RCL 2025 VOTER PREPARATION

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Warrant Articles

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Position (bold is contested race)	Candidate(s) on ballot
1 Board of Selectmen (3 years)	Michael Coutu
1 Cemetery Trustee (3 years)	Frank Drake
1 Library Trustees (3 years)	Victor Azzi
1 Trustees of the Trust Funds (3 years)	Chistpher Nee
Budget Committee (2 Seats, 3 years)	Tim Durkin, Richard Furber, Elsie Dibella
Planning Board (2 seats, 3 years)	Pat Losik, John Shaw
1 Zoning Board of Adjustment (1 seats, 3 years)	John Tuttle
Sewer Commission (3 years)	John McCune Jr.
2 School Board (3 years)	Susan Ross, Katherine Errecart, Joseph Martila
School District Clerk (1 seat, 3 years)	Margeret Honda
School District Treasurer (1 seat, 3 years)	Elizabeth Strandwitz

2024 Municipal Tax Rate = Total Taxes/Total Assessment

2024 Tax Rate Calculation from March 24 Election Set in November 2024

Local tax rate directly based on total budget, which includes **warrants articles** voted on independently from operating budget in March 2024

2024 Revenue Increase ($4,499,108- $4,014,564) of $484,544 (12%)

Town Tax Rate	Local
2024 Total Appropriations	$15,377,439
Net Revenues	($4,499,108)
2023 Surplus committed	($1,297,000)
Amount to buy down taxes	(1,050,500)
War Service Credits and Actual Overlay (tax not collected)	$145,000
Total Taxes	**$8,717,330**

	Local
Operating Budget	$13,457,939
Warrant Articles	$547,000
2024 New Appropriations	$14,005,439
Add in Surplus Spending	$1,297,000

Unassigned Fund balance ($1,050,500) was used to reduce the overall tax increase for Rye Residents See minutes.

$15,377,439 includes money from reserve ($972K, $307K, $15K) – DRA wants you to see all that you are spending in 2024. We subtract out the cash we had going into 2024

2024 Tax Rate: Overview $8.66

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation				
		Tax Effort	Valuation	Municipal Tax Rate
Municipal (Town)		$8,717,330	$3,288,099,600	$2.65
County		$2,828,395	$3,288,099,600	$0.86
Schools	Local	$12,264,084	$3,288,099,600	$3.73
	State	$4,644,090	$3,246,737,300*	$1.42
Total		**$29.506,091**		**$8.66**

Village Tax Rate Calculation				
	Tax Effort	Valuation	Village Tax Rate	Total Tax Rate
Jenness Beach	$99,811	$712,935,600	$0.14	$9.12
Rye Beach District	$92,623	$385,929,900	$0.24	$9.22
Rye Water District	$1,361,707	$2,087,986,900	$0.56	$9.54
*valuation without utilities				

2024 DRA Tax Breakdown

2024 Municipal Tax Rate = Total Taxes/Total Assessment

modest **0.8 % Increase in total town property value: Now $3,288,099,600** up from $3,263,133,200 the prior year)

7.8% Increase in tax rate: Now $8.66 up from $8.03 prior year

	2023	2024	%change
Town	$2.26	$2.65	+31.4%
County	$0.70	$0.86	+22.9%
School	$5.07	$5.15	+1.58%
	$8.03	**$8.66**	**+7.8%**

	2023	2024	%change
Jenness Beach	$0.15	$0.14	-6.7%
Rye Beach	$0.29	$0.24	-17.2%
Rye Water	$0.54	$0.56	+3.7%

Individual's Annual Tax Bill = Assessed property value/1000 x $8.66 + { $0.14 (Jenness), $0.24 (Rye Beach), $0.56 (Rye Water) }

Example Assessed property value $600,000 and you live in Rye Water District, your tax bill is: $600,000/1000 x {$8.66+$0.56) = $600 x $9.22 = $5,532 per year (paid in 2 installments)

Why the big jump in December?

1st installment based on **2023 tax rate**; in this case ($600 x (**$8.03**+$0.54))/2 = $2,571

2nd installment would be $5,532- $2,571 = $2,961 (this is more than ½ of full year amount owed $2,766)

Un-Assigned Fund Balance

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the government's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications, i.e. everything left over once the total amount has the following subtracted: non-spendable, restricted, committed, and assigned funds. NHMA explanation.

5% to 15% of regular general fund operating revenues, or
8% to 17% of regular general fund operating expenditures determined by GFOA/DRA recommendations

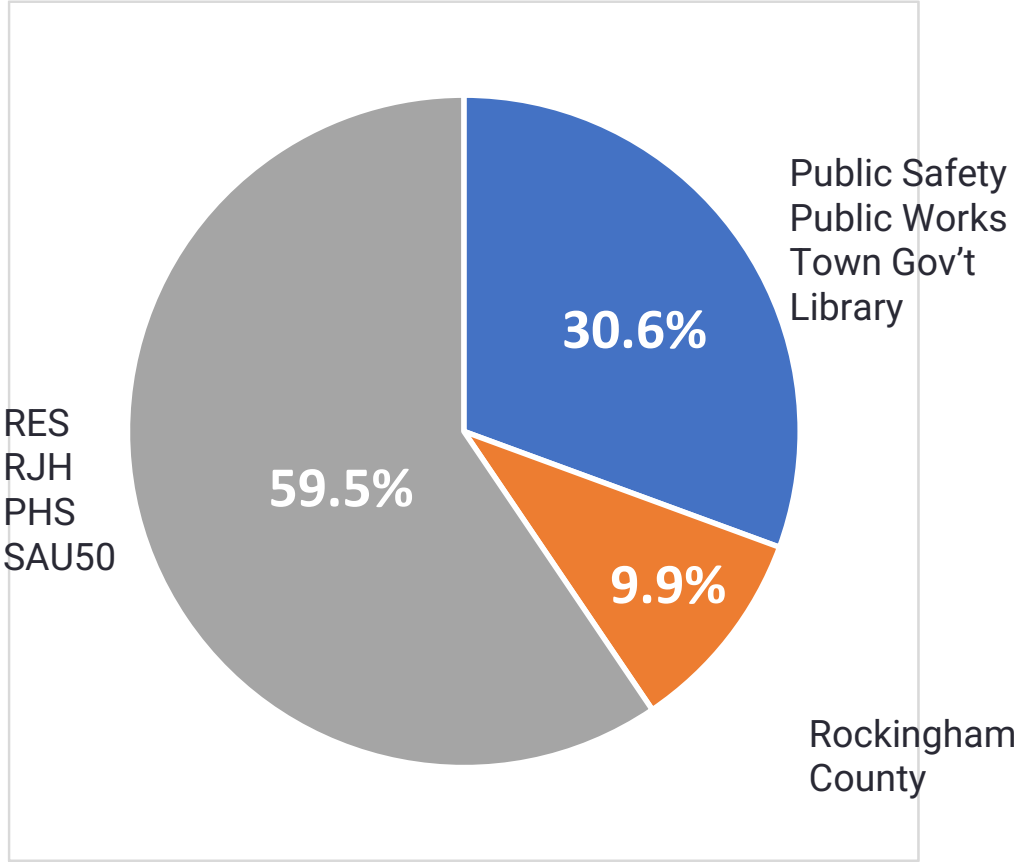
DrummondWoodsum explanation: Click Here Other town Fund Balance Policy: Click Here

	Un-assigned Balance	Applied to Taxes	Remaining	Operating Budget	Increase over Previous Year	% of Operating Budget
Nov-21	$4,308,230	$1,962,272	$2,345,958	$10,754,665		
Nov-22	$4,038,430	$973,326	$3,065,104	$11,151,534	$1,692,472	15%
Nov-23	$4,624,061	$1,827,336	$2,796,725	$12,453,910	$1,558,957	13%
24-Nov	$3,831,849	$1,050,500	$2,781,349	$13,457,939	$1,035,124	8%

$4,078,249 - $2,796,725 = $1,281,624

So, between November 23 and November 24, $1,281,624 was added to the Un-assigned fund balance.
This is even more now because only a little of the $975K for the Harbor Road bridge was used and the culvert cost less than plan.

2024 Municipal Tax Rate $8.66: Breakdown by Percentages



District Tax is in addition to municipal tax and dependent on where you live.

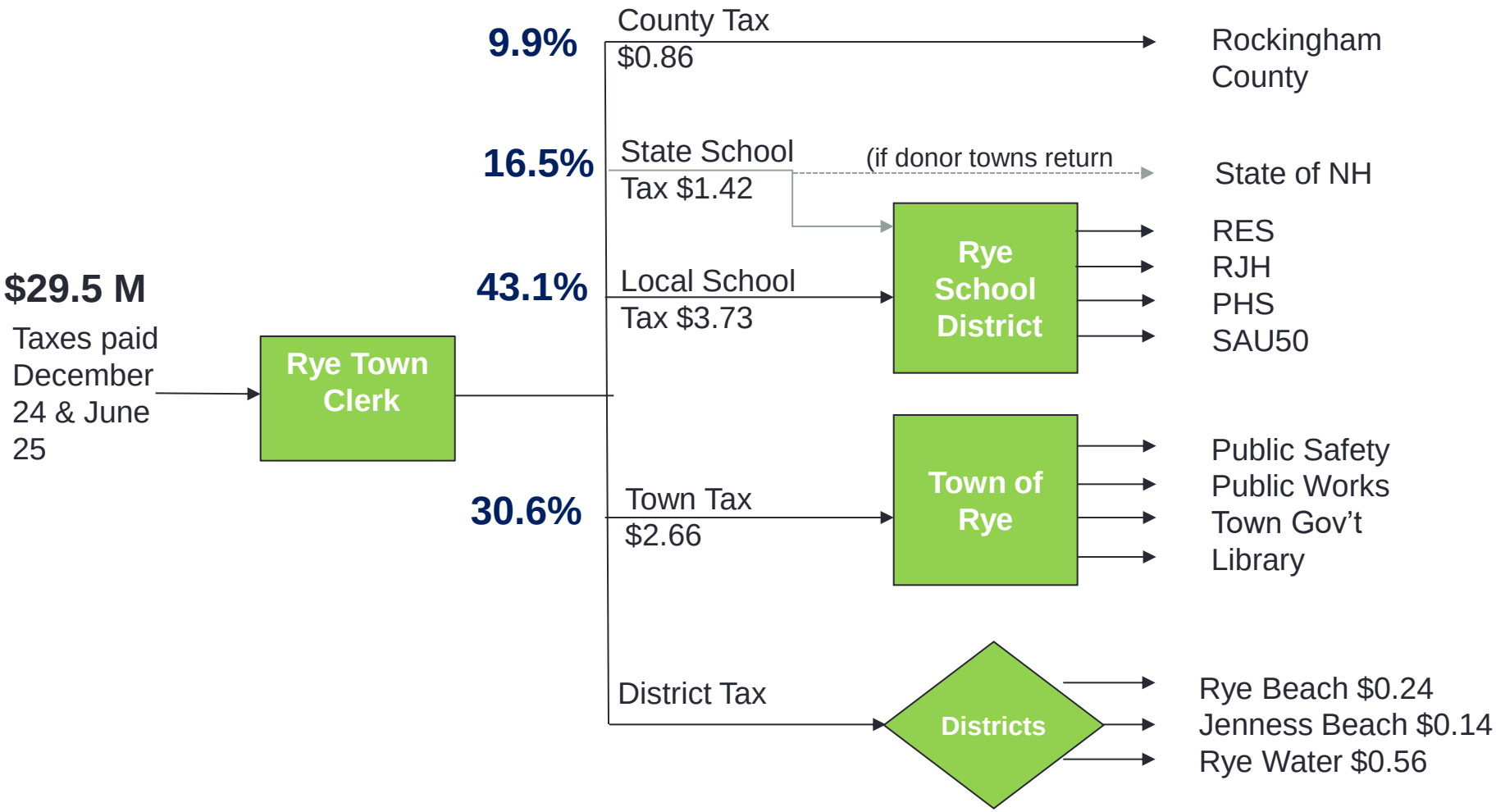
District Tax Rate

- Jenness Beach $0.14
- Rye Beach $0.24
- Rye Water $0.56

What is happening with your money?

30.6% goes to the town
59.5% goes to the schools
9.9% goes to Rockingham County

How the Money Moves (rates set in the Fall) $8.66 for **2024**



Note: Rye Water District and Sewer Department also get money from usage fees that is outside of Tax collection. This is another $2.2M of Services for Rye.

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Rye Zoning Ordinances

RZO 2025-13 Effluent and Test Pits: Increases Test pits. Debate on distance to ledge, is this change arbitrary? Changing it from Six to Eight Feet

RZO 2025-04 Solar Ordinance: Led by Rye Energy, this uses learnings from other communities to be Infront of potential requests for Solar Systems

RZO 2025-10: Clarifies the definitions for Mechanical apparaturs and play apparatus

RZO 2025-09: For narrow lots, less than 100 ft. of frontage. This is to reduce requirements for people with narrow lots to go to the Board of Adjustments for variances that are almost always granted.

RZO 2025-06: Retaining walls under 2 ft. in height will no longer require a building permit.

RZO 2025-12: Parking minimums updated to match State RSA for Multi-family units of 10 or more units.

RZO 2025-05: Allows Mini-split condensers on principle building in the wetlands buffer as Board of Adjustments variances were almost always granted. Allows historic signs in the wetlands buffer. Sheds no longer require a Special Exception.

Rye Zoning Ordinances

RZO 2025-01 Just renumbering of the buffer section

RZO 2025-02: Changed “Semi-rural” to “semi-rural/rural “ throughout

RZO 2025-03: Changed the section indexing through out this Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District.

RZO 2025-05 Wetlands Conservation now allow signs and mini-split condensors as the Board of Adjustment was granting most variance requests. Sheds no longer require a Special Exception.

Rye Land Development Regulations

LDR 2024-02: Installs the Technical Review committee. This was discontinued after the Town had to settle for the 420 South Rd. development.

LDR 2024-03: Clarifies that an applicant will be required to re-imburse the Planning Board for expenses associated with third party expertise.

Rye Building Ordinance Changes

Building Code – 2025-01 Makes changes to be in compliance to SB 437 It has the Effluent Disposal systems and Test pit requirements move to Zoning Ordinance 190-5.11

RESERVE FUNDS WHERE WE ARE NOT CONTRIBUTING IN 2025

Town Accumulated Leave Fund:
Current Balance: **$289,305**
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: **$12,228**

Rye Public Library Building Maintenance Fund:
Current Balance: **$35,433** (note did not change from 2024)

Library Accumulated Leave Fund:
Current Balance: **$21,149**
Estimated Liability: Library has changed employment policies, so this no longer required. Balance is for grandfathered accumulated time for current employees.

Salt Shed: $1,470
Rye 400: $ 684

Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Fund: $232,516 and there is money in the Cell Tower fund.

Article 7: $13,309,022 Town Budget

See Full Presentation on Town Budget. Click Here Budget table (Green Sheet) from the Town

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 2024 budget limits since January 1st. $12,981,491 is the 2025 Default Budget

Voters can make changes to the budget (no more than 10%). Go to the MS-737 to identify the account number and include that in the amendment to change a budget line time.

Includes funds for Select Board to move the part time Assistant Town Clerk to Full Time. Currently no active search or posting to hire a Finance Director. Leveraging MRI to keep the lights on. Tasks falling through to the Select Board Admin. Janice Ireland.

Includes: $310,490 of Capital Outlays (see budget presentation)

If all Warrants pass: An additional $635,529 will need to be raised (see budget presentation)
Note: un-assigned account balance contributions and bonds are not included.

Article 5: Harbor Rd. Bridge replacement $975,000

The January storms caused damage to the bridge. This re-evaluation of what was needed prevented any work from getting started in 2024.

Additionally, the Select Board needed these Un-assigned account balance funds along with the Perkins Rd. Culvert savings to boost the balance so that $1M could be used to buy down the 2024 tax rate.

This work will now be Bonded for 20 years. Requires a 3/5 majority vote.

While this is a safety issue and must be done. At the January 21, 2025 Public Bond hearing, residents are advocating for different approaches. Recorded Video.

CHANGED TO COME FORM Un-Assigned Account Balance and will be retained if not spent (different than this past year)

Yes: Town will be authorized t request $975,000 to the DPW for replacing the bridge.

No: Will prevent the town from using this money for the bridge work. A strict interpretation of “No means No” would prevent the town from spending resources o the bridge.

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 **(Replacement on the 2025 Ballot)**
4) Engine 1 1994 KME Navstar Pumper **(Replacement paid for but not received)**
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

January 2025 Reserve Fund Balance is over $481K (Grove Rd Cell and Reserve Fund)

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
Polulation	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				

Fire Chief Capital Improvements Narrative: Click Here

This year's submission has the following notable highlights:

- 2025: Engine 3 Replacement ($789,000)
- 2026: A1 Cardiac Monitor Replacement ($80,000)
- 2027: Command Vehicle replacement ($95,000)
- 2028: A1 Lucas CPR Device ($35,000)
  Utility Pickup Truck replacement ($85,000)
- 2029: Jet Ski/Seadoo Replacement ($32,000)
  Ambulance Remount/Reconditioning ($400,000)
- 2030: No expenditure.

Fire & Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve:	$232,516 *
Grove Rd. Cell Tower Fund (14):	$263,664
Total Funds Available:	**$481,664**

Conservation Commission said the Grove Rd. Cell Tower Revenue should go towards something all of the town can benefit from.

Port Way Cell tower revenue goes to the General Fund.

* Select Board removed the annual contribution to this fund for 2025. Chief was looking for $150K

Article 6: $789K Engine 3 Replacement

Select Board signed a letter of intent to reserve an engine the dealer had previously placed with the manufacturer. The dealer would be willing to finance the balance of the payment over five years. This locked in the price at the time of the original order (approximately a $200K difference compared to the list price at the time) and accelerates when Rye will receive the new engine.

Bond Hearing and current warrant article are to Bond 100% of the $789K. 3/5 Margin required for bonding.

Changed to use $230K from Fund, bond the balance of $559K

Yes: Town will borrow $789K to purchase Engine 3 replacement

No: This Engine will be sold to another community. Rye would either determine to not get a replacement or pass a future warrant article to fund a new order.

Note: Following two slides do not include the option of using the full $481,664 in the current funds.

Leaving $307,336 that could come from the un-assigned account balance and/or a warrant for the annual $100K.

Article 6: $789K Engine 3 Replacement OTHER OPTIONS Page 1 of 2 Click Here

Select Board never discussed different financing options at any of the Public Meetings. Kate Dumas created these options for the Budget Committee discussions Click Here for current document.

Proposed Scenario I - Bonding

Loan amount	$ 789,000.00
Annual interest rate	3.50%
Loan period in years	20
Start date of loan	1/12/25
Monthly payment	$ 4,575.88
Number of payments	240
Total interest	$ 309,211.72
Total cost of loan	$ 1,098,211.72

- Issue a bond for the entire cost of the new fire engine ($789,000)
- Assumes a 3.5% annual interest rate and borrowing over a 20-year period
- Annual payments of $54,910
- Total interest paid of $309,212
- Analysis doesn't include any potential administrative costs associated with issuing the bond.

Proposed Scenario I *- Bonding

Loan amount	$ 789,000.00
Annual interest rate	3.50%
Loan period in years	10
Start date of loan	1/15/25
Monthly payment	$ 7,802.09
Number of payments	120
Total interest	$ 147,251.39
Total cost of loan	$ 936,251.39

Proposed Scenario II – Current Cash & Lease

Loan amount	$ 500,000.00
Annual interest rate	5.75%
Loan period in years	5
Start date of loan	1/15/25
Monthly payment	$ 9,608.38
Number of payments	60
Total interest	$ 76,503.05
Total cost of loan*	$ 865,503.05

*plus $289,000

- Use fund balances for $289,000 down payment on the new fire engine, lease the balance of $500,000 ($789,000)
- Assumes a 5.75% annual interest rate and a 5-year term for the lease
- Annual payments of $115,301
- Total interest paid of $76,503
- Analysis doesn't include any potential administrative costs associated with the lease.

In years 1-5 scenario II has a greater annual tax impact of $60,390. In years 6-20, scenario I has a greater annual tax impact of $54,910.
In aggregate, scenario I will cost $232,708 more than scenario II.
Scenario I* shortens the duration of the bond from 20 to 10 years, reducing the interest paid.

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Proposed Scenario III – Current Cash & Bonding

Loan amount	$	500,000
Annual interest rate		3.08%
Loan period in years		5
Start date of loan		1/23/25
Monthly payment	$	9,002
Number of payments	$	60
Total interest	$	40,128
Total cost of loan	$	829,128

Proposed Scenario III* – Current Cash & Bonding

Loan amount	$	500,000
Annual interest rate		3.25%
Loan period in years		10
Start date of loan		1/23/25
Monthly payment	$	4,886
Number of payments		120
Total interest	$	86,314
Total cost of loan	$	875,314

- Use fund balances for $289,000 down payment on the new fire engine, bond the balance of $500,000 ($789,000)
- Scenario III assumes a 3.08% annual interest rate and a 5-year term for the lease and borrowing over 5 years. Scenario III* assumes a 3.25% interest rate and borrowing over 10 years.
- Annual payments of $108,024 for scenario III, annual payments of $58,632 for scenario III*.
- Total interest paid of $40,128 for scenario III, total interest paid of $86,314 for scenario III*.
- Analysis doesn't include any potential administrative costs associated with bond issuance.

Proposed scenario III is the least expensive option, allowing for $7,277 in annual savings over the lease option as a function of the lower rate available for bonding. Over 5 years, scenario III would save $36,375 in interest.

Article 8: New 3 Year Collective Bargaining Agreement

The first $38,529.71 gets funded through the warrant. As this is a contract, we approve the full three years. The 2026 and 2027 increases will be in Salaries and Benefits.

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2025	$38,529.21
2026	$26,456.48
2027	$20,610.09
Total	$89,595.78

Article 9: If this fails the Town can call a sperate meeting to address.

DPW Vehicle & Equipment Inventory

Estimated Replacement cost for all vehicles $2,751,000

Designation	Status	Category	Model Year	Manufacturer	Model	Description	Purchase Year	Purchase Price	Replacement Cost	Service Life	Replacement 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				

EQUIPMENT DESIGNATION	EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION	REPLACEMENT YEAR	AVG. ANNUAL SPEND (2010–present)	LIFE OF VEHICLE SPEND	SPEND LAST 5 YEARS (2019–2023)
Trk #107	2008 Int'l Dump	2024	$4,879.47	$68,312.63	$34,700.31
Trk #113	2010 Ford 1 Ton	2022	$2,756.88	$38,596.26	$13,013.25
Trk #114	2012 Ford Rack	2023	$1,960.99	$23,531.93	$15,135.89
Trk #115	2014 Int'l Dump	2028	$4,020.71	$40,207.05	$34,396.15
Trk #116	2015 Ford 1 Ton	2025	$1,884.16	$18,841.62	$12,167.83
Trk #117	2016 Ford Utility	2026	$1,552.31	$13,970.75	$11,352.68
Trk #118	2017 Int'l Dump	2031	$1,975.39	$15,803.09	$11,508.49

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DPW analysis showing the impact of maintenance in the last 5 years of a vehicle life.

FY2025 Budget Narrative: PUBLIC WORKS

EQUIPMENT DESIGNATION	EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION	REPLACEMENT YEAR	AVG. ANNUAL SPEND (2010–present)	LIFE OF VEHICLE SPEND	SPEND LAST 5 YEARS (2019–2023)
Trk #119	2018 Int'l Dump	2033	$1,611.77	$11,282.37	$8,781.07
Trk #120	2020 Ford 1 Ton	2030	$735.53	$2,942.13	$2,942.13

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

From the DPW Director: $250,000 annually into the capital reserve does not start to develop a cushion only carries us through and covers the replacement costs with inflation built in at 5%. In 20231 we start to develop a cushion Due to lower cost replacement vehicles.

Article 10 DPW Highway Equipment Capital Reserves ($250K)

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. DPW presented that about 1/3 of Vehicle maintenance costs are in the last 5 years of life.

Click Here for Department Narrative from the Budget Books.

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. Total estimated to be $2,751,000 for all the equipment.

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 of Public Works Equipment fund: $307,071

Yes: Add $250K 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 11: Tennis Courts $120K for Tennis Courts

The current Recreation Site Plan shows where a future Tennis Court/Pickle Ball court could go.

This warrant creates funding to enable the Recreation Department to accelerate making a Tennis Court/Pickle Ball court available in Rye.

Yes: Would create funding available for Recreation for this purpose, but does not obligate the Recreation Department to act.

No: Strict No Means No interpretation would prevent Recreation from spending funds or efforts towards a tennis court/pickle ball court this year.

Article 12: NH DES Clean Water Revolving Fund Grant Infiltration and Inflow Assessment

This $100K Grant needs 3/5 approval. Note all of Rye votes tor this as all of Rye own the Sewer System assets, but only those who use it, pay for the operations.

See Sewer Department Narrative. Page 2

HANDOUTS provided at the Deliberative Meeting.

The Interest will be funded by the Sewer Users.

Yes: Allows use of the grant to complete this work

No: Will forfeit the grant funding and will not be able to complete this project

The proposed I/I Assessment Reduction Plan includes various evaluation components: flow monitoring, manhole inspections, smoke/dye testing, Targeted CCTV inspection and further data evaluation of existing CCTV footage. The goal of the project is to identify a clear path forward in minimizing infiltration, inflow and ex-filtration, and maximum conveyance of wastewater to the WWTP, by identifying, designing, and prioritizing ways to address I/I issues.

Article 13: $85,000 to Purchase the Breakfast Hill Landfill

The Select Board signed the Purchase and Sales agreement to purchase the Breakfast Hill Landfill.

This will remove the current owner from responsibility with the exception that a past, non-communicated action by the current owner would bring them back into the liability equation.

Rye is the Permit Holder, so any development requiring NH DES approval must come through the Town. Not the property owner.

Much information surfaced and was provided during Budget Committee discussions.
Purchase & Sales, Tax Card, Select Board letter to Budget Committee
CMA letter on uses, CMA 2023 report to DES,
1985 Letter to Sate., 1985 Town report pages, 1985 Hydrology report,
June 2024 NHDES Actions for Rye Report

Yes: Town will own this property.

No: Town's liability will not change and the current owner is still the primary responsible party.

Budget Committee discussions revealed that the Select Board worked primarily with the Town Attorney and did not utilize the "Free" NH DES resources.

Article 14: Rye Public Library HVAC Fund $60,000

Current Balance: **$115,735**
LBOT is using Interest earned from Trusts to contribute $60,000 (at a minimum)

Estimated project cost is $**245K** (these funds and the $20K being added).

Reserve fund:	$115,000
Library Funds:	$ 60,000*
Warrant:	$ 60,000
Total:	**$235,000**

* Total costs are un-known so the Library may need to provide more than $60K from other funds.

Time is now so this gets us to what it may cost as prices and labor costs are going up.

Yes: Add the requested funds to enable the HVAC replacement to move forward

No: Do not add the requested funds and HVAC could not be funded by the library

Last piece of the transaction that gave Rye the property

Where does the money go?

Location Diagrams Click Here Vision card May 3rd Meeting Notes Meeting Video

Note: RCL linked to the A-Q documents on the town website and they are no longer there.

Yes: Allows this agreement to conclude with these funds going to the town

No: ? Need to check what would happen if we don't accept the money from the Sale

Article 16: $35,000 for Municipal Buildings Maintenance Fund

NOTE: Article says $45K, but the Select Board and Budget Committee voted $35K
Current Balance**:** **$195,878**

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

See page from the Budget Presentations on Maintenance.

Yes: Add $35K to the maintenance fund

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

Town/School/Water Building Maintenance Funds

Reserve Funds	Amount	
Library Maintenece	$	35,433
School Building Mainte	$	202,414
Town Bldg Maintenanc	$	195,878
Library HVAC	$	115,735
Recreation Building	$	37,572
Town Bldg Const/Renov	$	111,178
Conservation Buildings	$	9,300
Water Equip and Bldgs	$	77,440
Sewer	$	-
Total Reserve Funds	**$**	**784,950**
2025 Warrents to Increase		
Recreation	$	10,000
Library HVAC	$	60,000
Town Buildings	$	35,000
Conservation Buildings	$	25,000
Water	$	25,000
Total 2025 Warrants	$	155,000
2025 Budget Line Items		
Public Works	$	6,700
Town Hall	$	15,000
Town Hall Annex	$	14,000
Safety Building	$	32,445
Recreation	$	14,000
Library	$	12,500
Conservation	$	10,000
Sewer	$	-
Water	$	24,000
School Bldgs Remod	$	300,360
2025 Budgets	$	429,005
Total	**$**	**1,368,955**

2025 Budget line items: $429,000
2025 Warrants: $155,000
Total: $584,000

Plus the almost $784,950K in Reserve Funding

$1,368,955 available for ongoing building maintenance and reserves for emergencies.

Close to $1.4M in funds for buildings.

Article 17: $15,600 Police Motorcycle

Police staff requested to have a Rye Motorcycle. With retention a major concern with departments across NH, creating incentives to maintains staff is important.

Main purpose will be for traffic monitoring and helping with the speeding concerns of residents.

Click Here for information from the Police Chief.

There is a one time cost of $15,600 for outfitting the machine and the officers. All is transferable to a future motorcycle. Three year lease is $5K, so that is why you see that number in the warrant.

This is a 3 year lease agreement of $5,000 per year. So, there will be $5K in operational costs for 2026 and 2027. The $15,600 of equipment IS transferable to a new motorcycle in 2028.

At least two officers will receive the specialized training.

Yes: Will add a Motorcycle to the police force.

No: Officers will not have the option of using a motorcycle.

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.

190-5.7 Stormwater Management Plan in LDR

44 Culverts

850 Catch Basins

22 Outfalls that drain to wetlands

43 Miles of Road

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

Article 18: Fund for MS4 and Spill Prevention $25K

SPCCP = Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plans

SWPPP = Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan

MS4 = Municipal Separate Sewer Stormwater System

Establishes a fund for unanticipated costs during the year.

Will Increase the fund to $50K, current balance is $25,154

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

No: Find or reallocate funds for current budgets

NOTE: Increasing State reporting requirements require ever more resources from the DPW director.

Article 22: Recreation Building and Property Maintenance Reserve Fund $10K

2022 name was expanded to include Property Maintenance
2023 Master Site Plan: Click Here
2011 Department Master Plan: Click Here

Current Balance is: $37,572

Yes: Add $10K to the building maintenance fund

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

Article 19 Conservation Maintenance Expendable Trust $20,000

Current Balance in the fund is: $9,300 All used on the Goss Barn work
Plan is to build up funds for repairs on the other two sides that were not recently repaired.
Audubon guidance is not to disturb existing swallow nesting sies.

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 20: 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 is: $47,930

Rye has an immediate issue as NH DRA has drastically increased our evaluation (equalization rate) saying that Rye's total assessed **value is over $4.9B** Click Here (will download an .xls). This is continually updated so may differ from the image below.

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

Municipality	Modified Local Assessed Valuation	DRA Inventory Adjustment	Equalized Assessed Valuation	Equalized Payments in Lieu of Taxes*	Equalized Railroad Tax	Total Equalized Valuation**	2023 Local Tax Rate	2023 Equalization Ratio	Full Value Tax Rate	% Proportion to County Tax	% Proportion to State Tax
Rye	3,267,571,900	1,638,646,887	4,906,218,787	6,141,758	0	4,912,360,545	8.03	66.6	5.34	5.3197%	1.4553%

Article 21: $15,000 Continue with the Contingency for un-expected expenses

Third year Rye has used this RSA 31:98-a provision that allows Rye to shift $15,000 from the un-assigned account balance to be used for contingencies. Any un-used funds, like all surpluses fall to the un-assigned account balance at the end of the fiscal year.

This has no current year tax impact.

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 23: $10K Annually have a fund to be used for Emergencies

Fund 10350050 Current Balance of **$60,405** Established 2018 Article 18:
2024 amount was increased to $35K because of the January 2024 storms.

Funds to be used for Emergency Management, such as the Boil Water Alert or other emergency responses.

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.

FYI: How did the Money used for the February storms flow?
Good Resident Project:

a) Where did the original cash come from? Which accounts?
b) FEMA funds received – where did they go

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Article24: Now called the *Dump &* Landfill Capital Reserve $10K

Current Balance is: $15,609
Annual Cost estimates are: Not disclosed

While there is an operational budget line time, the June 2024 NH DES reported that additional testing was required for the Breakfast Hill Landfill. The report does indicate additional 2025 testing

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

Yes: Add $10K to the fund to maintain the testing and monitoring

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

2024 Landfill Monitoring had $20K, actuals provided to Budget committee show $11,514
2025 Landfill Budget monitoring has $20K.

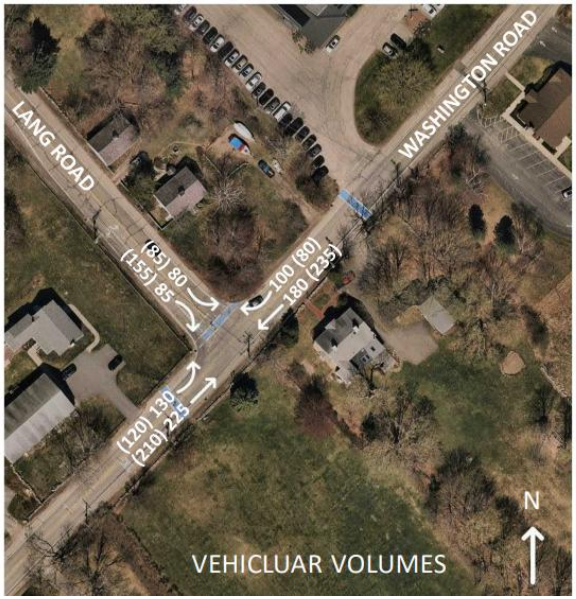
The TAP grant is for $1,040,000 and the ability to raise and spend this need to be expanded.

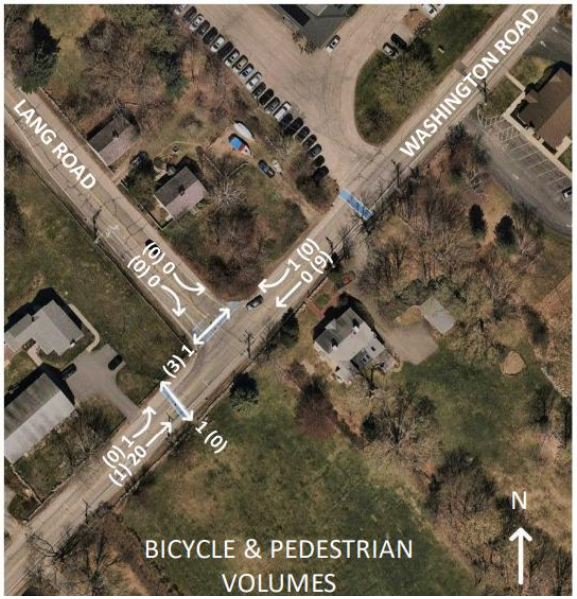
October State update: Recorded Video Presentation for the State

Yes: Extends the expiration date on the original warrant article.

No: Do not add the requested funds to each account

Resident Project:
- How are the funds for paying for this work going to flow
- Rye is to be re-imbursed as the work is completed





KEY:
AM Peak (PM Peak)

AM Peak: 7:45 AM
PM Peak: 2:45 PM

Turning Movement Counts Collected 9/12/2024

Article 26: Changes how the Town can buy sell land/property
CHANGED TO STUDY

There are a number of past Warrant articles associated with what the Select Board can do with regards to buying and selling land/property. Click Here for some of them.

Unclear what this does to the A-Q process, past warrants or why this needed.

RSA 41:14-a should be read as it includes Heritage, Historic districts as "ands" and includes the requirement for Public Hearings. 50 Petitions can force it to the Warrant.

Yes: May change the current process

No: No change to the current process.

2018: More mistrust with Select Board added this additional step to the process.

ARTICLE 31. (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 41:14-c, to restore to the voters the exclusive authority to acquire or sell land, buildings, or both, by rescinding Article 12 of the 2002 Town Meeting, which has given the Board of Selectmen that authority subject to the requirements that any sale or acquisition be submitted to the Planning Board and the Conservation Committee for their review; that the Selectmen hold two public hearings; and that if 50 voters object by petition the Selectmen must put it on the ballot for a town wide vote. Nothing herein affects the authority of the Conservation Commission and the Heritage Commission to make acquisitions pursuant to RSAs 36-A:4, I and 674:44-b, II respectively.

This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

789
YES
NO
683

Article 27: No Dogs on Saturdays
CHANGED TO STUDY

Yes: Absolutely NO dogs on the Beach on Saturdays

No: No change, unless Article 28 passes after Article 27 fails

Article 28: No more Special Saturday No Dog hours
Changed to decouple from #27

Currently there are no dogs until 9pm on Saturday, but 7pm on all other nights. This is confusing for people and causing complications for our Police.

Yes: Would now allow Dogs at 7pm on Saturday, like all other days

No: Will keep the current 9pm time for Saturdays

Article29: Make Conservation Commission Elected.
CHANGED TO STUDY

Currently the Conservation Commission is appointed by the Select Board.

While this is coming from the Select Board, at the January 13th SB Meeting. See video at 1:36 where Select Board says this comes from resident Hugh Leigh.

HB 1302 that recently changed RSA 36:A:3

Yes: Conservation Commission will be phased in to be elected positions

No: Select Board will continue to appoint members. Note, recent appointments have differed from the Commission recommendations.

Article 30: Makes a Conservation Appraisal mandatory
CHANGED TO STUDY

There are several past warrant articles that call out for an appraisal. Click Here for some.

This does not have the $200K threshold and it requires the action to go to the warrant if the acquisition price exceeds the appraisal by more than 20%.

Yes: Would make acquisitions below $200K require an appraisal and add a step to take the transaction to the warrant if price is 20% above the assessment.

No: Would keep the process and rules as is

Article 31: Move the Select Board to 5 members

Language modified, once done, it could not be changed at the Deliberative Meeting.

What ChatGPT says on the Pro's and Cons Click Here
Public Hearing January 27th video: Click Here starts at the 6:30 mark.

Process is called out in RSA 41:8-b This does not call out the steps. That is RSA???

Yes: Select Board will move to a 5 member model after the 2026 March Elections

No: No changes to the Select Board

Article 32: 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 $18,622,015

See RCL Budget analysis: Click Here

Warrant: Click Here

From the SAU Finance Director

SAU 50 Rye Overview: Click Here

Rye Category pie chart: Click Here

Split by School: Click Here Data table

Enrollment projections: Click Here

Trust balances: Click Here

SAU 50 pie chart: 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

<u>School Article 2</u>: Collective Bargaining Agreement

The Association of Coastal Teachers and Rye CBA

2025-2026: $286,202 (impact to this year budget)

2026-2027: $241.570
2027-2028: $226.217

Yes: Increases the salary budget for RJH and RES teachers

No: Will not implement the negotiated contract

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

School Article 4: Special Education Trust Fund

This $75K contribution is only made if there are sufficient funds in the un-assigned account balance at the end of the school fiscal year.

Target Amount: $300,000
Current balance: $218,869
Amount short: $81,130

This reserve is for unplanned out of district placements. One curred this past years and funds were pulled from several budgets to cover the unplanned expensive.

Yes: Will allow the School Board to replenish this account with **up to** $75K

No: No contributions will be made

	Amount Beg Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Encumbrances	Interest	Ending Balance	Goal Balances	Amount Needed
School Expendable Trusts								
Tuition Expendable Trust Fund	$140,993.90	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$140,993.90	$250,000.00	$109,006.10
School Property Maintenance Expendable TF	$138,718.65	$60,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$198,718.65	$300,000.00	$101,281.35
Special Education Expendable Trust Fund	$218,869.65	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$218,869.65	$300,000.00	$81,130.35
Wedgewood Farms Expendable Trust Fund	$69,542.33	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$69,542.33	$69,542.33	$0.00
Technology Expendable Trust Fund	$18,365.27	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$18,365.27	$50,000.00	$31,634.73
Total School Expendable Trust Funds	**$586,489.80**	**$60,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$646,489.80**	**$969,542.33**	**$323,052.53**

School Article 5: AP Classes at PHS

Wording slightly modified at the Deliberative Meeting

School Board will evaluate what options there can be for helping Rye High School Students participate in AP Classes.

Yes: School Board will evaluate

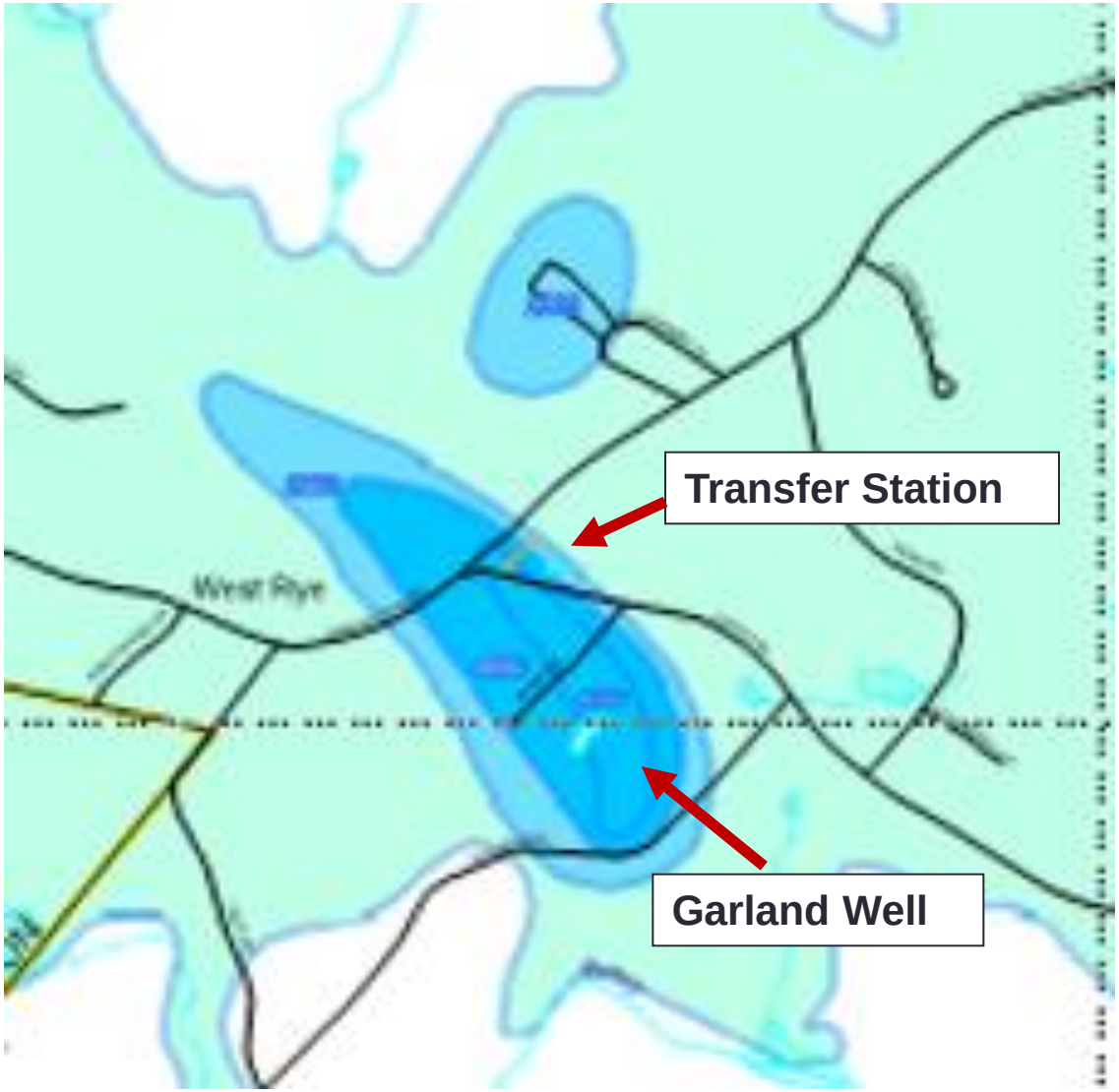
No: School Board is not obligated to look into this more

This Presentation

Was created by the Rye Civic League to help taxpayers be prepared for the deliberative town meeting

The Rye Civic League publishes the monthly Rye Civic News. You can add yourself to the Rye Civic News at www.ryecivicleague.org

The darker the blue, the higher the transmissivity.
Transfer Station is 1,610 ft. uphill from the Garland Well



See the 2023 Water in Rye presentation to see more information about our Hydrology.

Click Here

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)