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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and Other Officers

For the Year Ended December 31

1985



Long John Road

“Preserving A Way Of Life”

TOWN OF RYE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

D E D I C A T I O N



SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen's office is no longer a part-time position. Whoever decides to run for office must make a complete commitment of time and energy. As chairman for 1985-86, I have in the past two years, spent an average of 35 to 45 hours per week doing the day to day demands placed on the town. The staff has increased to two full-time secretaries and the workload has more than tripled from just a few years ago.

To enlighten the Rye residents, a quick rundown for daily duties and projects under way or in the future will be listed:

1. The Rye Sewer project has taken up many hours. This is a \$2,600,000 project that certainly requires many meetings and decisions. The project has seen many delays and is approximately one year behind schedule. There were changes in location of the tank brought on by Demoulas and his concern of the effects on his property. That has now been resolved. There were also public notices as required by State and Federal law requiring 30 days for public input. There is still the sewer use ordinance and payment schedule to be revised and adopted. There is the financing of the project that takes many hours of Selectmen's time for correct procedure and borrowing. The project is projected to start this summer of 1986. Many meetings have been and will be required with our engineer Kimball-Chase.

2. The second time consuming project is our land-fill dump. Mandated by the state, we have had test wells installed which will require monitoring over the years. Our close-out plan consists of obtaining funds to reduce the burden of the cost to cover this land fill from the citizens of Rye. The Selectmen may find over 1/2 of the funds of a \$400,000 project without increasing the burden to the citizens. There have been and will be many meetings with our Engineering firm of Dubois and King.

3. The third project has been our Master Plan. Upon my arrival in office in 1983, I found our master plan gathering dust. Since then it has been basically completed, and many revisions are going before the voters. This revival of the master plan came on line in the nick of time as the following year it was mandated by the state to be completed by 1986 and very necessary if we want to have some control over the rapid growth of Rye. We are issuing building permits of new buildings and remodeling of nearly \$5,000,000 each year for the past two years. To control growth we must have this master plan and also adopt a master capital improvement formula for the future. (See Planning Board report).

4. This brings up the fourth project. A Building Committee has been working since the last town meeting on a proposed new town complex. Many hours and meetings have been held. Two proposals will be before the town. One consists of a new Fire, Police and Town Hall building along with a new Library. The second will be for Fire, Police and Town Hall without the Library, but anticipated the town would vote the Library in 1988. Not enough can be said for the benefit to the town in favor of these projects. They should have been planned years ago and built when costs were down. It is projected a

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10%/year increase each year we wait.

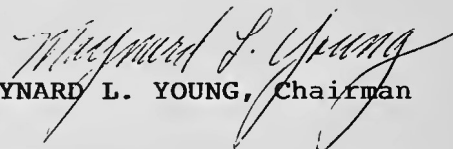
5. The fifth project consists of many hours spent on various day to day items such as assessing for tax cards, revising current use cards, welfare projects, some court cases, coordinating various departments, budget preparations, preparing for town meetings and other elections, computerization, town maps update and regular day to day office procedures.

6. A sixth project will be a study and plan by our Selectmen and Dump committee to find a solution to our rubbish. With state mandates and time running out, we will have to find a solution in the very near future.

I reiterate, the office of Selectmen is a dedicated job with people willing to give up many hours of their time. I speak highly of fellow Selectmen Jack Tobey and J. P. Nadeau, as I find the town is a very important part of their time and devotion. Our office has handled over \$7,000,000 this year and the financing, legal issues, Evacuation Plan for Seabrook, our Solid Waste district, will consume many hours of planning. The job of a Selectmen is one for a dedicated person, not a part-time hobby.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN


MAYNARD L. YOUNG, Chairman

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee has met quarterly with the Board of Selectmen and the School Board to review the receipts and expenditures.

Presently the committee is conducting meetings for preparations of the upcoming annual meetings.

In addition to the routine Town and School expenses the committee is being asked by the Selectmen to consider our appropriation of up to \$3,500,000.00 to construct a new Town Complex. These monies will be raised by a long term bond issue. This debt would be in addition to the \$475,000.00 debt already incurred for construction of the sewer system.

Another major cost to be considered this year is about \$400, 000.00 to enable the Town to seal the landfill at Breakfast Hill with some type of impervious material.

I wish to thank various boards, commissions, and department heads for their assistance in providing the necessary information needed to prepare the budgets for the annual meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. Goss, Chairman