Implementation Committee/Group” who would be responsible for assuring that the actions get assigned and completed.

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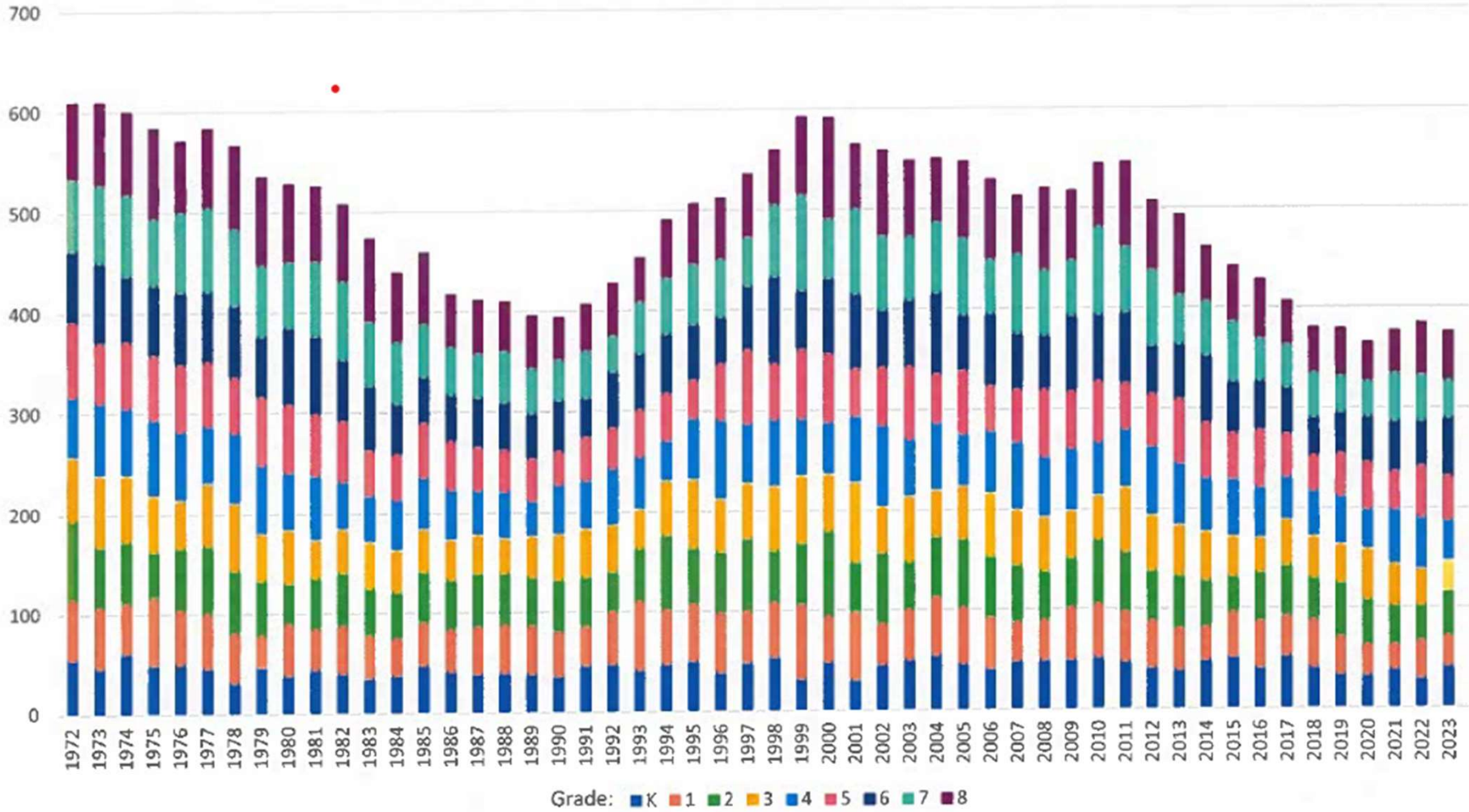
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K-8 Costs Comparison: Rye and Greenland

	Greenland	Budget %		Rye	Budget %	Delta \$	Delta %
Total Budget	\$ 13,886,687			\$ 17,499,947		\$ 3,613,260	
SAU Cost	\$ 648,890	4.67%		\$ 981,643	5.61%		
PHS Tuition	\$ 3,806,748	27.41%		\$ 4,116,237	2.35%		
K-8 Costs	\$ 9,431,049			\$ 12,402,067		\$ 2,971,018	
Salaries	\$ 5,036,630	36.27%		\$ 6,461,514	36.92%		
Benefits	\$ 2,677,144	19.28%		\$ 3,225,703	18.43%		
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 7,713,774	55.55%		\$ 9,687,217	55.35%	\$ 1,973,443	-0.20%
K-8 Students (2023)	371			377		6	
K-8 Cost/Student	\$ 25,421			\$ 32,897		\$ 7,476	
Salary & Ben/Student	\$ 20,792			\$ 25,696		\$ 4,904	

Student Population K-8

Rye School Enrollment, 1972-2023



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