



TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BUILDING DEPARTMENT
10 Central Road, Rye, NH 03870

MEMORANDUM

To: Howard Kalet, Rye Selectboard
Cc: Matt Scruton, Town Administrator
From: Rye Building Department
Date: October 1, 2026
Re: Five-Year Capital Improvement Outlook – Building Department

The Building Department does not anticipate any capital improvement items over the next five years. Our recent investments in online permitting and a scanner for the online records database cover our foreseeable technology needs for this period.

The one item we do see on the horizon is an additional vehicle for use by our septic consultant. This is not an immediate need – the department currently uses a gas reimbursement line for this purpose – but we would eventually like to move to a Town vehicle to reduce wear and tear on staff personal vehicles from trips to construction sites; nails and other debris have resulted in nearly all Building Department staff needing to replace tires on their own vehicles at their own expense.

Rather than a new purchase, we would look first to a hand-me-down vehicle from the Department of Public Works or the Police Department the next time either upgrades their fleet, or to reassigning a vehicle within the Building Department's own fleet. We are happy to discuss further at your convenience.