RYE CIVIC LEAGUE · CANDIDATES NIGHT

Meet the Candidates

Greenland, Rye & North Hampton · General Election, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026

Thursday, Oct. 22
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Rye Junior High School Cafeteria
Moderator: Nina Parrott

Watch live or later: www.townhallstreams.com (under Rye)

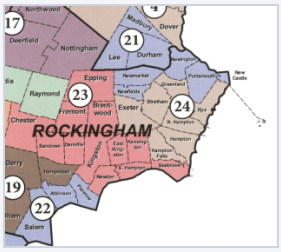
Candidates are listed alphabetically within each race.

NH State Senate · District 24

Vote for 1

WHAT A STATE SENATOR DOES

- Serves in the 24-member upper chamber of the NH Legislature (the General Court).
- Works with the House to introduce, review and vote on state laws.
- Votes on the state's two-year budget.
- Serves a two-year term representing roughly 55,000 residents.
- A part-time citizen legislator, paid a nominal $100 per year plus mileage.



Debra Altschiller

Democrat INCUMBENT

debraaltschiller.org

Senator, NH Senate (2022 – present); Representative, NH House of Representatives (3 terms); member, NH Suicide Prevention Council; member, Oversight Committee for Education Freedom Accounts; member, National Alliance for Mental Health Public Policy Committee; 2024 Legislator of the Year, NAMI NH; 2024 Champion for Gun Safety Legislator; 2023 Legislative Champion Award, National Coalition on Adult Basic Education; 2021 Unity Award, General Federation of Women's Clubs NH

Lou Gargiulo

Republican

lou4statesenate.com

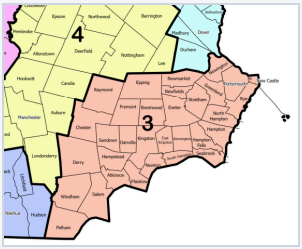
Three-term Selectman; former State Representative; US Army Commissioned Officer; CEO of Real Estate Asset Firm

NH Executive Council · District 3

Vote for 1 · 32 towns including Greenland, Rye & North Hampton

WHAT AN EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR DOES

- **Approves spending:** votes on state contracts and spending over $10,000.
- **Confirms appointments:** approves or rejects the Governor's nominees for judges, department heads and state boards.
- **Manages infrastructure:** oversees the state's 10-Year Highway Plan.
- **Reviews pardons:** votes on requests for pardons.
- **Checks the Governor:** can block actions proposed by the Governor.



Lisa Kennedy Sheldon

Democrat

lisakennedysheldon.com

Nurse Practitioner; PhD; former Chief Clinical Officer, Oncology Nursing Society; former Associate Professor; board service – Waypoint, Saint Anselm College; Fellow, American Academy of Nursing

Janet Stevens

Republican INCUMBENT

janetstevens4nh.com

Executive Councilor, District 3 (2022 – present); President, JL Stevens & Associates; former President, Rye PTA

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NH House of Representatives

WHAT A STATE REPRESENTATIVE DOES

- Writes, debates and votes on state laws and the state budget as one of 400 members of the NH House.
- Represents roughly 3,300 residents and works with constituents on community concerns.
- Serves a two-year term for $100 a year, without paid staff, at the State House in Concord.

NH House · Rockingham District 24

Vote for up to 2 · Greenland & Rye

Dennis Malloy

Democrat INCUMBENT

dennismalloy.com

Representative, NH House (2012 – 2014, 2016 – present); NH House Ways & Means Committee; Chair, Rockingham County Finance Committee; former Chief Development Officer, NH Public Television; Trustee of Trust Funds, Greenland and Barrington; Selectman, Barrington; Seacoast Commission on Long-Term Goals & Requirements for Drinking Water; Commission to Study Revenue Alternatives to the Road Toll; NH Ireland Trade Council; Great Bay Stewards Trustee; Granite YMCA Board & Seacoast YMCA Advisory Board

Michael J. Moody

Democrat

moody4nh.com

Professional: Attorney, MJ Moody Legal Advisors; Assistant General Counsel, The Timberland Company. Community Service: Rye Public Library Board of Trustees; Rye and SAU50 School Boards; Seacoast Science Center and Chase Home for Children Boards of Directors. Education: Dartmouth College (1986); University of Virginia School of Law (1992).

Marilyn Page

Republican

marilynfornh.com

Business Owner, Board Member, Leadership, Mentor

Kevin Szmyd

Republican

No campaign website listed

Software developer in the construction industry

NH House · Rockingham District 38

Vote for 1 · Floterial: Greenland, North Hampton & Rye

Peggy Balboni

Democrat INCUMBENT

peggybalboni.com

Representative, NH House (2022 – present), currently serving on the House Education Policy and Administration Committee, the Education Freedom Account Oversight Committee and the Legislative Oversight Committee for the Education Improvement and Assessment Program; Teacher; Rye School Board (9 years); Rye Budget Committee (12 years)

Paul Martino

Republican

sites.winthehouse.gop/site/paul-martino

North Hampton Budget Committee (6 years, 4 as chair), proven business person with experience leading regional and national distribution companies, and T-Ball coach when my kids were young for 7 years.

Also on the Rye Ballot: Two Questions

1. Constitutional amendment (CACR 13): Would eliminate the elected office of Register of Probate.

2. Rye statutory question: Would limit property tax growth for the Rye School District (SAU #50) under RSA 32:5-i for a two-year period. Requires a three-fifths majority.

Learn more: **Citizens Count ballot guide (citizenscount.org)** · **NH League of Women Voters summary (ryecivicleague.org)**

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