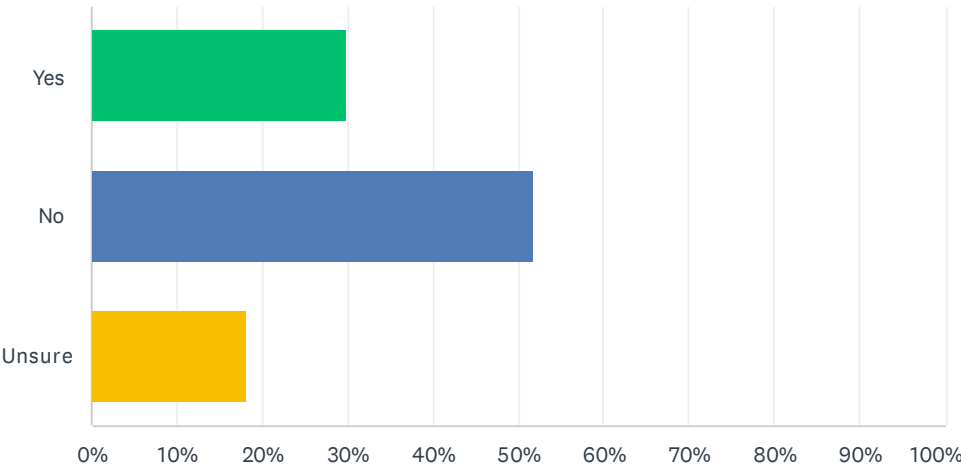


Q1 Do you think Rye does enough to safeguard its natural resources?

Answered: 314 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	29.94%	94
No	51.91%	163
Unsure	18.15%	57
TOTAL		314

Q2 What natural resources need further protection in Rye? These may include drinking water resources, beaches, forests, fields, etc.

Answered: 276 Skipped: 44

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Drinking water, beaches, wetlands	3/15/2024 5:08 PM
2	Drinking water	3/15/2024 12:52 PM
3	Drinking water and wetlands protection	3/15/2024 12:51 PM
4	Need to follow through on drinking water studies and plans. Beach walls to restoration -- seems underway.	3/15/2024 10:58 AM
5	None	3/15/2024 9:59 AM
6	Water	3/15/2024 9:53 AM
7	drinking water, beaches, forests, open spaces	3/15/2024 8:44 AM
8	wetlands, drinking water	3/15/2024 7:44 AM
9	Drinking water, beaches	3/14/2024 9:15 PM
10	Drinking Water, open space, and beach erosion	3/14/2024 7:52 PM
11	Drinking water and beaches need more protection. And the amount of open space needs to be a priority.	3/14/2024 7:52 PM
12	Drinking water, watersheds, beaches, forests, fields	3/14/2024 7:21 PM
13	RWD drinking water sources Parsons Creek Watershed	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
14	Drinking water Beaches Protect the community with a proper storm built with large, huge rocks that stop the water instead of breaking on the first wave! Septic Systems that are not checked	3/14/2024 5:22 PM
15	Rye Water Should Be Sold to Aquarian.	3/14/2024 5:20 PM
16	beaches, forests, drinking water	3/14/2024 4:33 PM
17	Solve the Parson's Creek problem	3/14/2024 4:01 PM
18	All of the ones listed	3/14/2024 2:56 PM
19	Drinking water, beaches, fields	3/14/2024 2:14 PM
20	The town is a wonderful place but I have no idea if it is well managed. I fear that it is not planning for the future Rye has ordinances but it doesn't enforce them. all the conditions of environment need to be protected. see if the extension at UNH and Philly Enter will assist the town	3/14/2024 2:11 PM
21	Town beaches need more oversight regarding dog waste and the cleanliness associated with dogs using the beach as a bathroom in the morning and then young children playing in the same sand just hours later.	3/14/2024 1:41 PM
22	Drinking water and open space/trees.	3/14/2024 1:40 PM
23	Drinking water . Treatment plant is necessary. Wetland protection. Less development. Especially condominiums..need more open space for our mental health and for wildlife	3/14/2024 12:49 PM
24	Drinking water, wetlands, beaches, forests	3/13/2024 6:24 PM
25	drinking water	3/13/2024 5:39 PM
26	drinking water and beaches specifically Parson's Creek	3/13/2024 5:35 PM

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27	drinking water and beaches, specifically Parson's Creek	3/13/2024 5:31 PM
28	Water	3/13/2024 3:34 PM
29	Drinking water - people need to clean up their property - Blight maybe educate about lawn chemicals lawn irrigation and chemicals needs to stop and use different types of grass - plantings. especially if droughts keep occurring - develop rules for these companies that apply chemicals NO Rye does not safeguard natural resources - Water, Beaches, unsure about forests, fields On a national world level WATER safety for drinking has always been an issues as corporations, people - have NOT been aware and respectful of the safety of the earth. Rye was surprised with e-coli showing up in the water and thinking it was caused by some unseen bug, or animal feces, or flying object! Free water was dispensed to every citizen at the police station. it was s surprise at the record of citizens not being computerized as names had to be entered with an iPad in order to get safe, clean bottled water. Community meetings were conducted by men in 3 piece suits with maps! multiple meeting at that level. citizen were not included in an open discussion. Boil your water and it is still dont today with the resolution of a large amount of Chlorine added to the water as resolution and supposedly safety. I believe citizens added filters to their home water systems. Rye had scattered meeting bringing up the topic of a "Water processing plan". People brought up various topics of interest such as using salt on roads, chemicals on lawns, sprinkler systems with timers and not turning off when raining. The topics provided NO method of resolution or a "hot line" to call the water commission in confidentiality. All of Rye's COMMISSIONS do not, NOT enforce regulations codes. There are set standards but no commission works together for the good of the land. with all these town boards, commissions, departments, building inspection, code enforcement, flood management, etc. forming into teams and with that use of problem defining resolutions. communication is imperative but it is a big question mark as to whom to talk to, who is in charge, who will listen and possibly refer or give some educated understanding. there is no follow up. I am talking from the Town Administration. Friendly helpful people... those who are receptive. Seek professional help from the government, or the state board of management as protecting water supply is NOT a new problem. GE contaminated my home town in Massachusetts and many got cancer including my family and the town became a ghost town!	3/13/2024 2:04 PM
30	Drinking water. PFAS very concerning. That 3 week boil order must not be repeated. Beaches - contamination from streams after rain is gross.	3/13/2024 11:24 AM
31	Need to protect the land and natural resources from deteriorating further.	3/13/2024 10:40 AM
32	Beaches & forests	3/13/2024 10:38 AM
33	All of the above drinking water resources, beaches, forests, fields, plus wetlands (fresh and salt water) need additional protection	3/13/2024 10:29 AM
34	Drinking water	3/13/2024 6:45 AM
35	Drinking water, beaches, fields, marshes.	3/13/2024 6:24 AM
36	Drinking water and beaches	3/12/2024 8:35 PM
37	Forests, fields, existing undeveloped land.	3/12/2024 8:17 PM
38	Drinking water and clean beach waters.	3/12/2024 8:14 PM
39	Forests, drinking water, open land	3/12/2024 6:49 PM
40	Creating less, not more, impermeable surfaces. This might help with flooding and drinking water. Another Resource, albeit not natural, is the HISTORY of Rye. The Historic homes and locations should have some protection as well.	3/12/2024 4:38 PM
41	wetlands	3/12/2024 1:48 PM
42	drinking water	3/12/2024 12:39 PM
43	I think Rye is doing a great job with conservation and habitat but I also think there is more we can do. I'm an amateur conservationist, learning more as a Rye citizen but I think our drinking water is at risk as well as our beaches.	3/12/2024 12:08 PM
44	Drinking water, without a doubt. Keep a strong hand on individuals who have refused to adhere to the policy regarding cleaning and/or updating of septic tanks and systems.	3/12/2024 9:59 AM
45	Beaches. Coastline. Drinking water.	3/12/2024 7:09 AM

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46	Beaches, Drinking Water	3/11/2024 10:38 PM
47	Wetlands, tidal lands	3/11/2024 9:09 PM
48	Drinking water, beaches, harbor	3/11/2024 8:14 PM
49	Rye needs to limit spraying for insects, limit herbicides, ban windmills in the ocean	3/11/2024 8:11 PM
50	drinking water, ocean front/beaches	3/11/2024 7:12 PM
51	Drinking water and coastline	3/11/2024 4:59 PM
52	Drinking water and rising tide impacts	3/11/2024 4:18 PM
53	Limit large users of water. Increase protection of marshes and wetlands	3/11/2024 4:16 PM
54	the beaches....the walk ways for the public need to be easy to find and access The berms need to be sturdy for ocean splash over.	3/11/2024 3:58 PM
55	Drinking water, ocean, beaches,	3/11/2024 2:16 PM
56	Beaches	3/11/2024 2:09 PM
57	aquifers for drinking water	3/11/2024 1:15 PM
58	Zoning ordinances should protect open space. Rising water levels will impact septic. Need to make rulings to protect natural resources.	3/11/2024 12:12 PM
59	drinking water, beaches and open space	3/11/2024 11:02 AM
60	Drinking water, beaches, forests, historical landmarks (e.g. the parsonage), preserve town character	3/11/2024 10:00 AM
61	Drinking water, water quality at beaches	3/10/2024 10:59 PM
62	Solve the Parsons Creek watershed issue. This will solve the RWD water quality problem. Seek state and federal grants for town-wide sewer system.	3/10/2024 5:03 PM
63	septic problems in Stinky Creek area need to be enforced - no more warnings.	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
64	Shoreline protection	3/10/2024 4:40 PM
65	We need to better protect our beaches from erosion and our roadways from disrepair of harsh winter weather.	3/10/2024 4:37 PM
66	beaches forests	3/10/2024 4:35 PM
67	marshes!	3/10/2024 4:25 PM
68	Drinking Water Beaches Coastal Roads & Barriers	3/10/2024 4:12 PM
69	drinking water resources	3/10/2024 4:09 PM
70	Water, any of it which falls on, flows through or into ground water, and is then pumped out and into the Rye water district ends up as what we drink, bath in swim in, fish in, etc. We need to make sure it remains clean, plentiful, relatively inexpensive. Start by supporting and bolstering the Rye Water District, then address Parson's Creek and figure out a way for the town to have say in what's going at with regard to Berry's Brook. It will take leadership, planning...and money. We don't do well in those ways much of the time (see the Town Hall mess or anything people would like to see happen in the Town Center). Time to make sure we do it right with water.	3/10/2024 4:07 PM
71	drinking water, although I do not have it (well) should be improved	3/10/2024 3:57 PM
72	drinking water absolutely needs to be dealt with, as well as the water quality at the beaches (swimming advisories) also recruitment of arborists to ensure we have protection of the forests against damaging pests. I'm concerned about the increased number of wildlife in residential areas, seemingly related to the recent cleating of habitat near the traffic circle.	3/10/2024 3:47 PM
73	water, beaches	3/10/2024 3:37 PM
74	drinking water. sadly with leaky landfill and too many failed and unpumped septic, our water is polluted. unswimable a lot and undrinkable. may be time for Water Treatment Plant but what's	3/10/2024 3:22 PM

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	the cost annually on our water bill?	
75	Drinking water supply is top priority. The beaches will continue to be an environmental problem with global warming. What is the intermediate term plan to mitigate destruction of public ways and private property without major spikes in spending?	3/10/2024 3:08 PM
76	The 8 miles of coastline which would involve working with the State. Our salt marshes need to be in 100% working order as 1 acre of healthy salt marsh can suck up 1.5 million gallons of storm water. The wetland buffers need to be enforced!	3/10/2024 11:28 AM
77	simple investment in renewables would be the best thing in my opinion. More solar for example	3/10/2024 11:26 AM
78	All of the above. Parsons Creek issue of too many leech fields and not enough land. Where are we a long Rt. 1 and other areas, how close are we to the tipping point. RCC hosted a great presentation on how we need to strategically plan for buffer growth areas to protect property. I don't see this front and center at ZBA and Planning Board (needs to be codified).	3/10/2024 9:09 AM
79	Beaches. There are too many people visiting in the summer.	3/10/2024 8:35 AM
80	Drinking water, forests, beaches	3/10/2024 8:35 AM
81	drinking water, beaches, forests, fields	3/9/2024 9:51 PM
82	Shoreline, marshes, drinking water Flooding	3/9/2024 8:31 PM
83	Drinking Water.	3/9/2024 4:49 PM
84	Slow down town development and enforce the parson creek septic ordinance	3/9/2024 3:53 PM
85	Anything that could be contaminated by insufficient or failed septic leaching fields	3/9/2024 1:36 PM
86	Drinking water, creeks/marshes, beaches	3/9/2024 1:25 PM
87	drinking water!!! beaches, forests and fields	3/9/2024 12:56 PM
88	water resources and beaches	3/9/2024 11:30 AM
89	All of it. Honestly, with all the building around our home on Perkins Road in what was previously "too wet to build on" land, we have more flooding and wild life challenges in our yard.	3/9/2024 11:17 AM
90	All of the above, with all of the development going on in town we have to careful not to over stress the resources that we have.	3/9/2024 9:44 AM
91	Water, marshes, beaches, forest	3/8/2024 12:35 PM
92	Forests, waterbodies, marshes and drinking water resources.	3/8/2024 10:13 AM
93	definitely drinking water, our beaches, use of energy	3/8/2024 9:58 AM
94	beaches	3/8/2024 9:56 AM
95	Drinking water	3/8/2024 9:35 AM
96	Drinking water resources, forests and wetlands	3/8/2024 9:23 AM
97	Keep our forests and fields protected from corporations trying to built more houses or buildings. Keep Rye rural. Protect our beaches from too many tourists visiting all at one time by limiting parking in summer.	3/8/2024 8:23 AM
98	Drinking water Streams Beaches	3/8/2024 6:15 AM
99	Drinking water	3/7/2024 11:39 PM
100	drinking water, natural habitat for birds and other critical wildlife, beach protection, marsh/barrier beach protection, lawn treatment chemicals and salting of road runoff	3/7/2024 11:34 PM
101	All of the above	3/7/2024 10:56 PM
102	all of the above	3/7/2024 10:37 PM
103	Beaches and runoff from outdated septic systems on small older lots. Not sure how to approach this issue, but it needs to be addressed	3/7/2024 10:20 PM

104	drinking water resources and forests	3/7/2024 9:58 PM
105	None.	3/7/2024 9:50 PM
106	beaches	3/7/2024 9:16 PM
107	Drinking water resources, marshes	3/7/2024 8:28 PM
108	We need to hold accountable the owners of septic (Petey's) systems which are affecting our health and safety. We need to fix and protect our drinking water. The chlorine levels are out of control, the extra filtration needed to make it tolerable is unacceptable. The Coakley contamination is unacceptable.	3/7/2024 8:19 PM
109	Beaches	3/7/2024 5:55 PM
110	Beaches! Run off. Clean water and PFAs. And protection of wetlands	3/7/2024 12:42 PM
111	Drinking water	3/7/2024 12:00 PM
112	All of the above	3/7/2024 8:45 AM
113	Open land, drinking water	3/7/2024 8:41 AM
114	Route 1A needs to be built up, from south road to causeway road. Sidewalk is at pavement level and needs to be raised for safety. The short sea wall needs to be raised a foot higher and the boulders on the sea-side of the wall need reinforcing. The Town should work much closer with the state of NH to address these issues.	3/7/2024 8:36 AM
115	Drinking Water, coastal area flood protection	3/7/2024 8:04 AM
116	Drinking water, beaches, wetlands	3/7/2024 8:03 AM
117	Drinking water, forests, fields green spaces	3/6/2024 10:53 PM
118	drinking water resources, beaches	3/6/2024 6:48 PM
119	Waterways and beaches.	3/6/2024 2:46 PM
120	Parks, trails, sidewalks and pedestrian safety are more important than environmental concerns.	3/6/2024 2:07 PM
121	Marshes, wetlands in the aquifer.	3/6/2024 1:26 PM
122	marsh habitat beach erosion (not much we can do about this) aquatic life (?) birds and marsh/forest creatures - part of our resources, no? marsh (pollution issue)	3/6/2024 12:50 PM
123	drinking water, beaches and ocean water	3/6/2024 12:30 PM
124	Forests need more management, both for invasives control and wildlife habitat. The Town Forest is a good example. It is rife with invasives and is all mature or becoming mature forest with little understory and now clearings for secondary growth and the wildlife it attracts. While the Conservation Commission claims to be doing something about the invasives problem, progress seems to be very slow. I also question the approach of contracting this work out. It's expensive and with questionable results. I think a much better approach would be for the RCC to take a more proactive approach. First, it could sponsor educational programs on invasives control and forest management for private landowners in town. I'm sure the UNH Extension and especially its Coverts Cooperator Program would be happy to assist in this. Second, it should solicit citizen involvement in the control of invasives. This would lower the cost of control/management and the secondary effect of building relationships within the citizenry. Rye is not the easiest town in which to build relationships, most everyone is pretty private. Beyond that, the RCC should seriously reevaluate its mission. The recent brouhaha about a parking lot on the Junkins parcel would lead you to believe the RCC views its mission as justifying acquisitions by providing recreational opportunities on its land. That's not necessarily compatible with true conservation.	3/6/2024 12:30 PM
125	beaches clean seaweed regularly during summer to keep beaches attractive	3/6/2024 12:09 PM
126	Marshes and tidal estuaries	3/6/2024 11:31 AM
127	Drinking water and beach weathering are definitely important in a region like the Seacoast.	3/6/2024 11:27 AM
128	water, beaches, marshes	3/6/2024 11:19 AM

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129	Town Rents or buys, builds real estate and does not take care of the property..ie normal income people sell property to buy another. Rye rents from Church and does not clean, remove waste, clock repair, or fix, install air conditioning, fans. provide clean water. In other words I call the town 'slum lords'.(1)....(2) My observation of beach towns have sand rakes and comb and remove some washed up trash and some sea weeds...old plastic bottles. I do think people 'take home a lot of their trash.	3/6/2024 11:17 AM
130	salt marshes drinking water beaches	3/6/2024 11:10 AM
131	Drinking water, open land, wetlands, wildlife	3/6/2024 10:46 AM
132	Drinking water resources	3/6/2024 10:09 AM
133	Beaches	3/6/2024 9:11 AM
134	The beaches,	3/6/2024 8:51 AM
135	Forests and fields	3/6/2024 5:56 AM
136	None	3/6/2024 4:37 AM
137	Beachs	3/5/2024 8:37 PM
138	Drinking water	3/5/2024 6:56 PM
139	The wetlands and coastal areas! Beaches, forests and fields- don't change the dynamics of our community just because.	3/5/2024 6:48 PM
140	drinking water needs further protection and all of the above	3/5/2024 4:57 PM
141	Septic systems allow for contaminated water and rye water district desperately needs a new water system.	3/5/2024 4:54 PM
142	there must be a way to determine the source of contamination in Rye water. if there is fecal contamination from animals, that can be controlled. if from septic system there should be a way to force people to repair them.	3/5/2024 4:49 PM
143	beaches - maintain, protection erosion drinking water - invest in clean up and protection of fresh water sources	3/5/2024 4:40 PM
144	good, always more needs	3/5/2024 4:38 PM
145	stop granting variances that compromise wetlands stop intrusion into wetlands, esp salt marshes. Protect backlands; offer incentives to big back land owners address issues at transfer station being adjacent to aquifer	3/5/2024 4:30 PM
146	Rye talks about conservation however is willing to bend the rules in terms of wetland protection and property development too often. Rye is Rye because of our natural resources we need to protect and value them. One very easy and very necessary change we should make is to improve our water flow outgoing and increasing to the marshes to improve marsh health.	3/5/2024 4:27 PM
147	Drinking water, land conservation which would include forests and fields	3/5/2024 4:24 PM
148	yes drinking water - too many new homes built in the watersheds Town Forest - a great asset Beaches - for all, keep parking available and water clean -	3/5/2024 4:11 PM
149	Drinking water, coakley and grove road dump clean up, protect our marshes and wetlands	3/4/2024 5:53 PM
150	Upper and Lower Berry's Brook watershed. NO FURTHER ACCESS!	3/4/2024 3:48 PM
151	Wetlands, ponds, beaches, forests	3/4/2024 1:44 PM
152	Water supply, beaches and forests.	3/4/2024 11:27 AM
153	All of them	3/3/2024 11:12 PM
154	Water	3/3/2024 9:35 PM
155	All of them	3/3/2024 8:52 PM
156	Water treatment plant is needed to clean drinking water. Marshes and ocean need protection from old septsics, animals, and too much building.	3/3/2024 7:11 PM

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157	Wetlands from over development and variances granted too freely Woodlands, wildlife habitats, forest and fields. No more development of these precious resources! It is out of control	3/3/2024 6:57 PM
158	drinking water and beaches plus coastal walking route	3/3/2024 5:58 PM
159	Drinking Water !	3/3/2024 5:37 PM
160	Need better septic/sewage management, stop construction near wetland and water front.	3/3/2024 5:20 PM
161	Drinking water and health of our beaches	3/3/2024 4:59 PM
162	Wetlands, Open Space	3/3/2024 4:48 PM
163	Animals, birds, fish a lot of construction has led to movement of the above in Rye	3/3/2024 10:18 AM
164	All of the above	3/3/2024 10:15 AM
165	Water quality	3/3/2024 8:16 AM
166	Marshes...no more fertilizers pesticides lawn treatments within the watersheds of all bodies of water. (This may mean the whole town) Lawns - promote alternative landscaping...no lawns more native plantings and tall grasses which absorb rain and reduce run off. Also promotes bugs which feed all animals. Esp caterpillars. No more clear cutting with new building.. sorry wildlife corridors to maintain habitats. Create a citizen volunteer group to promote and enforce rules at beaches in forests.. in town. Leave no trace, pick up trash,	3/2/2024 3:09 PM
167	drinking water	3/2/2024 2:57 PM
168	Find the cause of the bacteria in our drinking water and fix the cause of that. Along with the state help update and increase the sea walls along the shore. (Hasn't been done since the mid 60s.	3/2/2024 12:15 PM
169	Fresh water, forests and fields	3/2/2024 9:20 AM
170	It seems that every summer we have pollution at Wallis Sands. There appears to be an ongoing battle with people who do not tend to their septic systems. We need greater enforcement by applying high penalties accordingly to these polluters.	3/2/2024 9:16 AM
171	Water, forests	3/2/2024 7:50 AM
172	Drinking water #1	3/1/2024 5:31 PM
173	Drinking water, salt marsh protection, beach protection	3/1/2024 1:38 PM
174	Drinking water	3/1/2024 12:35 PM
175	None that I can think of. I think you do a great job.	2/29/2024 5:16 PM
176	Drinking water	2/29/2024 3:07 PM
177	Beaches	2/29/2024 2:11 PM
178	None, we are doing enough now.	2/29/2024 2:06 PM
179	drinking water for sure since that was the last urgent nightmare this town has gone through	2/29/2024 12:48 PM
180	water	2/29/2024 12:44 PM
181	drinking water	2/29/2024 8:47 AM
182	water	2/28/2024 10:34 AM
183	Development pressure may threaten wild life habitats. Recent coastal flooding makes clear the need to strengthen breakwaters and improve storm drainage	2/26/2024 10:12 AM
184	Maintaining current resources and cost land. Drinking water. Wetlands from coastal flooding.	2/26/2024 9:39 AM
185	fields/water	2/25/2024 9:55 PM
186	The resources we protect and preserve will augment our ability to withstand the climate crisis. We are fortunate to have an abundance and diversity of resources.	2/25/2024 9:30 PM
187	Water protection for drinking water	2/25/2024 7:20 AM

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188	Drinking water! Shocking that a town like Rye could have the water situation it does. The Town needs a new water system immediately. There are ways to fund new system. Need to make it happen.	2/23/2024 3:30 PM
189	drinking water, beaches, marshes, open land	2/23/2024 11:23 AM
190	Drinking water is a big problem, as is clean water at the beaches. Litter along the roads and all over the marshes, and encroachment on wetlands.	2/23/2024 7:21 AM
191	Improving the ground water situation would be good. The beaches seem to be over run by high tides yet I see big new homes and home improvements on very low lying areas around the marshland. It seems like our building codes could use a revisit.	2/23/2024 6:16 AM
192	I would like to see continuous testing of ground water and be held to a much higher standard than required by the EPA.	2/22/2024 7:29 PM
193	Drinking water, wetlands	2/22/2024 7:23 PM
194	Drinking water is not a historical resource. It's a human right. Rye's water situation is deplorable and contrary to a municipalities basic obligation to provide clean, drinkable water. High mineral content causes erosion of expensive systems and causes financial hardship for many.	2/22/2024 5:23 PM
195	Drinking water	2/22/2024 4:23 PM
196	drinking water. Nature will take the beach eventually. we need to adapt our thinking on that. forests and fields come and go, as shown by many of the 'vintage' photos of the town.	2/22/2024 3:25 PM
197	Drinking water, beaches	2/22/2024 2:49 PM
198	Drinking water for sure	2/22/2024 12:12 PM
199	Land, forests, fields.	2/22/2024 9:03 AM
200	Water is an ongoing issue. Both drinking water and our water quality surrounding our beaches.	2/22/2024 8:57 AM
201	Sometimes it seems in protecting our natural resources we are harming them. Ex over-engineering by RCC. I can't speak for the water, as I don't have enough information. I hear a lot that leads me to believe there are problems.	2/22/2024 8:16 AM
202	Beaches, wetlands, undeveloped land	2/21/2024 8:51 PM
203	drinking water	2/21/2024 7:02 PM
204	Wetlands, Atlantic White Cedars, Aquarion Well 5A on Central Road which has no Sanitary Protective Radius, Bailey Brook Watershed, Berry Brook Watershed, Salt Marshes, Parsons Creek Watershed.	2/21/2024 4:58 PM
205	Drinking Water	2/21/2024 9:30 AM
206	Beaches	2/20/2024 1:46 PM
207	Water resources, and Our coastline	2/20/2024 11:20 AM
208	all of the above	2/20/2024 9:11 AM
209	Drinking water has had some issues lately so maybe that? Would love to see the beaches and forests and fields preserved	2/19/2024 8:32 PM
210	drinking water and wetlands	2/19/2024 4:26 PM
211	drinking water, beaches	2/19/2024 3:18 PM
212	Drinking water, non conforming septic	2/19/2024 3:04 PM
213	all of the above	2/19/2024 2:06 PM
214	drinking water	2/19/2024 11:41 AM
215	Drinking water!!	2/19/2024 11:02 AM
216	Drinking water	2/19/2024 11:01 AM

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217	Drinking water	2/19/2024 9:52 AM
218	Wetlands- variances are granted for building too close to marshes, etc.	2/19/2024 9:10 AM
219	Rye has an excessive amount of walking trails which allow dogs and disturb the natural breeding, feeding and wintering patterns necessary to sustain healthy wildlife habitats	2/19/2024 8:47 AM
220	All the beaches. We do not have enough trash cans mostly because we claim we cannot afford to pay people to stay on top of removal etc. Same argument for trash pick-up in town at homes. The town should buy any open space like many seacoast towns do to preserve them.	2/19/2024 8:25 AM
221	Drinking water, beach bacteria closings, wetland protection	2/18/2024 8:59 PM
222	Happy with current protection levels.	2/18/2024 6:42 PM
223	Beaches	2/18/2024 11:10 AM
224	Drinking water is problematic. No one wants to smell chlorine when they turn on the faucet.	2/17/2024 9:59 PM
225	water, drinking water	2/17/2024 8:45 PM
226	Shale piles on Sawyer Beach	2/17/2024 8:32 PM
227	Want to see all natural resources protected.	2/17/2024 7:02 PM
228	Beaches and forests, dog waste is a significant problem.	2/17/2024 6:37 PM
229	Creating a cohesive and connected conservation plan that allows access from North Hampton to Portsmouth, sidewalks and bikeable routes to school.	2/17/2024 5:42 PM
230	drinking water, beaches, forests	2/17/2024 4:50 PM
231	We have so many summer days with high contamination days on our beaches. I've been told in the past it is partly due to septic systems by the ocean. If do, CLEAN IT UP!!	2/17/2024 4:13 PM
232	marshes, beaches, forests, drinking water	2/17/2024 3:03 PM
233	Watersheds, wetlands	2/17/2024 2:54 PM
234	Drinking water	2/17/2024 11:24 AM
235	Drinking water	2/17/2024 11:04 AM
236	Drinking water and beaches	2/17/2024 10:49 AM
237	Marshes - maintain good drainage and flow in and out of marsh areas	2/17/2024 8:11 AM
238	Drinking water, beaches, wetlands in that order.	2/17/2024 7:54 AM
239	Drinking water	2/17/2024 7:39 AM
240	Drinking water. We have to finally address the failing septic systems that have been polluting Parsons Creek for decades.	2/16/2024 7:40 PM
241	Drinking Water	2/16/2024 6:03 PM
242	all natural resources	2/16/2024 5:48 PM
243	Yes to all above - drinking water resources, beaches, forests, fields ...	2/16/2024 5:30 PM
244	Drinking water	2/16/2024 3:14 PM
245	drinking water	2/16/2024 2:31 PM
246	Drinking water	2/16/2024 2:20 PM
247	Beaches, open space, limit beach parking	2/16/2024 1:49 PM
248	Drinking water	2/16/2024 1:06 PM
249	Beaches and all water sources	2/16/2024 1:05 PM
250	Land conservation should not include developing our most sensitive land in anyway for recreational use that would put more pressure on the land or wildlife. Our most sensitive land should be protected not trampled on and over used.	2/16/2024 12:26 PM

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251	beaches, marshes, woods and drinking water	2/16/2024 11:45 AM
252	All of them	2/16/2024 11:12 AM
253	Beach access is always threatened.	2/16/2024 11:06 AM
254	Drinking water should be a high priority.	2/16/2024 11:05 AM
255	beaches and public access to areas for hiking and dog walking	2/16/2024 11:01 AM
256	Marshes. They play an important role in flood management, stormwater treatment, etc. Need to minimize encroachments.	2/16/2024 10:52 AM
257	The intrusion into the marshes from construction.	2/16/2024 10:51 AM
258	All of them. Especially drinking water, habitat, and wildlife.	2/16/2024 10:14 AM
259	Drinking water needs attention	2/16/2024 8:42 AM
260	Drinking water- Garland Road possibly infected by multiple junk cars abandoned 50 years ago within short distance from the well. Pictures available.	2/16/2024 8:12 AM
261	Both our water (which used to be great; now it reeks of chlorine) and contaminated water leaching into the ground and brooks from failing septic systems are problems which need attention.	2/16/2024 8:07 AM
262	Drinking water, trails, beaches.	2/16/2024 7:44 AM
263	Drinking water, beaches, fields, forests	2/16/2024 7:40 AM
264	Beaches protected from dog waste. Safe, widened walking paths down busy roads that lead to the beach	2/16/2024 6:56 AM
265	Beaches woods fields	2/15/2024 11:26 PM
266	Transparent non chemicalized Drinking water, pristine beaches (have community cleanup), sand instead of salt for snow/icy roads,	2/15/2024 11:15 PM
267	Drinking water, forests, marshes, and beaches. All septic tanks in Rye should be inspected for responsibility.	2/15/2024 11:06 PM
268	Water is gross and smells and tastes like chlorine. I've been all over the country and never once had tap water taste or smell like bleach. They are hiding something from the town.	2/15/2024 10:49 PM
269	Water	2/15/2024 10:27 PM
270	More areas to hunt	2/15/2024 10:19 PM
271	Conservation Commission does an awesome job protecting and preserving land - but we need to address the drinking water issues.	2/15/2024 10:19 PM
272	Drinking water	2/15/2024 10:15 PM
273	Drinking water, drinking water, drinking water	2/15/2024 10:13 PM
274	All of these, drinking water resources, beaches, forests, fields, and public spaces	2/15/2024 10:07 PM
275	Beaches	2/15/2024 9:54 PM
276	Drinking water	2/15/2024 8:59 PM

Q3 How could Rye better protect, steward, or manage the remaining natural resource areas? Mechanisms may include strategic land conservation, strengthening land use regulations, public education, trail management, etc.

Answered: 250 Skipped: 70

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We should look after the land and resources that we have, rather than trying to acquire more.	3/15/2024 9:20 PM
2	Strengthen land use regulations	3/15/2024 5:08 PM
3	We are becoming overburden with conservation areas. Need to step back and take care of what we have now. Should sell the Goss barn. It is an expensive white elephant	3/15/2024 12:52 PM
4	Further Strength land use regulations. Just because someone has money to hire an attorney and fight does not make it ok to build their on/in wetlands. Need to conserve more land	3/15/2024 12:51 PM
5	We have enough land in conservation. We simply cannot buy up the entire town. Efforts should be focused on keeping current conservation land maintained and free from disruptions.	3/15/2024 12:48 PM
6	The rules seem to be have tightened. Enforcement for cases other new building permits seems liek t needs some strengthening. More education is always for the better.	3/15/2024 10:58 AM
7	It does too much as it is	3/15/2024 9:59 AM
8	Keep water clean	3/15/2024 9:53 AM
9	conservation restrictions and land conservation, strengthening land use regulations	3/15/2024 8:44 AM
10	land acquisition by town, stronger wetland ordinances	3/15/2024 7:44 AM
11	Str	3/14/2024 9:15 PM
12	Regulations and education	3/14/2024 7:52 PM
13	I would be in favor of all of the examples listed above: land conservation, strengthening regulations, educating the public, trail management, citizen beach clean-up days.	3/14/2024 7:52 PM
14	Land conservation, stronger land use regs, public education, trail mgmt, larger buffer zones, stricter septic req	3/14/2024 7:21 PM
15	Future conservation acquisitions should be strategic and analyzed for maximizing connectivity with current conserved parcels	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
16	Enforce the laws	3/14/2024 5:22 PM
17	Limit private home rock wall encroachment on public beaches	3/14/2024 4:33 PM
18	More Support for the Conservation Committee	3/14/2024 4:01 PM
19	public education	3/14/2024 3:15 PM
20	Strict building codes. Land conservation and use regulations. Better management of drinking water	3/14/2024 2:56 PM
21	Money for fields, more trails and trail management, enforcement of septic protocols near beaches and marsh	3/14/2024 2:14 PM
22	enforce strict, sane rules. Get some expert willing to plan than execute.	3/14/2024 2:11 PM
23	Don't let non-residents use our town beaches for their dogs playground.	3/14/2024 1:41 PM
24	Less conservation land	3/14/2024 1:40 PM

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25	All of the above plus tighter zoning to protect open space and discourage multi unit development .	3/14/2024 12:49 PM
26	All of the above and stop granting variances that allow building in designated wet lands. Slow down new construction that is putting a strain on our resources	3/13/2024 6:24 PM
27	Strategic land conservation and strengthening land use regulations...	3/13/2024 5:35 PM
28	All of the above, specifically strategic land conservation	3/13/2024 5:31 PM
29	Prevent storm runoff, enforce the existing land use regulations	3/13/2024 3:34 PM
30	stop these Commissions to help so far then drop a bomb - and leave you in the dust. do problem solving - follow thru - sign	3/13/2024 2:04 PM
31	Be an active driver of the water treatment plant, don't just let Rye Water bop along. Take legal action against homeowners not complying with septic rules.	3/13/2024 11:24 AM
32	Find out from experts what needs to be done and the do it.	3/13/2024 10:40 AM
33	Increase building lot size and stop future building	3/13/2024 10:38 AM
34	Sewer in the Parsons Creek Watershed and for other watersheds south of there. Ending single family large lot multi home developments by moving to clustered developments with small sized houses (and for sure lots) and with required open space minimums with public access trails connecting through town, Conservation land acquisitions should be combined with carefully designed smaller sized housing units in clusters or cottage style well designed and tasteful, not by the usual developers. Workforce housing + conservation.	3/13/2024 10:29 AM
35	Trail management	3/13/2024 6:45 AM
36	Land conservation, land use regulations.	3/13/2024 6:24 AM
37	Strengthening septic system enforcement in	3/12/2024 8:35 PM
38	Land conservation, regulations, scale back on approving zoning variances	3/12/2024 8:17 PM
39	Litigation for failed septic systems and funding a water treatment plant.	3/12/2024 8:14 PM
40	Strengthen land use regulation. Limitation of building new developments	3/12/2024 6:49 PM
41	1) Enforcing the zoning laws and land use regulations already in place. 2) Have more than 24% (as close to 100% as possible) of Rye's wellhead protection areas in conservation areas. 3) Education is a terrific idea, but it is usually the ones who need the education that don't participate.	3/12/2024 4:38 PM
42	strengthening land use regulations and issuing fewer exceptions to the rules	3/12/2024 1:48 PM
43	Public education and land conservation	3/12/2024 12:08 PM
44	Remain or become more conscientious with regard to land use regulations. That doesn't mean the Conservation Commission must rule with an iron hand, nor does it mean politics must come into play.	3/12/2024 9:59 AM
45	Coastal resiliency plan. Investment in water treatment.	3/12/2024 7:09 AM
46	Southern end of Pirate's Cove has to be posted for E.coli contamination. Septic systems that are not in compliance are allowed to continue to be in use.	3/11/2024 10:38 PM
47	Increase land conservation	3/11/2024 9:09 PM
48	strategic land conservation, strengthening land use regulations, public education, eco friendly town buildings, renewable energy	3/11/2024 8:14 PM
49	Rye needs to limit spraying for insects, limit herbicides, ban windmills in the ocean	3/11/2024 8:11 PM
50	Make new construction and/or subdividing more prohibitive to limit the pace that our town is developed.	3/11/2024 8:03 PM
51	limit development	3/11/2024 7:12 PM
52	Public education	3/11/2024 4:59 PM

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53	Strengthening land use regulations, public education, and identifying areas that may be too costly to maintain.	3/11/2024 4:18 PM
54	The town should have consequences for ignoring regulations	3/11/2024 4:16 PM
55	Large home buildings too close to marshes seem push the water out but the water still needs its place..	3/11/2024 3:58 PM
56	Public education - Tours of the trails / trail education	3/11/2024 2:16 PM
57	further research into the cause of E. Coli contamination of Rye water, the response to which including chlorination has made our tap water unpleasant and requiring expensive filtration before drinking	3/11/2024 1:15 PM
58	All the points in italicized section above are true. Trails are not well marked or notes on town's web site.	3/11/2024 12:12 PM
59	strategic land conservation	3/11/2024 11:02 AM
60	Stop sweetheart deals of town resources (e.g. parsonage, trolly barn).	3/11/2024 10:00 AM
61	Sewers and water treatment plant. Septics at the beach won't cut it in the future with rising sea levels.	3/10/2024 10:59 PM
62	Why? We already have the highest percentage of conserved land (though I'd like to see data for Hampton, which has--I would guess--more wetlands area & sensitive habitats).	3/10/2024 5:03 PM
63	land use regs about septic tanks	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
64	recruit town residents who use these resources to help manage them. for example, ask citizens to help repair trails and build bridges in Rye Town Forest.	3/10/2024 4:35 PM
65	strategic land conservation, strengthening land use regulations, public education!	3/10/2024 4:25 PM
66	Limit development until we have adequate additional sources/supplies of drinking water. Add drinking water treatment facilities Raise and reinforce ocean wave barriers along Route 1A	3/10/2024 4:12 PM
67	more education about living and building homes the ocean near and marshes	3/10/2024 4:09 PM
68	The town should become better educated about the responsibility/authority of the RCC - that they are technically an arm of the Select Board and charged with using voter approved funds to steward the town's conservation efforts and needs.	3/10/2024 4:07 PM
69	the town forest is a mess. as an abutter, I feel it could be better managed	3/10/2024 3:57 PM
70	public education, starting at the school-aged live, encouraging children to study and present their findings.	3/10/2024 3:47 PM
71	All of the above need to be employed. Land use regulations need to be strengthened and enforced.	3/10/2024 3:08 PM
72	Yes to all strategic land conservation and more importantly placing easements on the conservation land to further protect it from future growth. Strengthening land use regulations every year. Education is always key, hopefully these storms (this year three in a row) will help.	3/10/2024 11:28 AM
73	enforcement of the current regulations would be the best thing. have a full process that prevents folks from removing trees or collecting water without permission	3/10/2024 11:26 AM
74	Rye was extremely late to reacting to Climate Change and could have been investing more town dollars to get Infront of this. ZBA approves too many Wetlands buffer variances. How much has impervious surface increased because of these expansions. Need a Parson's Creek Watershed district that does makes it harder for more septic system loads and development that removes buffer land. FB Engineering says the issue is saturated leech fields, not failing septic systems. Assuming RWD build treatment plant. Rt.1 Box Buildings have to be limited to Rt. 1 area. Greater discussion about the RCC strategy and implementation of conservation land for wildlife corridors.	3/10/2024 9:09 AM
75	Dont let big corporations built more in Rye. Keep Rye as rural as possible.	3/10/2024 8:35 AM
76	land conservation, trail management	3/10/2024 8:35 AM
77	Strategic land conservation, land use regulation, development regulation, public education, trail	3/9/2024 9:51 PM

	management	
78	Improve roads/barriers along shoreline Buidkings right next to marshes can change water drainage Public education - advanced classes, reintroduce dedicated history into curriculum at middle school. Great elementary school.	3/9/2024 8:31 PM
79	Strengthening land use.	3/9/2024 4:49 PM
80	Land conservation, enforce town ordinances regarding septic tanks particularly affecting water shed areas	3/9/2024 3:53 PM
81	Enforce septic pumping, or replacement of failed systems.	3/9/2024 1:36 PM
82	Land use regs esp on ecologically sensitive parcels. No interest upgrade loans, fines, or where necessary, more serious action, against those property owners who pollute our wetlands via failing septic.	3/9/2024 1:25 PM
83	trail management (too much dog waste on town trails),strengthening land use regulations	3/9/2024 12:56 PM
84	strategic land conservation and enhanced infrastructure	3/9/2024 11:30 AM
85	Stricter land use regulations, strict limits on growth, building. Because there is a greater need "globally" for housing it doesn't mean we need to provide it and sacrifice our open spaces and rural character.	3/9/2024 11:24 AM
86	All of it....and enforce things...it seems we allow many variances to be approved.	3/9/2024 11:17 AM
87	Land use regulation.	3/9/2024 9:44 AM
88	All of those yes.	3/8/2024 12:35 PM
89	Strategic land conservation, public education and strengthening land use regulations.	3/8/2024 10:13 AM
90	decrease building, evaluate use of energy in the town buildings, forget about investing in more building at the town library and use Parsons' field, maintain the roads which currently are dotted with pot holes, keep the speeds on roads in town monitored,	3/8/2024 9:58 AM
91	public education	3/8/2024 9:56 AM
92	No more building No affordable housing	3/8/2024 9:35 AM
93	Strengthening land use regulations, strategic land conservation, public education, manage development to minimize impact on natural resources	3/8/2024 9:23 AM
94	Lets invest in the proper management of our forest and animal habitats by educating the public via signs and bringing experts in the field for talks to the residents at the library.	3/8/2024 8:23 AM
95	More conservation Hold people accountable for septic Stop building in marshes	3/8/2024 6:15 AM
96	educate residents on how to reduce chemicals for lawn treatment and creating natural habitats for birds and other native animals; size limits on new construction and strengthen land use	3/7/2024 11:34 PM
97	Land conservation	3/7/2024 10:56 PM
98	enforce carry in/carry out of trash and dog waste, prevent any development around natural resource areas that may have an adverse impact whether immediate or delayed on the natural resource	3/7/2024 10:37 PM
99	Strategic conservation is great, but it should not preclude limited development for the greater community good, for example, cellphone towers	3/7/2024 10:20 PM
100	land use and zoning regulations targeted at conserving the rural character of Rye	3/7/2024 9:58 PM
101	None.	3/7/2024 9:50 PM
102	crowd control,	3/7/2024 9:16 PM
103	Land conservation	3/7/2024 8:28 PM
104	PUBLIC EDUCATION. We will fix what's wrong when we understand it. Protecting the natural resources, trash and bathroom services at the beaches, while counterintuitive, will assist in keeping it clean.	3/7/2024 8:19 PM

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105	Strengthen land use regs	3/7/2024 5:55 PM
106	Do not build anything on wetlands. No variances for direct wetland use.	3/7/2024 12:42 PM
107	More help to monitor resources and staff to enforce resource management decisions	3/7/2024 12:00 PM
108	Trail management and strategic land conservation	3/7/2024 8:45 AM
109	Work better with the State of NH on Route 1A improvements. It takes consistency in advocating for the state to take care of the small amount of coastline we have. This is being largely ignored despite the 10-year plan which has many gaps in what they plan on doing some day. What is in the 10-year plan needs to be revised and improved to meet our current needs.	3/7/2024 8:36 AM
110	Better conservation land management	3/7/2024 8:04 AM
111	More strategic land conservation, stronger land use regulations and more public education. Protect our community from over development, especially in highly sensitive areas and wetlands.	3/7/2024 8:03 AM
112	Public education, trail management, protection of green spaces/tree removal/repurposing of land	3/6/2024 10:53 PM
113	Have the town be diligent in enforcing that every homeowner and business follow septic pump-out regulations. Inspect suspected septic failures. I'd like to see the town conserve more open spaces and forests.	3/6/2024 6:48 PM
114	Better pursuit of management of coliform contamination of our waterways.	3/6/2024 2:46 PM
115	Parks, trails and other outdoor activity sites should be better maintained and more accessible, as they are a big selling point for new residents. The parking lot at Parson's field, for example, is creepy and riddled with potholes. There should be some parking directly off the street. Trails used for cross-country running should be better maintained, as I've seen people slipping on leaves and tripping on roots. All of these quality of life aspects are more important than land or habitat conservation.	3/6/2024 2:07 PM
116	Purchasing land for conservation	3/6/2024 1:26 PM
117	ie, Parson's Creek - we have a likely fecal-pollution issue here. We could study this problem and get UNH (possibly) to help us develop solutions to the causes.	3/6/2024 12:50 PM
118	sewers and a water treatment plant (for drinking water)	3/6/2024 12:30 PM
119	See above.	3/6/2024 12:30 PM
120	need better enforcement for water quality violations due to inappropriate handling of septic waste. High bacteria counts at places like Pirates Cove every summer are UNACCEPTABLE and seem simple enough to mitigate through local enforcement	3/6/2024 11:31 AM
121	Strategic land conservation is always a great option. Preventing unnecessary development with conservation and strong land use regulations will do a lot to keep Rye "rural". Additionally public education around the importance of maintaining ecosystems and natural solutions to climate problems.	3/6/2024 11:27 AM
122	less real estate built and variances given	3/6/2024 11:19 AM
123	3). trail signage, some walkways with maybe benches in memory of past citizens. some hand rails. Donation of maybe sitting deck. Observation site info. Depending.	3/6/2024 11:17 AM
124	public education strategic land conservation strident zoning laws in/near wetlands	3/6/2024 11:10 AM
125	Strategic land conservation, replace old culverts with new properly sized culverts, work on recycling at dump and in town procurement to assure maximum recycling and minimize solid waste.	3/6/2024 10:46 AM
126	Agree with solar panels on Schools, landfill and other municipal buildings to reduce costs to the town and divert waste from the landfill. Town forests should be managed to promote healthy tree growth.	3/6/2024 10:09 AM
127	Ryan is doing just fine, in some cases conservation has gone a little overboard.	3/6/2024 9:11 AM
128	Doing just fine, Conservation may be getting a little expensive.	3/6/2024 8:51 AM

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129	Strengthen land use regs	3/6/2024 5:56 AM
130	Have at least one area in town forest/trail system/beach for public use free of unleashed dogs. For seniors and others to walk without the risk of stepping in waste or being approached or knocked down by a dog. Town forest has become a dog park.	3/6/2024 4:37 AM
131	Land conservation	3/5/2024 8:37 PM
132	Independent agency	3/5/2024 6:56 PM
133	Actual land conservation, no re-zoning, no multi families, we enjoy our wide open spaces.	3/5/2024 6:48 PM
134	we have given the conservation commission money to buy strategic land. that seems enough	3/5/2024 5:04 PM
135	all of the above	3/5/2024 4:57 PM
136	Town sewer and new water system	3/5/2024 4:54 PM
137	a trail book might inspire more se of areas other than Rye roads. presumably this should leas to appreciation and protection	3/5/2024 4:49 PM
138	better public education!! increase consequences/regulation of appropriate/safe land use	3/5/2024 4:40 PM
139	all above	3/5/2024 4:38 PM
140	strategic land conservation, strengthening and use regulations (especially!), public education, trail management	3/5/2024 4:30 PM
141	we need to stand strong against any development that impacts the marshes. we need to purchase and protect - conservation areas so that the next generation enjoy open fields and beautiful forests should conserve the current farm fields and prevent any development on them.	3/5/2024 4:27 PM
142	New laws restricting building development and land use. We live on a great length of Seacoast and our town is 50% wetlands and marshes. You cannot keep building and filling in land when surrounded by water	3/5/2024 4:24 PM
143	Trail maintenance of town forest testing of water at the beaches more often clean up what's causing the problem with water quality at the beaches... we need answers!	3/5/2024 4:11 PM
144	Mindi messier scientist or many activist in area	3/4/2024 5:53 PM
145	Better strategic management of existing conserved lands. Not all lands need trails, some lands need human prohibition during breeding season, etc. Goss Farm should be used a working community farm, not only for use by the friends of the RCC	3/4/2024 3:48 PM
146	Strategic land conservation, careful attention paid to variances or not variances.	3/4/2024 1:44 PM
147	Increased public education to ensure a knowledgeable citizenry free from wealthy individuals being able to bully their way around conservation regulations.	3/4/2024 11:27 AM
148	Minimize new building Prioritize protection of current green spaces/undeveloped land	3/3/2024 11:12 PM
149	Water management for both drinking and beaches	3/3/2024 9:35 PM
150	Conservation protect from climate change	3/3/2024 8:52 PM
151	Stop giving variances to building projects. Keep animals off beaches.	3/3/2024 7:11 PM
152	Stop granting variances and development! Keep open spaces open!	3/3/2024 6:57 PM
153	Set a budget for maintenance of the coastal walkway	3/3/2024 5:58 PM
154	Enforcement of current laws and regulations.	3/3/2024 5:37 PM
155	Stricter septic regulation and enforcement, reduce approved variances, reduce new building permits	3/3/2024 5:20 PM
156	Acquiring open space	3/3/2024 4:48 PM
157	I think it's a two pronged approach, better public education and protection measures that are enforced.	3/3/2024 10:18 AM

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158	Public education is key. It's hard work but little buy little you see progress with the understanding of what we all need to do to preserve resources.	3/3/2024 10:15 AM
159	Conservation easements.	3/3/2024 8:16 AM
160	Building codes.. all new building on ocean front must be built all stilts. No grass lawns on beach front only native planting and esp having up to marshes- only marsh grasses to mitigate range action and promote shellfish habitat. Build trails on major tattoos to promote non motorized use along central, sagamore and eallis and Washington do neighbors can walk to each other's houses. To schools to beach etc. No more rocks on beaches.. no more walls. These have temporary Benefits but eventually are undermined but ocean. Poor house on stilts, plant dune grass,	3/2/2024 3:09 PM
161	stop the over building	3/2/2024 2:57 PM
162	Managing town lands and forest is good, but we need stricter regulations and punishment for people destroying the land for their own purposes. (Hiking and biking trails.)	3/2/2024 12:15 PM
163	Regulations	3/2/2024 9:20 AM
164	Start with what we have and make people adhere to existing regs.	3/2/2024 9:16 AM
165	Strengthening land use regulations and enforce them.	3/2/2024 7:50 AM
166	Having people in place that have the knowledge to save our water and land.	3/1/2024 5:31 PM
167	All of the above	3/1/2024 1:38 PM
168	water treatment plant	3/1/2024 12:35 PM
169	None that I can think of. I think you do a great job.	2/29/2024 5:16 PM
170	Not sure	2/29/2024 3:07 PM
171	Strengthening land use regulations	2/29/2024 2:11 PM
172	Develop a long term plan for how we will deal with rising sea levels affordably and equitably.	2/29/2024 2:06 PM
173	strengthening land use regulations	2/28/2024 10:34 AM
174	strengthen land use regulations particularly with respect to new building proposals	2/26/2024 10:12 AM
175	Better protect existing natural resources from flooding. Flooding will continue to increase and to recognize new flood plans and projecting a future will better protect our current resources.	2/26/2024 9:39 AM
176	land owners be good steward	2/25/2024 9:55 PM
177	It's encouraging to see so much of the land conserved. Strategic conservation of ecologically significant land should remain a priority.	2/25/2024 9:30 PM
178	Please do not impose any more restrictions on land use. There are more than enough as is. Need less not more. Can't have boards and commissions that contradict one another. The RCC is a huge problem and embarrassment.	2/23/2024 3:30 PM
179	continued land conservation, reduce land development	2/23/2024 11:23 AM
180	Enforce stronger septic criteria; don't allow large developments that destroy the drinking water quality; enforce litter laws.	2/23/2024 7:21 AM
181	Rye seems to do no care taking of existing protected areas. I think of the Japanese knotweed invading all the marshes. And no incentive for homeowners to do the same on private lands. It seems the whole strategy is the status quo, as in stop development. It would be nice to see some community activity towards improvement of the lands we have protected.	2/23/2024 6:16 AM
182	More conservation of open space. Quicker beach clean up after storms. Tons of lobster traps and ropes on the beach. We need more recreation space than just the beach. Rye recreation area is a joke. The playground is outdated. We have very limited offerings compared to what I grew up with living in CT.	2/22/2024 7:29 PM
183	Better sewage regulation; tight zoning / planning variances.	2/22/2024 7:23 PM
184	The town does plenty, it overreaches.	2/22/2024 5:23 PM

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185	stop allowing clear cutting when building homes. there is a healthier way to develop a lot.	2/22/2024 3:25 PM
186	Re-evaluate the building policies/codes. The amount of development has gotten out of control, with open land being consumed and historic homes demolished. Also, existing enforcement seems inconsistent, some see rigorous oversight and others get things approved very easily.	2/22/2024 9:03 AM
187	Public education is key. Regulations only go so far and people find ways around them. Showing people the effect of bad practices and what is does to our water is important.	2/22/2024 8:57 AM
188	Public education would go a long way. Teach best practices for how to steward land.	2/22/2024 8:16 AM
189	Trail management, beach access management	2/21/2024 8:51 PM
190	Better regulations and better enforcement. Professional Town Planner. Less waivers and variances granted. Less impervious coverage.	2/21/2024 4:58 PM
191	None	2/21/2024 9:30 AM
192	Keeping dogs off of town beaches	2/20/2024 1:46 PM
193	1 immediate start would be to enforce the inspection and related maintenance required to bring all Septic Systems into compliance otherwise, impose penalties to make it happen.	2/20/2024 9:11 AM
194	Land conservation, public education and management/maintenance	2/19/2024 8:32 PM
195	We need to spend the money to get our wells clean and drinkable. We need to protect the wetlands with better laws and enforcement of those laws so that as the water rises, it has some place to go.	2/19/2024 4:26 PM
196	Mandatory septic evaluations Some are allowed to not be tested esp around Stinky Creek	2/19/2024 3:04 PM
197	Strengthening land use regulations along with public education.	2/19/2024 2:06 PM
198	Trail management and focusing on cleaning areas of concern	2/19/2024 11:02 AM
199	Public education Increase septic tank fines Improve beach parking	2/19/2024 11:01 AM
200	Don't put parking lots on conservation land. Don't spend our money wastefully.	2/19/2024 9:52 AM
201	Be strict about how close a building or deck can be to wetlands.	2/19/2024 9:10 AM
202	Refining policy and limiting creation of walking trails which allow dogs and bikes.	2/19/2024 8:47 AM
203	Land conservation - town must buy the land and control it.	2/19/2024 8:25 AM
204	Public education around wetlands. Significantly increase fines around things like littering, not picking up dog waste etc - use cameras in areas with issues.	2/18/2024 6:42 PM
205	All of the above	2/18/2024 11:10 AM
206	Rye needs to preserve its character. We do not need more development in Rye. It's not that kind of town nor should it be. Part of its desirability is its small town charm. Leave it alone.	2/17/2024 9:59 PM
207	not allow subdivisions that penetrate deep into our well water area, we should allow cluster zoning but create setbacks that keep homes further away	2/17/2024 8:45 PM
208	Protect & maintain our beaches	2/17/2024 8:32 PM
209	Limited investment, strict policies.	2/17/2024 7:02 PM
210	Larger penalties for dog waste.	2/17/2024 6:37 PM
211	Significantly more sidewalks, trails and paths to move throughout town.	2/17/2024 5:42 PM
212	conservation, regulation, education	2/17/2024 4:50 PM
213	Yes, all of the above. Don't bow to the pressures of developers or home owners	2/17/2024 3:03 PM
214	Tracking violations and enforcing the rules that protect resources.	2/17/2024 2:54 PM
215	Public education	2/17/2024 11:24 AM
216	Public education	2/17/2024 10:49 AM

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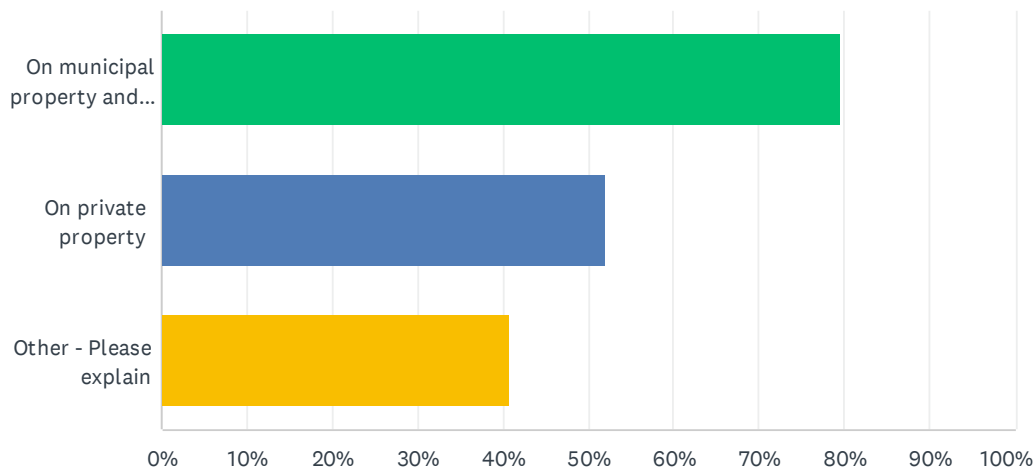
217	Both land conservation and land use regulations.	2/17/2024 7:54 AM
218	Land conservation and trail management	2/17/2024 7:39 AM
219	Fix leaking septic systems	2/16/2024 7:40 PM
220	Rye does well with conserving land. The main problem is water coming from off site locations, such as Coakley landfill.	2/16/2024 6:03 PM
221	all listed above, plus enforcement of transgressions and development encroachment	2/16/2024 5:48 PM
222	Yes to all above - strategic land conservation, strengthening land use regulations, public education, trail management,	2/16/2024 5:30 PM
223	transparency and accountability	2/16/2024 2:31 PM
224	Rye Conservation Commission should be elected positions similar to select board, library trustees, etc. The current operations of this commission, with current members choosing successor members appears open to abuse.	2/16/2024 2:20 PM
225	Charging for profit businesses to use town land/beach & meters on Rt. 1a. Use that money to buy more conservation land / put in a water treatment plant / towards anything that will help maintain our natural resources.	2/16/2024 1:05 PM
226	We are doing a good job---just keep on what we are doing. We also need to allow for work force housing and not tighten up our zoning	2/16/2024 12:39 PM
227	Leave some conserved land alone. Don't encourage recreational use of every parcel. Leave some natural resources to nature.	2/16/2024 12:26 PM
228	septic pump enforcement, trash cans, beach cleanups, only rye dogs on town beach and forests.	2/16/2024 11:45 AM
229	Organize annual or semi annual town-wide trash pickup. Earth Day activity?	2/16/2024 11:12 AM
230	Strengthen Land use regs	2/16/2024 11:08 AM
231	Long term planning for building stronger structures , sea walls, water flow, drainage.	2/16/2024 11:05 AM
232	trail management and enforcing current laws before imposing new ones	2/16/2024 11:01 AM
233	Provide trail maps to conservation land and town forest. Let people walk the land and they will develop a better appreciation of need to manage and conserve land.	2/16/2024 10:52 AM
234	Education of the importance of the resources and why restrictions are in plan as well as trail management, and better enforcement of the encroachments.	2/16/2024 10:51 AM
235	All of the above	2/16/2024 10:14 AM
236	Keeping public land,and roads, available and usable for everyone. Stop restricting areas in rye to hunting. It's valuable to manage the deer population as it is very abundant in Rye.	2/16/2024 8:42 AM
237	Citizen partnership. Meet with neighbors and discuss the plan before buying property with plans for a parking lot.	2/16/2024 8:12 AM
238	Determine which septic systems are failing and demand that the owners fix the problem.	2/16/2024 8:07 AM
239	Remove beaver dams. Water levels have risen far too much in the last 5 years causing damage to homes via flooding. Town needs to control beaver levels. Understand they are loved but who pays for damage with increasing water levels in wetlands. Can't even walk in certain areas.	2/16/2024 7:44 AM
240	Public education and no dog beaches	2/16/2024 7:40 AM
241	Limit dog use of beaches to the less wow friendly non sandy beaches	2/16/2024 6:56 AM
242	Public education. More conservation land	2/15/2024 11:26 PM
243	Transparency of Rye well and drinking water (healthy and no chemicals), community service beach cleanup, aesthetic stone foundation parking areas that withstand storms too. Make our beaches loved! No salt on roads, sand only. Signs to respect wildlife.	2/15/2024 11:15 PM
244	Choose conservation over condos	2/15/2024 11:06 PM

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245	Public transparency.	2/15/2024 10:49 PM
246	More hunting land	2/15/2024 10:19 PM
247	Protect our watershed. Year round trash pick up at beach to encourage proper waste disposal.	2/15/2024 10:19 PM
248	trail mgmt and land conservation	2/15/2024 10:07 PM
249	Public education	2/15/2024 9:54 PM
250	Public education	2/15/2024 8:59 PM

Q4 Where would you like to see Rye produce more renewable energy? Check any of the options below.

Answered: 288 Skipped: 32



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
On municipal property and buildings?	79.51%	229
On private property	52.08%	150
Other - Please explain	40.63%	117
Total Respondents: 288		

#	OTHER - PLEASE EXPLAIN	DATE
1	Not on public buildings. I don't think taxpayers need to be burdened with that cost.	3/15/2024 12:48 PM
2	No renewable energy	3/15/2024 9:59 AM
3	Wind and tidal turbines	3/14/2024 7:52 PM
4	Breakfast hill landfill, garland dump, public safety bldg	3/14/2024 7:21 PM
5	Develop a solar ordinance	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
6	Everywhere feasible	3/14/2024 5:22 PM
7	A favorable Solar Ordinance for private property. None by Town unless it pays for itself within five years of purchase.	3/14/2024 5:20 PM
8	I dont know where there are municipal buildings up to landowner unless town took it by eminent domain thermal. the middle school in Durham is "green" thermal and solar unbelievable	3/14/2024 2:11 PM
9	No. This should not be a priority for the town. Renewable energy infrastructure (solar, geo-thermal, etc.) is too costly to install and maintain, and is not a long term solution once energy rebates disappear. Renewable energy infrastructure beyond what is required by the state energy code will cost taxpayers more in the long-run on installation, maintenance and replacement.	3/14/2024 1:41 PM
10	More solar on municipal property and buildings and encouraging more on private property with financial incentives	3/14/2024 12:49 PM

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11	Wherever it is feasible to do so.	3/13/2024 6:24 PM
12	? Wind turbine marsh ocean solar field	3/13/2024 2:04 PM
13	Ocean and thermal. New Middle School in Durham. NH, is green.	3/13/2024 10:40 AM
14	not important	3/13/2024 10:38 AM
15	Yes - anywhere and everywhere.	3/12/2024 8:14 PM
16	Solar	3/12/2024 12:08 PM
17	Lead the way with town endeavors. Most individuals make an honest effort. This is a town of mixed income levels. That must be kept in mind.	3/12/2024 9:59 AM
18	Off shore wind	3/11/2024 4:59 PM
19	Any place where it fits in well w/o being an eyesore including historic buildings.	3/11/2024 4:18 PM
20	Offshore wind	3/11/2024 4:16 PM
21	anywhere there is a consensus among abutting property owners that solar or wind farm would be acceptable longterm	3/11/2024 1:15 PM
22	On any space that would allow it. Consult SELT, etc.	3/11/2024 12:12 PM
23	wherever possible	3/11/2024 11:02 AM
24	I don't support renewable energy, beyond what people want to do on their own private property. Keep windmills out of Rye!! I would consider supporting tidal energy if I saw a reasonable, efficient proposal.	3/10/2024 5:03 PM
25	public safety building on private property if it benefits the town anywhere it could be used to protect and serve the community.	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
26	more solar and wind	3/10/2024 4:35 PM
27	both if not a cost to taxpayers	3/10/2024 4:25 PM
28	but not in town center unless not visible from the street Coakley Landfill Property	3/10/2024 4:18 PM
29	school - solar panels homes - solar panels	3/10/2024 4:09 PM
30	all new construction of complexes and duplexes should have solar panels required	3/10/2024 3:47 PM
31	soar everywhere can we do wind?	3/10/2024 3:37 PM
32	solar panels on building that are deemed beneficial. allow it, even if historic district	3/10/2024 3:22 PM
33	What is Rye doing about wind power? Contact Clean Energy. New circuit rider program.	3/10/2024 11:28 AM
34	What ever can be done should be done. However, this should be done in conjunction with programs that reduce energy consumption. Dark power, all those home lights that are on all night. Master Plan should set goals for energy reduction. More focus on geothermal where possible.	3/10/2024 9:09 AM
35	Nowhere. Renewable energy is not cheap yet.	3/10/2024 8:35 AM
36	NOT wind turbines	3/10/2024 8:35 AM
37	Both public & private need participate.	3/9/2024 9:51 PM
38	None	3/9/2024 11:56 AM
39	Not a priority.	3/9/2024 11:24 AM
40	This is not a priority for me. I dislike the idea of anything that harms wildlife/sealife and think many of the investments made in alternative energy are actually not cost effective when you really look into them. I am in favor of our trash going to waste-to-energy plants.	3/9/2024 11:17 AM
41	I don't believe that the town should be responsible for generation of electricity other than for town/school building use.	3/9/2024 9:44 AM
42	Depends on the renewable energy taking into consideration not to destroy our other resources	3/8/2024 8:23 AM

and the habitat of many animals who live among us.

43	Educate people on how to reduce their consumption of energy and limit size of new construction. Renewable energy makes us feel good but is not a long term solution. Reducing energy consumption is a long term solution!	3/7/2024 11:34 PM
44	combination and with appropriate expert consultation thinking about any possible long term consequences (ie wind) that may have an adverse affect	3/7/2024 10:37 PM
45	Yes everywhere possible, but the economics should help support it. Renewable power has a higher value than traditional power. Public Safety Building, Future water treatment plants. Private property, commercial buildings with new roofs, etc	3/7/2024 10:20 PM
46	I don't want to see Rye produce renewable energy at the expenses required to produce renewable energy.	3/7/2024 9:58 PM
47	None, there is no need for it.	3/7/2024 9:50 PM
48	solar on both schools	3/7/2024 9:16 PM
49	Away from schools but on public land	3/7/2024 8:28 PM
50	Where available, public-commercial-municipal.	3/7/2024 8:04 AM
51	Wherever it will be most effective	3/7/2024 8:03 AM
52	anywhere it makes sense.	3/6/2024 6:48 PM
53	Rooftop solar is a good idea for residents. Solar farms are an eyesore.	3/6/2024 2:07 PM
54	roof top and ground mount. at the dump? could we try wind? or wave-generated?	3/6/2024 12:50 PM
55	I'm not sure I see it as a town's mission/responsibility to "produce" renewable energy, or any energy. Perhaps it should make it easy (if it isn't already) to invest in roof-top solar.	3/6/2024 12:30 PM
56	any building where solar is possible	3/6/2024 12:17 PM
57	solar panels on buildings id deemed appropriate/beneficial cost analysis	3/6/2024 12:09 PM
58	Any building that needs a roof repair and is south facing for solar can do PPAs to mitigate capital costs evaluate community solar option - Re-Volv Energy or Revision Energy	3/6/2024 11:31 AM
59	Offshore wind is another great option. Additionally tidal might be something to consider.	3/6/2024 11:27 AM
60	solar	3/6/2024 11:19 AM
61	Some neighbors use too many chemicals on lawns. Do not recycle clippings. Have sprinkler systems going when raining. Going off n on like a golf course morning, noon n night. Dogs not trained and when I complained the police said, 'to have a friendly talk with your neighbor! Rye has alot of "BLIGHT". with yard trash piling up...Blight is an issue that several State's patrol and give out warnings and fines as it is a source of water contamination. The Town enforcer does NOT enforce and or he has no help to form a team to give out notices, fines. If you go on line you can read about "Blight"!! The people who 'blight ' are hoaders! Eventually they cost the Town \$\$\$\$. Go down Grove Road and you will see a house with all sorts of trash, trailers, auto's, bikes, tires. The same as Bracket Road that has a section that is an annex to the Town dump! Their 'grand-father' clause has run out! 30 La Mer has a dumped monster swing set in the 20 ft. side yard that was dumped there from the 100 ft. Marsh Penalty. Talk about violations, fines with codes that are allowing 'blight'. This offense has long run out.	3/6/2024 11:17 AM
62	Would love to see more solar panels wherever possible	3/6/2024 11:10 AM
63	Seriously consider community solar farm	3/6/2024 10:46 AM
64	Would like to see a ballast mounted photovoltaic system on the old Rye landfill. It could serve double duty as a means to deflect rainwater from the top of the landfill to minimize infiltration into the aquifer below. Co-generating furnaces that can produce both heat and electricity should be explored for town buildings.	3/6/2024 10:09 AM
65	solar initiatives	3/6/2024 9:54 AM
66	Where it meets zoning requirements.	3/6/2024 9:11 AM

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67	Energy production is nit the Towns responsibility.	3/6/2024 4:37 AM
68	solar only	3/5/2024 4:57 PM
69	solar panels wherever possible	3/5/2024 4:49 PM
70	solar on all municipal buildings electric vehicle charge	3/5/2024 4:38 PM
71	put solar panels where appropriate as RJH did	3/5/2024 4:30 PM
72	solar panels we should work with a company for one hassle disposal that will move ur waste to a waste to energy plant. CURB TO GRID	3/5/2024 4:27 PM
73	Town Hall, safety building, library at the rec area - solar arrays! how about windmill at Odiorne State Park	3/5/2024 4:11 PM
74	I remain unconvinced that renewable energy pays for itself when all externalities are accounted for. As far as public buildings are concerned, unobtrusive solar panels could be considered if they have a payback.	3/4/2024 3:48 PM
75	For example solar panels are great but no one ever discusses the impact to the environment.	3/3/2024 10:18 AM
76	Use wind generated turbine fans on all roofs to release heat in attics and create energy. Both municipal and private. Walls in all new buildings thicker for better insulation, enforce better insulation on all new buildings, times light switches	3/2/2024 3:09 PM
77	On town property have a combination of solar farms, wind mills, or geothermal units that would power, heat, and cool town public buildings. Reduce the cost of electric use on public buildings.	3/2/2024 12:15 PM
78	I am not sure how Rye can even produce renewable energy ?	3/2/2024 9:16 AM
79	Don't need it.	3/1/2024 5:31 PM
80	Support oil independence for the country..campaign heavily against windmills which pollute oceans devalue property	3/1/2024 1:38 PM
81	I think renewable energy should be an individual choice. I don't want Rye mandating anything. Right now we are absorbing tax benefits for those who choose renewables. I think that is wrong. Government should stay out of what should be a personal choice.	2/29/2024 5:05 PM
82	Use as much solar as possible on our municipal buildings. The savings would encourage homeowners to uconsider solar as well.	2/29/2024 2:11 PM
83	Don't need to prioritize generation of renewable energy as a town	2/29/2024 2:06 PM
84	Property tax break/credits on businesses and homeowners who implement renewable energy.	2/26/2024 9:39 AM
85	rye can't afford to produce renewal energy	2/25/2024 9:55 PM
86	Off shore	2/23/2024 6:16 AM
87	Only if done wisely and well thought out	2/22/2024 12:12 PM
88	While renewable energy is great, private owners should do it. Tax payers should not be forced to pay for either installing or upkeep and maintenance.	2/22/2024 8:57 AM
89	It should def be explored. I don't know enough to know whether it would be a definite value.	2/22/2024 8:16 AM
90	Conservation land easements should allow community solar farms to be built on open conservation land	2/22/2024 7:15 AM
91	Private only-tax payers should not be involved	2/20/2024 1:46 PM
92	its a much bigger problem than locally - we need to be down stream from Hydro and wind created power to get off fossil fuel energy	2/20/2024 9:11 AM
93	Residents and businesses should be encouraged to install solar panels wherever possible. For those unable to do so, the town should encourage the construction of community solar farms. These could be built on public or private land to provide renewable power to municipal facilities, businesses and residents. Both of these would help the town meet the goals of NH Climate Plan and make the town more sustainable and resilient.	2/19/2024 4:33 PM

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94	Should be up to landowners to have on their property, not decided on by committees Currently the water issue should be a priority	2/19/2024 3:04 PM
95	None	2/19/2024 9:52 AM
96	The climate and geology of Rye does not seem to be conducive to producing energy. Rye should seek to purchase renewable energy where the cost is within 10% of other energy.	2/18/2024 6:42 PM
97	Solar ok but no windmills please	2/18/2024 11:10 AM
98	lessen the regulations, allow homes to have more allowances for wind and other forms of renewable energy	2/17/2024 8:45 PM
99	This is not a priority.	2/17/2024 7:02 PM
100	Not on taxpayer expense. It is dependent on subsidies and we should not mandate it in any way.	2/17/2024 6:37 PM
101	Community power solar field.	2/17/2024 5:42 PM
102	no idea	2/17/2024 3:03 PM
103	The pollution caused by solar panels when disposed of negates benefits.	2/16/2024 7:40 PM
104	Rye has a lot of land in conservation. It would be nice if Rye could use some for solar fields.	2/16/2024 6:03 PM
105	I don't think the town should be installing solar at this time.	2/16/2024 2:20 PM
106	Solar where possible. NO wind turbines on land or offshore	2/16/2024 1:49 PM
107	On Commercial property.	2/16/2024 1:05 PM
108	The radiation, emfs that are put out by solar and all this 5G technology are dangerous and need deep investigation. Geothermal would be more preferred. Wind farms can be very harmful to migrating birds. But if you insist, put on government buildings.	2/16/2024 11:05 AM
109	Work with the state to add to renewable options to state parks and beaches. collaboration may help expedite this	2/16/2024 11:01 AM
110	I think the more the better, private owners should be able to as well at top down approach if the municipal leads by example and puts solar and other renewable energy resources on municipal buildings it will show the residents that it is acceptable.	2/16/2024 10:51 AM
111	NOT private property. Rye has already taken my family land for water and cell towers. Outrageous.	2/16/2024 8:12 AM
112	Maybe provide incentives to new gaf solar roofing via tax credits.	2/16/2024 7:44 AM
113	Leave choices to citizens and consideration beauty of the town so regulations in place	2/16/2024 7:40 AM
114	Speeding reminder signs!	2/15/2024 11:15 PM
115	None	2/15/2024 10:19 PM
116	Depends on the renewable energy.	2/15/2024 10:15 PM
117	And private property offered by citizens for the benefit of all	2/15/2024 10:07 PM

Q5 Should the Town support homeowners and businesses in their efforts related to energy efficiency and renewable energy production? How might the Town do this?

Answered: 251 Skipped: 69

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Not if the renewable energy production method violates existing land use regulations (setbacks, height restrictions, etc.).	3/15/2024 5:08 PM
2	By relaxing some restrictions	3/15/2024 12:52 PM
3	no	3/15/2024 10:09 AM
4	By not falling for scams.	3/15/2024 9:59 AM
5	Yes. Grants. Experts speak at a forum.	3/15/2024 9:53 AM
6	yes, but unsure how	3/15/2024 8:44 AM
7	yes.	3/15/2024 7:44 AM
8	Tax incentives	3/14/2024 7:52 PM
9	Yes. Library presentations to educate. Possible one-time property tax credit.	3/14/2024 7:52 PM
10	Yes	3/14/2024 7:21 PM
11	Continued evaluation, recommendations, and community outreach by Energy Committee Update energy audits of all municipal buildings at least once every ten years	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
12	allow rooftop solar in historic district as long as it is not directly facing the street.	3/14/2024 6:01 PM
13	Work with energy companies and provide rebates	3/14/2024 5:22 PM
14	What does this question mean? "Support" - credit for RE Taxes? How? - A favorable Solar Ordinance for Private Property.	3/14/2024 5:20 PM
15	Provide tax incentives for installing energy efficient items in homes and businesses.	3/14/2024 4:33 PM
16	Not unless it is a town-wide initiative & not individual tax breaks for those who can afford to implement energy savings on their property.	3/14/2024 4:01 PM
17	Certain tax abatements on energy additions to property. wholesale/bulk purchases of equipment	3/14/2024 3:43 PM
18	incentives deducted from property taxes	3/14/2024 3:15 PM
19	Yes. Provide credits or incentives. Remove restrictions on solar on front of buildings.	3/14/2024 2:14 PM
20	yes, by incentivizing people who take on the issue of sustainability whole heartedly. community or all for one is not a good idea. if people responded to the 400 year celebration, they would support innovation energy profit if enforcement and lead of smart knowledgeable people.	3/14/2024 2:11 PM
21	No, the town should not waste town resources to educate the public on a subject that utilities, states, and the federal government has an abundance of free information on already.	3/14/2024 1:41 PM
22	Not financially	3/14/2024 1:40 PM
23	Good question 😊 encourage federal and other grants , more than presently exist .	3/14/2024 12:49 PM
24	Yes...not sure how.	3/13/2024 6:24 PM
25	no , town should not be concerned with these types of activities	3/13/2024 5:39 PM
26	Tax credits	3/13/2024 5:35 PM

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27	Tax credits	3/13/2024 5:31 PM
28	Why not - US is so far behind!? reduce hybrid car benefit rebates to submit - electric mini splits -	3/13/2024 2:04 PM
29	I would guess there are zoning ordinances that make installing solar panels on roofs or standalone difficult, but not sure.	3/13/2024 11:24 AM
30	Praise businesses who implement measures. Town leaders should make energy conservation an important part of governance.	3/13/2024 10:40 AM
31	no, no town handouts	3/13/2024 10:38 AM
32	Yes. Through loans to homeowners who could not otherwise afford and through regulations on all new construction and major renovations. Boulder does this. If you come in for a fairly major say 1000 foot addition to a home you are required to put solar panels. Rye's approach as to what is required might be different.	3/13/2024 10:29 AM
33	Tax credits for solar	3/12/2024 8:35 PM
34	No, this is not a town responsibility to get involved with. Don't get in the way, but not a town issue to lend support	3/12/2024 8:17 PM
35	Tex credit/rebate.	3/12/2024 8:14 PM
36	Yes. Support in relation to building codes or zoning regulations	3/12/2024 6:49 PM
37	If the State supports (financially) homeowners and businesses in efforts related to energy efficiency, I think that is sufficient. What they have done so far is good.	3/12/2024 4:38 PM
38	provide incentives; provide charging stations for EVs	3/12/2024 1:48 PM
39	No	3/12/2024 12:08 PM
40	How remains an open question for me, but I feel strongly about Town assistance without turning it around to become a tax supported matter.	3/12/2024 9:59 AM
41	Yes. Land use regulations.	3/12/2024 7:09 AM
42	Solar energy could be put back into the grid.	3/11/2024 10:38 PM
43	Tax credit	3/11/2024 9:09 PM
44	Yes	3/11/2024 8:14 PM
45	Loosen current restrictions on modern energy efficient, clean burning wood furnaces.	3/11/2024 8:11 PM
46	Education on resources and options would be great, but Rye should not be subsidizing or financially incentivizing businesses	3/11/2024 8:03 PM
47	tax incentives	3/11/2024 7:12 PM
48	Tax incentives (credits or deductions)	3/11/2024 4:59 PM
49	Yes, allow regulations that adopt best use practices Town wide.	3/11/2024 4:18 PM
50	Yes, tax breaks.	3/11/2024 4:16 PM
51	Support by making it easy to install with very clear process for approval (if it's needed at all)	3/11/2024 2:16 PM
52	tax incentives for conversion of properties to high energy efficiency and for replacement of appliances with Energy Star rated appliances	3/11/2024 1:15 PM
53	If the town had a sustainability policy and noted who conforms, it might help those enterprises.	3/11/2024 12:12 PM
54	not sure	3/11/2024 11:02 AM
55	Tax incentives	3/11/2024 10:00 AM
56	Sure. Make the permit process easier.	3/10/2024 10:59 PM
57	No. Leave it to the state or feds to incentivize this. I don't support subsidizing out of town resources.	3/10/2024 5:03 PM

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58	state of NH should do this not Town of Rye.	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
59	Yes. Do not tax it.	3/10/2024 4:40 PM
60	tax breaks for solar energy tax breaks for electric vehicle registration	3/10/2024 4:35 PM
61	energy efficiency absolutely renewable energy not so much	3/10/2024 4:25 PM
62	no - it should be left to the private enterprise	3/10/2024 4:18 PM
63	The town should encourage private renewable energy projects, and should ensure that land-use ordinances are supportive. The Town should not provide any financial support for private projects.	3/10/2024 4:12 PM
64	yes community power?	3/10/2024 4:09 PM
65	Yes...see above	3/10/2024 4:07 PM
66	no	3/10/2024 3:57 PM
67	yes. have a consultant, tax breaks, discounts.	3/10/2024 3:47 PM
68	yes tax credits?	3/10/2024 3:37 PM
69	renewables need to be affordable to the average resident. Otherwise, progress will be too slow.	3/10/2024 3:08 PM
70	We have a problem in this State with terrible tax credits. Maine, Mass and VT outshine us by miles. I am unclear what Rye can do but if the town can support homeowners and businesses they should.	3/10/2024 11:28 AM
71	Clean energy NH has a circuit rider that can help with the process of getting grants. The energy commission has met with her. That is a large part of CENH and what they do to help in this area.	3/10/2024 11:26 AM
72	yes	3/10/2024 9:50 AM
73	Of course. Why would you do this. However, you can start with "carrot" activities and avoid tax reduction approaches.	3/10/2024 9:09 AM
74	No. People can do it themselves if they want. The town should not be responsible for private entities.	3/10/2024 8:35 AM
75	tax incentives	3/10/2024 8:35 AM
76	Yes - financial incentives work for most, although some in Rye have more financial means that others so may not work for all. Awards for businesses - something like a "Rye Clean Energy" award?	3/9/2024 9:51 PM
77	Yes Maybe tax breaks or cost savings for installation	3/9/2024 8:31 PM
78	Possible tax credits	3/9/2024 3:53 PM
79	Provide information on options	3/9/2024 1:36 PM
80	Yes. Make it easy to get permits related to energy efficient projects. Offer homeowners educational sessions/ideas for increasing their energy efficiency.	3/9/2024 1:25 PM
81	No	3/9/2024 11:56 AM
82	Absolutely	3/9/2024 11:30 AM
83	No. Taxpayer funds should not go towards these efforts. If a private homeowner wants to install more efficient heating systems, their choice, their cost.	3/9/2024 11:24 AM
84	No.	3/9/2024 11:17 AM
85	I don't believe that additional support is necessary, it would probably be in the form of tax credits and the families that can afford to install renewable energy (solar) are the least in need of additional support.	3/9/2024 9:44 AM
86	Yes, but no idea	3/8/2024 12:35 PM
87	I'd rather the Town focus its time and resources on addressing the critical environmental	3/8/2024 10:13 AM

issues that have been identified.

88	Maybe consider a minimal deduction of town tax for energy efficiency and renewable energy production	3/8/2024 9:58 AM
89	yes, but not sure how	3/8/2024 9:56 AM
90	Yes, offer tax breaks	3/8/2024 9:23 AM
91	Not at the local level. Let the federal government do that. Free markets should dictate prices so the majority can afford it. Businesses would charge the town an eye and a leg (expensive) if it gets involved.	3/8/2024 8:23 AM
92	Yes	3/8/2024 7:41 AM
93	no	3/7/2024 11:34 PM
94	Yes, give a insentive such as a break in tax bill	3/7/2024 10:56 PM
95	what is the definition of "support" here? The town should not financially give assistance.	3/7/2024 10:37 PM
96	First level of support is not to restrict in historic district. Not an issue for public buildings, but why not private residences as well	3/7/2024 10:20 PM
97	No, the town should not incentivize or oppose how homeowners and businesses decide to engage renewable energy productions.	3/7/2024 9:58 PM
98	Absolutely not.	3/7/2024 9:50 PM
99	no	3/7/2024 9:16 PM
100	YES. Renewable energy does not tarnish the "look" of out town. A building is already a building, adding a solar panel does not change that.	3/7/2024 8:19 PM
101	Offer to buy excess energy. Invest in storage of renewable energy.	3/7/2024 12:42 PM
102	Provide info on rebate programs and tax advantages to installing energy efficient mechanisms	3/7/2024 12:00 PM
103	Tax credits	3/7/2024 8:41 AM
104	No, the town should not subsidize this.	3/7/2024 8:36 AM
105	Make information easily available to homeowners and businesses on energy products and or projects.	3/7/2024 8:04 AM
106	Yes	3/7/2024 8:03 AM
107	No.	3/6/2024 10:53 PM
108	yes. work with solar companies and research best ways to use solar as a town and as homeowners and business so that we are less dependent on oil-based energy sources.	3/6/2024 6:48 PM
109	Support of renewable energy delopament and energy conseration.	3/6/2024 2:46 PM
110	The town should support homeowners by making permitting easy, but the town should not provide financial support to homeowners that want to add solar.	3/6/2024 2:07 PM
111	Yes, the town should support their efforts.	3/6/2024 1:30 PM
112	Not sure. Tax credits?	3/6/2024 1:26 PM
113	having a energy advocate position established through a grant (IRA many? or utility) where the advocate helps people find resources like solar energy or clean technology at heat pumps and works to capture additional grants.	3/6/2024 12:50 PM
114	If by support you mean spend tax-payer money on these efforts, NO! That's something for state, federal and utility programs to do. If you mean, "get out of the way of reasonable homeowner/business efforts in this domain" sure. Ensure that town zoning/codes facilitate renewables that don't destroy the environment or natural vistas.	3/6/2024 12:30 PM
115	yes. education about the benefits at the very least.	3/6/2024 12:17 PM
116	Create more local awareness about the inflation reduction act's climate credits for individual	3/6/2024 11:31 AM

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business and landowners

117	Yes, the town should do everything it can to help increase energy efficiency and provide renewable energy. I think Rye is unique in its capability to be a leader in the region on this front. Voucher programs for installation or equipment to help offset costs for homeowners and businesses, tax breaks for renewable retrofitting of existing infrastructure. Acting on behalf of the community to arrange and ensure the best power buy back system with power companies to ensure members of the community can remain attached to the grid, thus reducing retrofitting costs.	3/6/2024 11:27 AM
118	yes - programs sponsored for reductions.	3/6/2024 11:19 AM
119	I am not sure of the definition of commercial vs residential??? Bracket Road with a nice neighborhood house and then the building of this huge commercial garage and then scattered commercial equipment. Trucks, boating storage! Back-how's.	3/6/2024 11:17 AM
120	Yes - education, access to information	3/6/2024 11:10 AM
121	Give one time property tax credit in some amount for renewable energy installations	3/6/2024 10:46 AM
122	Yes, by helping them navigate the process for receiving any available rebates. Although there are tax benefits available, they are delayed. A fund should be established to help people pay up front, that can be reimbursed when people receive their tax credit. Work with solar companies to provide a standard modular design that can be produced and installed at a lower cost than a custom design. The same goes for wind turbines.	3/6/2024 10:09 AM
123	yes, grants to help transition to solar	3/6/2024 9:54 AM
124	The town should follow zone requirements, allowing the marketplace to decide, with a little help or discouragement from the town	3/6/2024 9:11 AM
125	No, the town should stay out of it. Zoning Laws should be followed.	3/6/2024 8:51 AM
126	No	3/6/2024 5:56 AM
127	No already supported by private industry (electric supplier and federal/state initiatives). Not the Towns responsibility.	3/6/2024 4:37 AM
128	Yes with a light hand	3/5/2024 6:56 PM
129	No	3/5/2024 6:48 PM
130	worries that renewable energy might cause more problems in long run	3/5/2024 5:04 PM
131	no	3/5/2024 4:57 PM
132	Yes by not creating zoning that interferes with those efforts	3/5/2024 4:54 PM
133	I doubt any tax abatements would be possible if it raised the general tax rate.	3/5/2024 4:49 PM
134	informational - assist with state program application/timing etc.	3/5/2024 4:38 PM
135	yes	3/5/2024 4:30 PM
136	Solar panels	3/5/2024 4:27 PM
137	Partner with local financial institutions for competitive loans. Educate people on the benefits. Incentives. Help from the state.	3/5/2024 4:24 PM
138	yes this is going to be a major problem in the near future. we should be supporting home owners and businesses that are adding solar and wind for an energy source. there should be no added fees (town fees!) or costs to homeowners or businesses when they want to add renewable energy products to their home.	3/5/2024 4:11 PM
139	Yes	3/4/2024 5:53 PM
140	No	3/4/2024 5:02 PM
141	No	3/4/2024 3:48 PM
142	Yes. Consult experts.	3/4/2024 1:44 PM
143	Modest tax relief incentives.	3/4/2024 11:27 AM

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144	Yes Monetary incentives and hassle-free permits	3/3/2024 11:12 PM
145	Tax breaks	3/3/2024 8:52 PM
146	Tax incentives	3/3/2024 7:11 PM
147	Tax breaks and community programs to make changes more affordable	3/3/2024 6:57 PM
148	Tax credits for specific renewable energy upgrades	3/3/2024 5:58 PM
149	Offer energy audits, tax incentives for more energy efficient appliances and construction materials	3/3/2024 5:20 PM
150	Yes	3/3/2024 4:59 PM
151	Yes, not sure how	3/3/2024 4:48 PM
152	Tax incentives might be an option. Or a negotiating consortium that provides the best quotes and opportunities to the town.	3/3/2024 10:18 AM
153	yes. Not sure how. Are there other communities using best practices with this initiative.	3/3/2024 10:15 AM
154	No.	3/3/2024 8:16 AM
155	See above... there is also education/ information needed as many people are clueless. That can included in the new regs as to why. For ex how much a leaking faucet costs us over a24 hours period. Forwa SORRY..IM DOING THIS ON MY CELL AND IT'S HARD TO CHECK MY WORK...I CAN'T SCROLL BACK TO CHECK FOR SPELLING ERRORS.. SORRY (Have we looked at what other places are doing in this regard? Esp on the west coast for ideas?	3/2/2024 3:09 PM
156	Give tax credits	3/2/2024 2:57 PM
157	Tax breaks for anyone using solar, wind, or geothermal.	3/2/2024 12:15 PM
158	Yes	3/2/2024 9:20 AM
159	Seems to me, we should be more focused on protecting our water and clean up the septic systems mess with older systems need to be required to be updated	3/2/2024 9:16 AM
160	The solar panels on the schools was a small but important start	3/2/2024 7:50 AM
161	No	3/1/2024 5:31 PM
162	No..	3/1/2024 1:38 PM
163	With proof of energy improvement, residents and businesses could take the total of that cost off their property taxes. Or a portion (for ex. 33%) could be taken off property taxes the first year, then the second year and finally the third year. Another way, especially for folks who can't afford the initial cost, perhaps they could apply for money, after approval, money is given. That money is added to the tax bill temporarily.(in case the work is not done). Then when proof that the work is done is provided, the initial cost is removed from the tax bill.	3/1/2024 12:35 PM
164	Yes	2/29/2024 5:16 PM
165	No. See above.	2/29/2024 5:05 PM
166	Yes, not sure what that would look like but renewable energy is the way to go.	2/29/2024 3:07 PM
167	No.	2/29/2024 2:06 PM
168	More education for homeowners and businesses.	2/29/2024 8:47 AM
169	I don't know what the tow could do. I think this is something that should be left to homeowners	2/28/2024 10:34 AM
170	renewable energy options are expensive and at this time are difficult for most people to afford without state, federal and local incentives	2/26/2024 10:12 AM
171	Absolutely, there's currently no incentive for people to make a switch, other than personal consciousness/morals, the town should aid this transition for new builds by offering a tax credit or write off for rye property taxes. same for existing home owners and business if they make a switch.	2/26/2024 9:39 AM
172	town can give advice but not control	2/25/2024 9:55 PM

173	I don't have any good ideas.	2/25/2024 9:30 PM
174	Yes	2/25/2024 7:20 AM
175	Yes	2/23/2024 3:30 PM
176	yes, the options available are not within reach from a cost perspective	2/23/2024 11:23 AM
177	Yes	2/23/2024 7:21 AM
178	Sure! Easy permitting would be good for stuff like solar. Maybe a tax credit?	2/23/2024 6:16 AM
179	Yes	2/22/2024 5:23 PM
180	Yes	2/22/2024 4:23 PM
181	allow microturbines and encourage solar energy installation	2/22/2024 3:25 PM
182	Yes, any zoning that makes renewables more attractive to businesses and homeowners	2/22/2024 2:49 PM
183	Possible small tax credit	2/22/2024 12:12 PM
184	yes, support state efforts to adopt energy conservation and promote in the town	2/22/2024 9:37 AM
185	Should allow it, but not financially.	2/22/2024 8:57 AM
186	If a homeowner desires energy efficiency then the homeowner should have that option, as long as it doesn't interfere with a neighbor's right to enjoy their own property.	2/22/2024 8:16 AM
187	Yes. Reserve funds from community power rates should be used to help pay for solar, heat pumps and batteries installations on residential, commercial and municipal properties.	2/22/2024 7:15 AM
188	Offer tax incentives	2/21/2024 8:51 PM
189	Tax breaks for residents who have solar panels	2/21/2024 7:02 PM
190	YES	2/21/2024 4:58 PM
191	Nebulous question	2/21/2024 9:30 AM
192	No. The town should not manipulate taxpayers in any way. They also should not give unfair tax advantages to residents/businesses who choose to use solar/wind	2/20/2024 1:46 PM
193	Yes as long as it stays within current zoning laws OR lets look at all options and create help from the town for residents to be able to implement according to new laws	2/20/2024 9:11 AM
194	Yes, it would have to be case by case but the town should encourage efforts to reduce burden on the grid	2/19/2024 8:32 PM
195	Yes. The town should encourage homeowners and businesses to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by building better than code minimums and installing more efficient HVAC equipment. It could encourage replacing HVAC systems with electric heat pumps perhaps by offering tax reductions for those that do so. One way to encourage this would be to require home builders and HVAC contractors to provide a certified report verifying their work passes ALL energy code requirements in order to qualify for an occupancy permit. Buildings that test better than code minimums might earn a lower rate.	2/19/2024 4:33 PM
196	Yes but I am not sure how. Perhaps supporting through ordinances.	2/19/2024 4:26 PM
197	yes	2/19/2024 3:18 PM
198	Make less restrictive to obtain permits and keep tax incentives	2/19/2024 3:04 PM
199	Yes by education	2/19/2024 2:06 PM
200	yes. tax credits.	2/19/2024 11:41 AM
201	Funding assistance? Create a group purchase?	2/19/2024 11:02 AM
202	Yes. Tax benefits for efficient modern technology.	2/19/2024 11:01 AM
203	We don't need to discount people who decide to save money with renewable energy or efficiency. We don't need to mandate regulations and rules.	2/19/2024 9:52 AM

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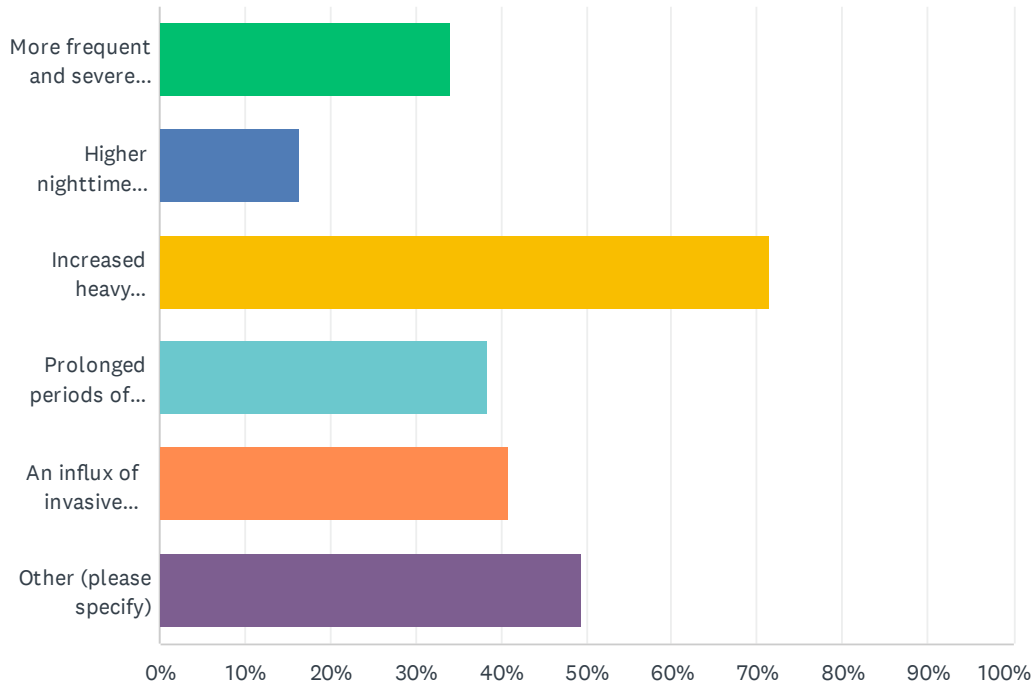
204	Absolutely yes! Give a tax break to people who get solar. Simple. Invest in our town and its people and its energy!	2/19/2024 8:25 AM
205	No - the town should not be involved in this. The town does not currently have the expertise to support this and should not build the expertise - there are many other resources available	2/18/2024 6:42 PM
206	Provide owners with available incentives	2/18/2024 11:10 AM
207	No. A private business or homeowner should be responsible for their own choices.	2/17/2024 9:59 PM
208	only with regulations that promote rather than create obstacles	2/17/2024 8:45 PM
209	Town already gives homeowners tax reduction for solar panels	2/17/2024 8:32 PM
210	No.	2/17/2024 7:02 PM
211	Share information on energy conservation for homeowners and businesses.	2/17/2024 6:37 PM
212	Yes	2/17/2024 5:42 PM
213	Yes, with tax breaks or incentives	2/17/2024 4:50 PM
214	Yes, tax credit?	2/17/2024 4:13 PM
215	yes. no idea	2/17/2024 3:03 PM
216	Yes.	2/17/2024 11:24 AM
217	Yes. Make it easier to get variances for renewable sources	2/17/2024 11:04 AM
218	Property tax incentives	2/17/2024 10:49 AM
219	Possibly with incentives but not directly financial.	2/17/2024 7:54 AM
220	Property tax breaks	2/17/2024 7:39 AM
221	No- it's homeowners choice.	2/16/2024 7:40 PM
222	Yes. Make the permitting process easy. No fee permits.	2/16/2024 6:03 PM
223	I think individual homeowners should pursue this. Facilitation by town would be great, but should not be town expense.	2/16/2024 5:48 PM
224	Yes. I don't understand the money well enough to suggest how this can be achieved.	2/16/2024 5:30 PM
225	No	2/16/2024 3:14 PM
226	no	2/16/2024 2:31 PM
227	Town should not get involved at this time, unless there are zoning issues involved.	2/16/2024 2:20 PM
228	Tax credits	2/16/2024 1:49 PM
229	Give a tax break to homes installing solar panels.	2/16/2024 1:05 PM
230	No	2/16/2024 12:26 PM
231	allow solar panel in all districts, reduced setbacks for solar panels	2/16/2024 11:45 AM
232	Tax reduction	2/16/2024 11:12 AM
233	Community Power sign ups. Lower rates available generally.	2/16/2024 11:06 AM
234	No	2/16/2024 11:05 AM
235	Absolutely. Tax breaks or other incentives such as making the zoning for things such as solar panels a non issue	2/16/2024 11:01 AM
236	Property tax rebates to cover some of the costs.	2/16/2024 11:00 AM
237	No-government should not be involved.	2/16/2024 10:52 AM
238	Tax incentives to those who install solar panels and change zoning and land regulations for allowance of these on private properties.	2/16/2024 10:51 AM

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239	Yes	2/16/2024 10:14 AM
240	I don't think the town should support homeowners and business owners with renewable energy as if it's something they would like to do they should do on their own	2/16/2024 8:42 AM
241	Without taxpayer dollars.	2/16/2024 8:12 AM
242	It should be voluntary. I'm unsure how the town could aid or encourage such efforts other than possibly providing some tax benefits.	2/16/2024 8:07 AM
243	Yes my comment above to provide credits for implementing gaf solar roofing or panels. Allow trees to be removed for solar.	2/16/2024 7:44 AM
244	I am not is support of financial subsidies or support by the town to private homeowners or businesses, however they would be a good resource of known private and federal support options	2/16/2024 6:56 AM
245	Pledge the superior government for grants or reimbursements.	2/15/2024 11:15 PM
246	Reasonable tax reductions. Absolutely they should. A Seacoast community is responsible for the ocean it abuts. Use that ridiculous tax on renewable energy.	2/15/2024 11:06 PM
247	Tax discounts	2/15/2024 10:49 PM
248	Nah	2/15/2024 10:19 PM
249	yes, they can do this by providing tax incentives to home owners and ensuring the licensing process is easy	2/15/2024 10:07 PM
250	Yes - due diligence and compliance to zoning	2/15/2024 9:54 PM
251	No	2/15/2024 8:59 PM

Q6 Which climate change related impacts most concern you? Check all that apply.

Answered: 273 Skipped: 47



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More frequent and severe heatwaves	34.07%	93
Higher nighttime temperatures	16.48%	45
Increased heavy precipitation events	71.43%	195
Prolonged periods of drought	38.46%	105
An influx of invasive species and pests	41.03%	112
Other (please specify)	49.45%	135
Total Respondents: 273		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Stop trying to control nature	3/15/2024 1:04 PM
2	Who says any of this is related to man made influences? This survey is exceedingly biased	3/15/2024 10:03 AM
3	We need to prepare for all of these. Experts could help us prioritize.	3/15/2024 9:57 AM
4	more severe storms at all seasons	3/15/2024 8:46 AM
5	Flooding	3/14/2024 8:02 PM
6	Coastal flooding	3/14/2024 7:30 PM
7	Rye must encourage alternatives to extensive/intensive irrigation systems through education	3/14/2024 7:14 PM

of alternative landscaping protocols and upcharges for high volume use.

8	Rising sea levels	3/14/2024 6:32 PM
9	Storms	3/14/2024 5:27 PM
10	Too many homeowners receiving variances re: wetland buffer.	3/14/2024 4:09 PM
11	increased flooding from high tides	3/14/2024 3:25 PM
12	Beach flooding	3/14/2024 2:15 PM
13	Rising ocean that increase underground wave flowing inland.	3/14/2024 2:15 PM
14	Impact on our drinking water and impact upon our wildlife	3/14/2024 1:10 PM
15	All of them.	3/13/2024 6:41 PM
16	Keep currently updated as to being aware of a crisis educate as to how to survive any climate change. communicate to state, surrounding communities NH is not the only state to go through climate change.	3/13/2024 2:11 PM
17	More frequent and severe storms that damage the shoreline	3/13/2024 11:34 AM
18	Rising ocean	3/13/2024 10:49 AM
19	Coastal flooding	3/13/2024 6:47 AM
20	High tides/flooding	3/13/2024 6:26 AM
21	Higher tides	3/12/2024 8:37 PM
22	Heavy precipitation resulting in higher tides, beach erosion and damage have been particularly evident this winter season. The heavy tourist population we enjoy in a monetary sense must be protected by frequent beach maintenance in every sense, i.e. beach access, road surfacing, proper number of waste receptacles located at the beaches.	3/12/2024 10:23 AM
23	More frequent severe weather/high tides eroding our coastlines and roads.	3/11/2024 9:22 PM
24	Climate change has occurred since the beginning of time. Stop any weather manipulation currently being practiced.	3/11/2024 8:24 PM
25	infestation effecting trees	3/11/2024 7:18 PM
26	Coastal flooding due to sea rise	3/11/2024 5:11 PM
27	Dying hemlocks, ash and beech trees that could soon be a forest fire hazard, similar to California.	3/11/2024 4:23 PM
28	Increased ocean levels	3/11/2024 4:20 PM
29	increase frequency of severe coastal storms leading to extensive flooding with breakdown of sea walls and obstruction of both major and residential roadways	3/11/2024 1:30 PM
30	Rising water tides and water levels.	3/11/2024 12:18 PM
31	Coastal flooding	3/11/2024 10:05 AM
32	I am a PhD earth scientist and have to ask, what do you proposed to DO about any of these "concerns"? We have to learn to ADAPT, not go tilting at windmills.	3/10/2024 5:17 PM
33	lower areas that flood i.e. transfer station exit	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
34	Coastal flooding	3/10/2024 4:41 PM
35	sea rise	3/10/2024 4:36 PM
36	sea level rise	3/10/2024 4:27 PM
37	flooding during high tide	3/10/2024 4:20 PM
38	Coastal flooding. Increasingly severe and damaging ocean and wind storms.	3/10/2024 4:20 PM
39	Much larger, more damaging coastal storms that together with sea level rise are going to	3/10/2024 4:17 PM

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change the landscape in Rye sooner and perhaps more dramatically than we anticipate. Harbor Road, the marshes behind the beaches, several of our low-lying beaches in front of them. They aren't going to stay the same (i.e., buildable, habitable) much longer.

40	higher tides	3/10/2024 4:11 PM
41	flooding and erosion	3/10/2024 3:39 PM
42	All of the above are major issues and clearly getting worse by the year.	3/10/2024 11:29 AM
43	Left out sea level rise. This can push up the water table up to 2 miles inland. This then sucks all the e-coli from the leech fields before there is enough land to filter. The saturation also puts more property at risk.	3/10/2024 9:21 AM
44	Decline of bees & bats. This is one ecosystem and all are related.	3/9/2024 9:58 PM
45	High seas damage, drainage	3/9/2024 8:34 PM
46	Beach erosion	3/9/2024 3:58 PM
47	None	3/9/2024 11:58 AM
48	None that the town can assist with. Taxpayer dollars and town efforts will not make a difference here.	3/9/2024 11:35 AM
49	We have less snow which better to replace groundwater than the rain deluges.	3/9/2024 11:33 AM
50	Increasing high tides resulting in road/property damage.	3/9/2024 9:53 AM
51	Sea lever and litter	3/8/2024 12:38 PM
52	Flooding and coastal erosion	3/8/2024 10:36 AM
53	sea level rise	3/8/2024 10:03 AM
54	high tides and floods	3/8/2024 9:59 AM
55	Compromised water supply and water quality	3/8/2024 9:36 AM
56	rising water level, local flooding along seacoast and elsewhere	3/7/2024 10:26 PM
57	the inability for people to accept and adapt to the inevitable changes	3/7/2024 10:04 PM
58	It doesn't.	3/7/2024 9:54 PM
59	No more snow.	3/7/2024 8:22 PM
60	The 100 year storms coming twice in a week. Very concerning.	3/7/2024 12:45 PM
61	Storms and impact on 1A. This is being largely ignored by the town and state of NH.	3/7/2024 8:40 AM
62	flooding	3/6/2024 6:51 PM
63	The climate is always changing and there's nothing mankind can do about it. Please don't waste tax dollars trying to signal on this cause.	3/6/2024 2:12 PM
64	Large fluctuations in temperature.	3/6/2024 1:31 PM
65	anything that affects the quality of our water	3/6/2024 12:53 PM
66	rising sea levels/storms	3/6/2024 12:33 PM
67	storm surge, high tide flooding	3/6/2024 12:19 PM
68	Sea level rise, seasonal creep and it's effect on growing seasons.	3/6/2024 11:41 AM
69	sea rise	3/6/2024 11:34 AM
70	more flooding	3/6/2024 11:21 AM
71	Sea level rise - Rye needs to work with federal agencies to design and build sea walls and improve culverts where needed to address inevitable future storm damage. Rt 1A should probably be repaved more frequently to raise low spots that are the closest to the current sea level.	3/6/2024 10:26 AM

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72	None.	3/6/2024 5:57 AM
73	High tides (ground water creep) and flooding.	3/6/2024 5:05 AM
74	N/A	3/5/2024 6:50 PM
75	rising sea levels	3/5/2024 5:05 PM
76	all of the above	3/5/2024 4:59 PM
77	Ocean rise	3/5/2024 4:56 PM
78	Water levels, inconsistent temperatures, lack of snow etc	3/5/2024 4:51 PM
79	Ocean life is dying. Our oysters population has declined by 90 percent in the last decade. Not enough land for animals. Everyone is upset about bobcats etc but they have a lack of forest.	3/4/2024 6:00 PM
80	We need to really think about rising oceans and climate change.	3/4/2024 1:45 PM
81	Infrastructure the retaining walls are dirt they are not effective	3/3/2024 8:59 PM
82	Building in flooding zones and wetlands	3/3/2024 7:00 PM
83	Sea level rise impact on native wetlands	3/3/2024 4:52 PM
84	waves crashing through the beach walls	3/2/2024 3:09 PM
85	Rising sea level.	3/2/2024 2:13 PM
86	Climate change is a "natural" phase that happens. We need to insure we have good drinking water!!!	3/1/2024 5:37 PM
87	None	3/1/2024 1:41 PM
88	Coastal Flooding	2/29/2024 5:17 PM
89	I'm not sure we have enough data to make choices for the whole town.	2/29/2024 5:10 PM
90	Rising sea levels and the coast to manage the issue for Rye	2/29/2024 2:10 PM
91	Flooding, loss of biodiversity	2/26/2024 7:09 AM
92	Ocean rise	2/23/2024 3:32 PM
93	Ticks. And the spraying that reduces them. What is worse? I generally am not sure what we should be doing.	2/22/2024 7:32 PM
94	Ocean rise and storm impacts should be Rye's primary concern. It should seek to build reventments on Sawyers and Philbrick's beach beaches where there is not an already existing reventment/wall in place by private citizens. Reventments would mitigate damage such as the type that occurred this winter. Water mitigation to Eel pond is important in helping reduce damage as well.	2/22/2024 5:33 PM
95	sea rise and beach erosion. Humans will not be able to 'fight back' against the ocean. any efforts we make to push back (i.e. building/restoring seawalls and beaches with fossil fuel burning vehicles) will only worsen the effects of global warming. We need to accept a future were we don't build houses at the ocean's edge.	2/22/2024 3:31 PM
96	tidal events at the coastline	2/22/2024 2:51 PM
97	Severe weather events and erosion	2/22/2024 9:11 AM
98	I have yet to see any data showing a dramatic change in any of these events. That said, we live at the ocean and so logically sea rise would be a concern, whether it's related to climate change, or just being weather events.	2/22/2024 8:27 AM
99	Rising sea levels	2/21/2024 8:54 PM
100	Flooding	2/21/2024 7:04 PM
101	Sea Level Rise, Storm Surges.	2/21/2024 5:10 PM
102	None	2/21/2024 9:34 AM

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103	Our planet is in a constant state of change & evolution. It will adapt	2/20/2024 1:57 PM
104	More coastal storms, which are creating damage to our current coastline	2/20/2024 11:21 AM
105	Decrease in snow yearly	2/19/2024 3:11 PM
106	Flooding	2/19/2024 12:07 PM
107	Lack of snow	2/19/2024 11:03 AM
108	None	2/19/2024 9:53 AM
109	Flooding when it does actually rain is a major problem.	2/19/2024 8:29 AM
110	Lack of freezing / cold in the winter and impact on migratory animals.	2/18/2024 6:49 PM
111	Severe rain and wind events	2/18/2024 11:14 AM
112	flooding and sea level rise	2/17/2024 7:13 PM
113	Prioritizing global climate over local - and manageable- issues.	2/17/2024 6:40 PM
114	Extreme flooding and septic flows into drinking water and ocean. Need for sewer for Northern Rye. Need for waste water treatment facility. Better management of flooding in creeks. Plan for revenue when houses are lost to climate change.	2/17/2024 5:45 PM
115	Beachfront storm surges	2/17/2024 10:51 AM
116	Rising waters and storm surges	2/16/2024 6:08 PM
117	seems to be an issue with out of date septic systems and large amounts of rain causing bacteria in the water - we need to get those items addressed immediately	2/16/2024 2:33 PM
118	Coastal storms and flooding	2/16/2024 2:28 PM
119	Not really noticing any locally	2/16/2024 1:51 PM
120	Sea Level RISE!!! Pollution in our drinking water.	2/16/2024 1:10 PM
121	Climate Change is more than sea level rise, it is ground water rising, drought's more storms, melting ice caps, shorter winters, rising ocean temperatures, migration of animals to fit their climate which means changes in fishing industry, tourism and preparing for the future.	2/16/2024 12:28 PM
122	storm surge	2/16/2024 11:50 AM
123	Sea rise has been a problem for a decade or more. More adaptation i.e. sea walls to protect the shoreline.	2/16/2024 11:13 AM
124	None	2/16/2024 11:09 AM
125	Ocean storms washing away and changing the beach. The beaches need to be maintained after big storms.	2/16/2024 8:47 AM
126	The earth.	2/16/2024 8:15 AM
127	Milder winters.	2/16/2024 8:12 AM
128	Flooding in wetlands due to increased beavers	2/16/2024 7:53 AM
129	Beach erosion	2/15/2024 11:28 PM
130	Tropical storm type wind storms. More severe summer thunderstorms.	2/15/2024 11:19 PM
131	Rising sea level and impact of storm frequency and intensity.	2/15/2024 10:23 PM
132	Biden	2/15/2024 10:20 PM
133	Flooding and high tides	2/15/2024 10:17 PM
134	Flooding	2/15/2024 9:57 PM
135	None	2/15/2024 9:00 PM

Q7 Rye is seeking new ways to prepare for and effectively respond to extreme weather events, flooding, and coastal storm emergencies. What actions or initiatives should Rye build into the town budget to accomplish what is needed?

Answered: 221 Skipped: 99

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No budget items. Discourage building in vulnerable areas.	3/15/2024 9:23 PM
2	Budget for additional drainage systems	3/15/2024 5:15 PM
3	Nothing. Let those who choose to live close to the ocean live on/in the ocean	3/15/2024 1:04 PM
4	Money needed to shore up our beaches to help limit erosion as best as possible	3/15/2024 12:53 PM
5	Stormwater management is important, but working with the state to keep the seawalls built up is really the cheapest way to prepare. It's when those walls get taken down by waves we have the biggest damage.	3/15/2024 12:52 PM
6	Continued expansive work on health of wetlands as a buffer zone, and continued improvements of culverts and roads to withstand occasional flooding.	3/15/2024 11:03 AM
7	Stop blowing my tax dollars on things you can't control	3/15/2024 10:03 AM
8	We need to get State to address rt 1A issues.	3/15/2024 9:57 AM
9	Add'l funds for beach repair	3/15/2024 8:46 AM
10	zoning changes in oceanside parts of town.	3/15/2024 7:47 AM
11	Up to date air conditioning in all public buildings. Repair and construction of seawalls and walkways.	3/14/2024 8:03 PM
12	Loose rock berms need to be replaced with sea walls.	3/14/2024 8:02 PM
13	More funding in emergency mgmt crf and contingency crf	3/14/2024 7:30 PM
14	Each budgetary authority should annually evaluate and update plan(s) to effectively respond to the above (extreme weather events, flooding, coastal storm emergencies) Are the CIP requests in line with such plans? Consider updating our coastal resilience planning - see Hampton's 2021 Coastal Resilience Report.	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
15	Evaluate best practices from Boston's "Coastal Resilience Solutions for East Boston and Charlestown (Phase II)" plan that could be incorporated in Rye.	3/14/2024 6:32 PM
16	We have an emergency management department. Perhaps train and allow some other non employee volunteers to assist.	3/14/2024 6:03 PM
17	Get federal dollars and emergency money 13 January should be a tax rebate event with all the damage that was done	3/14/2024 5:27 PM
18	The Town should tax the properties associated with the danger to pay for the damage and emergencies. The burden should not be on the general population of the Town.	3/14/2024 5:23 PM
19	Sufficient equipment & staff to respond to coastal storm emergencies & related flooding. Limit building of homes & size of homes that border the beaches.	3/14/2024 4:09 PM
20	town evacuation plans for flooded roads	3/14/2024 3:25 PM
21	better have a reserve fund for fixing roads and responding to citizens request for assistance. start putting limit on areas that will add, not reduce, the problem.	3/14/2024 2:15 PM
22	Have an annual contingency budget ready for use for extreme/emergency storms and have the	3/14/2024 1:55 PM

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budget overseen by a select committee (maybe budget and highway dept. reps) and have a select board member be in charge of contacting state reps for additional funding to offset town expenses related to these storms. If a process and funds are in place for these events, the response will be more thorough and impactful.

23	New zoning to prevent new or expanded construction especially on low lying land mass . Property owners should provide their own insurance for effects of weather on their properties	3/14/2024 1:10 PM
24	Investigate what measures other coastal communities have had success with and consider those for Rye.	3/13/2024 6:41 PM
25	we are doing enough, anything in this area would require increase taxes	3/13/2024 5:43 PM
26	have a place, plan as to where people can go to seek relief. a plan, place of "shelter" merge joint resources - with Hampton and Portsmouth etc.	3/13/2024 2:11 PM
27	Evaluate where we are vulnerable and instead of being reactive (cleaning up seawall rocks on the road after every storm, repairing bridges), develop a plan to be more resistant given what we're going to face.	3/13/2024 11:34 AM
28	Need to look at budget, but seems like there would be greater need for public services.	3/13/2024 10:49 AM
29	none	3/13/2024 10:40 AM
30	High water vehicles and rescue boats. Next fire pumper a high wheel forestry or high water truck. Army surplus? Retroactive mandates for raising propane tanks, replacing septic in low lying areas (if not going to sewers), careful thinning and maintaining of forests, requirements that those who have "current use" back lands maintain them better to get the tax breaks.	3/13/2024 10:37 AM
31	Spend less time/money restoring waterfront areas as this is a futile endeavor.	3/13/2024 6:26 AM
32	Raise the level of certain roads so people aren't trapped	3/12/2024 8:37 PM
33	First you need to determine what is needed before you throw money at it. There are already infrastructure where there should not be along the coast.	3/12/2024 8:23 PM
34	Increased DOT budget.	3/12/2024 8:15 PM
35	Uncertain	3/12/2024 6:51 PM
36	1) Be mindful of the impermeable footprint being created with new buildings, etc. as a PREVENTATIVE measure. 2) a couple of the warrant articles, on the town ballot, seem to address extreme events, those could be added to the budget.	3/12/2024 5:05 PM
37	be proactive; make short- and long-term plans for beach erosion and other consequences of extreme weather	3/12/2024 1:53 PM
38	Continue to maintain the walls and breakwaters along Route 1A. Simply because land is open does not necessarily mean it should be developed. If it continues to be developed, precautionary design features must be a significant part of the building specifications.	3/12/2024 10:23 AM
39	Coastal resiliency plan and funding.	3/12/2024 7:11 AM
40	Study better sea wall protection	3/11/2024 10:40 PM
41	Stay up to date with new research, plan for barriers, make requirements for new buildings be above tide marks/on pillars.	3/11/2024 9:22 PM
42	We need a rescue vehicle to be able to traverse through high water to be able to access residents in areas prone to flooding such as Harbor Rd	3/11/2024 8:15 PM
43	numerous options (not necessarily involving money) would be research/resource development implemented by other towns	3/11/2024 7:18 PM
44	Budget to construct seawall and mitigation plans to deal with Sea level rise	3/11/2024 5:11 PM
45	They should establish a fund that is added to each year to manage disasters and not wait for them to occur.	3/11/2024 4:23 PM
46	Keeping free from over building in wet lands	3/11/2024 4:00 PM
47	How to protect the sea walls and roads.	3/11/2024 2:18 PM

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48	The sidewalls of Rye Harbor need professional evaluation then reconstruction to a height and width according to recommendations of the experts and in keeping with our Rye Dept. of Public Works observations during response/repair from recent January and March storms. We must prevent or minimize recurrent closure of the more vulnerable sections of Ocean Boulevard so that all property owners and emergency responders have uninterrupted access to all affected residential and commercial properties	3/11/2024 1:30 PM
49	Maybe enter cooperative arrangements with surrounding (inland) communities to share resources.	3/11/2024 12:18 PM
50	Create an storm emergency fund	3/11/2024 11:07 AM
51	Review drainage options for tidal marsh area, consider alternative approaches to mitigate storm surge (e.g. levees), strengthen and repair harbor road bridge	3/11/2024 10:05 AM
52	Bigger storm water drains and culverts. Don't grant every rich person with a lawyer zoning variances to built McMansions on 0.15 acres parcels that sit in sand.	3/10/2024 11:03 PM
53	I won't propose anything...but caution that any proposal needs to be closely and expertly scrutinized for cost-effectiveness. I see the potential for wasting lots of money on futile efforts.	3/10/2024 5:17 PM
54	Identify breach risks and reinforce.	3/10/2024 4:41 PM
55	protecting an expanding marshes and tidal wetlands will help mitigate storm surge. stop issuing permits for new construction on the coast update flood maps	3/10/2024 4:27 PM
56	clean and maintain culverts and natural drainage of marshes and wetlands	3/10/2024 4:20 PM
57	Capital planning for raising & reinforcing sea walls along Rt 1A. Cleaning and enlarging, where needed, existing storm drainage. Evaluate and capital planning for additional storm drainage where needed.	3/10/2024 4:20 PM
58	more personeel in DPW	3/10/2024 4:11 PM
59	whatever climate change experts rec.	3/10/2024 3:59 PM
60	unsure	3/10/2024 3:39 PM
61	public education - what can residents do to protect themselves and also provide aid to others	3/10/2024 3:25 PM
62	More effective barriers to storm surges.	3/10/2024 3:13 PM
63	upgrade the riprap along 1A, raise the roads that close seemingly monthly this winter.	3/10/2024 11:29 AM
64	Work with the state to protect the shoreline. Demand change from letting the seawalls collapse and then just putting them back as it is not sustainable. Increase our culverts as a lot of them are below grade. Change zoning that all new homes along the coast need to be on piers. Plan for coastal homes to lose value therefore taxes collected from these properties will decrease. Insurance companies are already dropping specific properties. Educate the residents that climate impact used to be spoken about for 2100, then 2075, then 2050 then 2030 when it is now. Again healthy salt marshes and the ability for the salt marshes to migrate further inland.	3/10/2024 11:29 AM
65	What is our "Seacoast" coordinated plan. Are we sharing equipment with other towns. By not investing sooner Rye could have slowly built up funds, but the Planning Board dragged its feet for years, not inserting "Climate Change" into master planning until recent years. What lessons can be learned from January storms and all the vehicle damage? Do we need regulations that prevent storm created emergencies, like the floating propane tanks, etc.. If you are in the flood areas, what additional "safety" requirements should there be.	3/10/2024 9:21 AM
66	Keep the budget as it is. The town does a great already.	3/10/2024 8:38 AM
67	Not sure this is only a budget issue. Building regulations are also needed.	3/9/2024 9:58 PM
68	Partner with universities or leaders in industry to build ideas on how to protect coastline and reduce flooding impacts	3/9/2024 8:34 PM
69	Perhaps build stronger flood walls.	3/9/2024 4:55 PM
70	Budget for sustainable infrastructure	3/9/2024 3:58 PM
71	Increased emergency reserves	3/9/2024 1:41 PM

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72	More emergency funds set aside for disasters. Rye did an amazing job during the January storms. Kudos to all town officials (Rye DPW, Fire and police etc) for their great work in this very tough and worsening environment.	3/9/2024 1:34 PM
73	Build up Cable Road as it hits Jenness beach so high tide waters do not run down Cable road onto Ocean road.	3/9/2024 11:58 AM
74	A proactive approach to infrastructure that minimizes continual rebuilding and restoring areas.	3/9/2024 11:35 AM
75	Clean out those drains please. Build a true concrete/rock retaining wall along Rt1A vs a rock/sand pile. Clean out ponds/marshes so they can do their jobs of absorbing extra water. Do things that we don't have to keep repairing/fixing....	3/9/2024 11:33 AM
76	storm surge protection for roads along the coast	3/9/2024 11:31 AM
77	Not sure if this is a town issue as much as it is the State, I just don't know, but the walls along the coast need to be increased in height/depth to stem flooding.	3/9/2024 9:53 AM
78	Marsh education	3/8/2024 12:38 PM
79	Invest in protection and restoration of natural resources that can mitigate the effects of extreme weather events. Be prepared to help rescue/shelter displaced residents.	3/8/2024 10:36 AM
80	maintain sea walls, limit building along the ocean,	3/8/2024 10:03 AM
81	at this time it seems the focus would be on emergency support services and funding to react to storms.	3/8/2024 9:59 AM
82	Not sure	3/8/2024 9:36 AM
83	Put in place emergency actions to take using in land resources from other towns so Rye keep people and their properties safe when an event occurs.	3/8/2024 8:38 AM
84	Route 1A flooding mitigation Continuing education on natural and native landscaping to reduce invasive species	3/7/2024 11:40 PM
85	Building a better barrier	3/7/2024 11:01 PM
86	aggressive in applying for Federal/State grants, FEMA, no longer "bandaids", strategic investment in infrastructure necessary for the changing climate, prevent future and all development of housing along Route 1A, consult with environmentalists on improving the waterways, marshes, watersheds to aid in the movement of water	3/7/2024 10:57 PM
87	encourage higher street levels where possible. Alternative drainage options. Build sewers in key areas with pumpking stations.	3/7/2024 10:26 PM
88	Mitigate seawalls (berms) by strengthening them (eg. big rocks instead of small rocks, like sawyer beach). Ensure draining systems are kept up and are able to handle the higher amounts of flooding.	3/7/2024 10:04 PM
89	Better signage for road closures. People in this town blatantly ignore emergency personnel about hazards and road closures.	3/7/2024 9:54 PM
90	We need to fortify 1A, we are going to continue to have washouts. We need to find a more effective and sustainable breakwater.	3/7/2024 8:22 PM
91	Road drainage, Sea wall repair/improvement	3/7/2024 6:07 PM
92	none	3/7/2024 2:17 PM
93	I am not sure here beyond massive plantings for rising ocean levels along all the marshes.	3/7/2024 12:45 PM
94	Planning, mock emergencies.	3/7/2024 12:03 PM
95	If the State will not assist in 1A improvements the town should step in.	3/7/2024 8:40 AM
96	Initiate active planning with State etc. for improved coastal storm wall.	3/7/2024 8:11 AM
97	Look at what other coastal towns in other states are doing that is effective, from building codes to protecting existing properties.	3/6/2024 6:51 PM
98	Reinforcement of coastal protection barriers.	3/6/2024 2:50 PM

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99	Protecting the road along the coastline with more permanent seawalls is important. The town of Hampton, for example, has built concrete seawalls that redirect waves back out to sea.	3/6/2024 2:12 PM
100	Funds to purchase vulnerable properties.	3/6/2024 1:28 PM
101	flooding seems like a big one. I dont know best practices for mitigating the affects. would recommend identifying areas at higher risk and applying best practice approaches for mitigation	3/6/2024 12:53 PM
102	If you take a really long-term view, I don't think you can or that it is worth fighting "Mother Nature." Rye and some of its homeowners may have to accept that you really can't (technically or economically) save all low-lying or exposed property from sealevel rise, flooding and storms. As you look around the country and hear tales of flood damage, you wonder why FEMA and the federal flood insurance program pay out money to rebuild homes/businesses in places where they will have to do it all over again in the foreseeable future. At a minimum, Rye should probably change its codes to require all new/rebuilt structures in flood-prone areas to be build on stilts and with other storm-resistant features.	3/6/2024 12:40 PM
103	are current new coastal building requirements enough?	3/6/2024 12:33 PM
104	construction of more durable seawalls tide gates? increase sizes of drainage infrastructure with state conserve flood prone areas	3/6/2024 12:19 PM
105	stop building on the coast	3/6/2024 12:10 PM
106	Emergency funds to assist with these events. Whether they are for emergency repairs or food assistance for impacted residents. Making sure the money is there when it's needed seems paramount to success.	3/6/2024 11:41 AM
107	could Rye work with UNH to learn more about monitoring and research programs available for predicting sea rise? our ability to plan and prepare for the net breaching of the berm (at Foss Beach) depends on having the best available data and technics at our disposal.	3/6/2024 11:34 AM
108	restore salt marshes decrease building in wetlands education on invasive species and how to handle changes to zoning laws on properties within Flood Zone.	3/6/2024 11:21 AM
109	Annual emergency fund allocation in every annual budget to build a reserve. Try to get a state of NH coastal emergency fund enacted.	3/6/2024 11:06 AM
110	Rye should apply for federal and state aid more often and not rely on Rye taxpayers to address federal and state issues. Rye should sue fossil fuel companies as part of a class action suit to help pay for damage and upgrades.	3/6/2024 10:26 AM
111	Emphasis on renewable energy that will contribute minimally to recking the climate	3/6/2024 9:56 AM
112	Work with the state of New Hampshire, budget enough money to repair Town damage.	3/6/2024 9:14 AM
113	Work with the State, budget enough money to clean up the mess.	3/6/2024 8:59 AM
114	None	3/6/2024 5:57 AM
115	Develop a plan that would evaluate past responses and identify needed resources.	3/6/2024 5:05 AM
116	Idk	3/5/2024 6:50 PM
117	Addressing building a wall know that will stop a future waves from destroying the rock mounds we currently have	3/5/2024 5:26 PM
118	more native plantings throughout protection of marshlands communication system in place for residents during storm events.	3/5/2024 5:05 PM
119	coordinated solar advantage - including historic district	3/5/2024 4:59 PM
120	More robust and effective controls to mitigate the effects of ocean rise	3/5/2024 4:56 PM
121	? With the ever changing climate, no one can predict the damage from coastal storms.	3/5/2024 4:51 PM
122	we have always had extreme weather events. some storm small clean up might be handy	3/5/2024 4:50 PM
123	Make sure septic are pumped so does not affect the health of animals and people.	3/4/2024 6:00 PM
124	Seawalls need to be redesigned and implemented. Continuous replacement of Sand and small	3/4/2024 5:08 PM

	stones is not working	
125	Petition the State of New Hampshire to build better seawalls (not increased height/depth shale piles)	3/4/2024 3:50 PM
126	As much as possible where possible.	3/4/2024 1:45 PM
127	Enforcement of existing codes relative to wetland and or insurance premiums reflecting increased relative risk to builds proximal to ocean front & wetlands.	3/4/2024 11:31 AM
128	Coastal protection and clean up Could use Jersey barriers at beach entrances when storms are predicted to keep sand/debris from flooding streets	3/3/2024 11:19 PM
129	Better alert systems, better cell reception	3/3/2024 9:37 PM
130	Sea wall that's designed properly	3/3/2024 8:59 PM
131	Responders should have a vehicle that can go through water to evacuate people,get to fires, or treat medical emergencies.	3/3/2024 7:25 PM
132	Interested to hear what other folks have come up with	3/3/2024 7:00 PM
133	Construct new drainage and maintain the old .	3/3/2024 5:42 PM
134	Emergency reserve funds	3/3/2024 5:27 PM
135	The needs to build a reserve so that those that get impacted by such events and quickly repair or replace what is needed.	3/3/2024 10:22 AM
136	Save life not property	3/3/2024 8:23 AM
137	We need more water drainage culverts built. The ground water in the Fairhill Estates area is increasing.	3/2/2024 3:09 PM
138	Rye does a pretty good job now for dealing with emergencies. One thing they should have is an emergency vehicle that could go through deep water and over any terrain that could be used as a fire engine and ambulance.	3/2/2024 2:13 PM
139	Create stricter polices for all water front properties. Lets look at Petey's - is their septic system in the marsh ? How in the world can there be any home or business on this location without raw sewage going into the water ways ?	3/2/2024 9:23 AM
140	Regulate building	3/2/2024 9:22 AM
141	The coastline is going to change and homeowners knowingly took that risk. Beaches will change too. Accept change. Protect life not stuff	3/2/2024 7:57 AM
142	Where do we go procedures, (such as Jr. High) and have storage of food and water always on site.	3/1/2024 5:37 PM
143	Must build in resources for beach and shore protection measures.. seawall as needed etc	3/1/2024 1:41 PM
144	Concrete sea wall, drainage along side roads to divert water from homes, man made holding marsh(s), manpower to repair damage, equipment to repair damage, building code changes to new buildings in flood areas to minimize damage	3/1/2024 12:51 PM
145	Unknown	2/29/2024 5:17 PM
146	Begin a capital reserve fund that will provide funds for future catastrophe	2/29/2024 5:10 PM
147	Long term plan that has the residents experiencing the issues directly incurring most of the cost to deal with it. Should not be a major tax burden for all Rye residents.	2/29/2024 2:10 PM
148	Priorities from Rye Emergency Management should be publicized and let the voters decide.	2/29/2024 8:53 AM
149	emergency action funds to police and fire	2/28/2024 10:39 AM
150	strengthen breakwaters, address storm water drainage oin frequently affected areas as noted in the poster	2/26/2024 10:21 AM
151	Increase funds for contingencies, invest in preventative/resiliency measures, look to opportunities to share the burden with out of town users of our resources.	2/26/2024 7:09 AM

152	can't throw money to beat mother nature	2/25/2024 10:01 PM
153	Need to address ocean rise by building walls and revetments on all beaches	2/23/2024 3:32 PM
154	There was recently a fire during an extreme high tide event where a fire truck couldn't get through. That situation should be problem-solved.	2/23/2024 7:23 AM
155	If we loose power my basement will be 5' under water. More management of power lines (trimming trees)	2/22/2024 7:32 PM
156	More proactive accommodation efforts.	2/22/2024 7:25 PM
157	Revetments	2/22/2024 5:33 PM
158	Sea wall construction/repaira	2/22/2024 4:25 PM
159	none. leave it up to insurance companies to stop insuring at risk properties. eventually the properties will go and we won't be concerned with coastal storm issues.	2/22/2024 3:31 PM
160	I think we have good warning devices, such as utility companies, Facebook, (including un-official), local media alerts along with weather alerts just to name a few. Don't need to spend, spend.	2/22/2024 12:29 PM
161	public education program for residents on the safeguard measures	2/22/2024 9:43 AM
162	Sea wall improvements and plans	2/22/2024 9:11 AM
163	This seems like a question that would be answered by someone who understands costs associated with road maintenance, back up plans, etc.	2/22/2024 8:27 AM
164	Contingency funds for weather emergencies. Study coastal towns who have successfully implemented similar programs.	2/21/2024 8:54 PM
165	A full study of using the sea level rise model to be proactive in terms of infrastructure, planning, zoning. What may need to be abandoned. Restoration of natural barriers. Restoration of salt marsh flow.	2/21/2024 5:10 PM
166	We do not have a serious deficiency in the way or timeliness of our town's response.	2/21/2024 9:34 AM
167	Clearing the roads after a weather event is what is most often needed. We should continue to do that. Nothing else should be budgeted, as the town has no control over weather events. If an evacuation emergency alert system doesn't already exist, we should implement a phone emergency system	2/20/2024 1:57 PM
168	Let's first get our current housekeeping in order ie: How many residents are ignoring their responsibility to maintain their septic systems ? Why are there no penaliteis, fines etc enforced against those who dont comply ?	2/20/2024 9:16 AM
169	Not sure	2/19/2024 8:42 PM
170	The Junior High School needs to be fitted out to be a emergency shelter. This should include battery storage back-up for the solar system which would not only allow the building to continue operation during a power outage but would reduce or eliminate the electricity demand charges the school pays.	2/19/2024 4:41 PM
171	Reinforcing the berms	2/19/2024 3:11 PM
172	Direct communications with other coastal communities through-out the country who have had more historical extreme weather events and have learned ways to prepare and respond to such events.	2/19/2024 2:14 PM
173	A plan for impact of coastal flooding/damage. There are properties that will eventually be dismissed by the ocean. Invest in bridges/marsh waterflow to allow water to get to ocean. Increase cost/availability beach parking to offset costs of coastline maintenance projects.	2/19/2024 12:07 PM
174	1A needs help to survive storms.	2/19/2024 11:03 AM
175	I think they do a great job.	2/19/2024 9:53 AM
176	We must have emergency funds that we put money into each year. These funds collect interest until they are needed. We cannot just sit around and wait for infrastructure to fail (like the harbor bridge) without having at least \$1 million in an emergency town fund. The only way	2/19/2024 8:29 AM

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to get us there is to have a repeating yearly budget line to inject money into these funds. Most towns and schools do this, Rye needs to get on board or face massive unforeseen tax implications and costs in the future.

177	Emergency clean up & repair	2/18/2024 9:01 PM
178	It seems the frequency and ferocity of these weather events will continue to increase. The town should develop a mechanism to determine "surrender". For example, at what point will we no longer re-build a road, even if property property access is cut off.	2/18/2024 6:49 PM
179	Coastal storm emergencies	2/18/2024 11:14 AM
180	Budget for clean up and maintaining a natural barrier. Don't allow more building near the ocean. One. Nature is going to do its thing. The planet and environment ebb and flow and have throughout the history of the world. Humans need to stop thinking they can control nature.	2/17/2024 10:03 PM
181	?	2/17/2024 8:47 PM
182	Build or reinforce seawalls on Sawyers Beach & Rye Harbor	2/17/2024 8:36 PM
183	Let community know exactly what channel to get live updates from. Send one postcard out with correct online location. A Facebook channel is fine. Rye PD have done good job communicating but we need Town run group.	2/17/2024 7:13 PM
184	Making sure we have a means to alert residents in the event of road closures, power losses or water service interruptions.	2/17/2024 6:40 PM
185	Stop building septic fields and homes in the flood zone.	2/17/2024 5:45 PM
186	public education	2/17/2024 4:52 PM
187	Provide resources needed to enforce wetlands rules and to track and enforce conditions imposed by ZBA in exchange for granting any variance.	2/17/2024 3:01 PM
188	Increase capital reserves	2/17/2024 10:51 AM
189	Rebuild seawalls on Town property adjacent to the ocean or harbor (Sawyers Beach, etc) The NH DOT 10 year plan includes upwards of almost \$82 Million to build a seawall from North Hampton to Odiorne Point however this may not begin until 2026---this will replace the shale piles along Ocean Blvd The states plan will not include the shale piles on Sawyers Beach across from Ell Pond.	2/17/2024 10:43 AM
190	emphasis on drainage and culverts to manage high water	2/17/2024 8:13 AM
191	Our water supply is at risk. Reducing lawn irrigation is critically needed.	2/17/2024 8:01 AM
192	Stronger social media presence	2/17/2024 7:41 AM
193	Funds to maintain and repair the sea wall on RT 1A, if not the State.	2/16/2024 7:49 PM
194	Start saving no for large scale resiliency projects.	2/16/2024 6:08 PM
195	stop building encroachment in wetlands!! the topography of this town is wet. by natural design.	2/16/2024 5:50 PM
196	I don't know.	2/16/2024 5:32 PM
197	Better walls at the beach on Route 1A	2/16/2024 3:16 PM
198	better coastal walls, better drainage along coast	2/16/2024 2:33 PM
199	Clean up efforts at town beaches (moving sand, rocks, debris).	2/16/2024 2:28 PM
200	Better seawall	2/16/2024 1:51 PM
201	Water treatment plant, stricter guidelines around water sources	2/16/2024 1:10 PM
202	Cooling Centers, Emergency Shelters and infrastructure money to not only repair but strengthen the shale piles and build seawalls to protect the roads and homes along the Coast.	2/16/2024 12:28 PM
203	better stormwater management of roads, raise pump stations and other infrastructure. Work with state of NH to better build berms, 1A drainage.	2/16/2024 11:50 AM
204	Mass email notifications. Can collect email with tax or car registration. Use for emergencies	2/16/2024 11:14 AM

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205	Most of the shoreline property is privately owned. Rt-1a is a state road. Rye doesn't need to allocate substantial funds in this area. We have an emergency fund in place.	2/16/2024 11:13 AM
206	Reinforcement of sea walls and drainage	2/16/2024 11:09 AM
207	unsure, but using funds to hire engineers to help with this.	2/16/2024 11:03 AM
208	Need to work with state on long term investment in protecting Rt 1A (Ocean Blvd); constantly rebuilding gravel berms is not the answer.	2/16/2024 10:55 AM
209	Building up the walls on Ocean Boulevard not just pushing back with their.	2/16/2024 8:47 AM
210	Federal and state partners	2/16/2024 8:15 AM
211	Something needs to be done to improve the large berm protecting the Eel Pond across from Sawyers Beach. It gets destroyed at least a couple of times every year.	2/16/2024 8:12 AM
212	Remove beavers. Build more culverts for water diversion. Open up state culverts at beaches after storm to allow wetlands to flow reducing flooding. Further control utility in ensuring tree control. I have contacted Eversource several times to prune and they came out to look and never returned. Preparation is key. Overall town response for water quality was good providing water etc. preparation for major storms.	2/16/2024 7:53 AM
213	Beach maintenance and repair	2/16/2024 7:46 AM
214	Protecting and improving water and sewer for houses close to marshes and the water ... sewer instead of septic	2/16/2024 7:02 AM
215	?? More money to combat beach erosion	2/15/2024 11:28 PM
216	Warnings to abandon 1A homes or be notified EMS will not respond if they stay.	2/15/2024 11:19 PM
217	Draw up new contingency plans and make them available to the public	2/15/2024 10:51 PM
218	More drainage investing	2/15/2024 10:20 PM
219	unsure	2/15/2024 10:09 PM
220	Flooding remediation for the roads	2/15/2024 9:57 PM
221	None	2/15/2024 9:00 PM

Q8 In your opinion, what are the highest priority buildings, roads, or sites that should be protected from climate impact, flooding, and natural hazards?

Answered: 217 Skipped: 103

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Town Hall, Library and Fire Station	3/15/2024 9:23 PM
2	Public safety and town administration buildings should be prioritized for protection.	3/15/2024 5:15 PM
3	People need to think before not during or after a problem	3/15/2024 1:04 PM
4	Beach/immediate coastal area	3/15/2024 12:53 PM
5	AS above: wetland buffer zones for flooding and resiliency of coastline infrastructure.	3/15/2024 11:03 AM
6	You can't protect any of it	3/15/2024 10:03 AM
7	Public ocean front. Private places should pay their own costs.	3/15/2024 9:57 AM
8	Rte 1 needs to be better constructed to withstand high water events.	3/15/2024 7:47 AM
9	Public walkways and roads along the shoreline. Schools, library, fire/police station and town hall	3/14/2024 8:03 PM
10	Public buildings.	3/14/2024 8:02 PM
11	Not rt1A and beach areas, they cannot be saved long term. Protect town infrastructure further inland	3/14/2024 7:30 PM
12	All Rye beaches	3/14/2024 6:32 PM
13	Ocean Blvd. and the access roads to it.	3/14/2024 6:03 PM
14	Put in mitigation measures to prevent flooding Look at the Netherlands 	3/14/2024 5:27 PM
15	Beaches & marshes	3/14/2024 4:09 PM
16	Roads	3/14/2024 3:44 PM
17	coastal homes....they should be on stilts	3/14/2024 3:25 PM
18	Route 1A is endangered. Not sure if it is a state highway or Town Road. Bridge at Rye Harbor. need to maintain public ocean to get in and out of town.	3/14/2024 2:15 PM
19	Restoring town beaches with native sand to the correct elevations every spring.	3/14/2024 1:55 PM
20	Take care of the roads.	3/14/2024 1:41 PM
21	Wetland protection as water rises . Less development where future wetland expansion is likely.	3/14/2024 1:10 PM
22	The entire town should be considered a high priority and be protected.	3/13/2024 6:41 PM
23	Roads	3/13/2024 5:43 PM
24	Roads...start with the potholes !	3/13/2024 3:35 PM
25	safe exits - routes	3/13/2024 2:11 PM
26	Beaches - Wallis/Pirate's, Cable/Jenness/Sawyer's	3/13/2024 11:34 AM
27	Need to keep roads open that allow entrance and exit from Rye to get to hospitals and food sources.	3/13/2024 10:49 AM
28	not applicable	3/13/2024 10:40 AM

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29	A state road but clearly 1A. Work with Executive Council and state federal delegation to move \$ for adaptation along the coast to higher priority. Forget about Hampton Beach \$50 million redo for tourism move those dollars to entire coast.	3/13/2024 10:37 AM
30	Schools	3/13/2024 6:26 AM
31	Coastal roads	3/12/2024 8:37 PM
32	None, it's called evolution.	3/12/2024 8:23 PM
33	Roads, sites and then buildings.	3/12/2024 8:15 PM
34	Near creeks/ watershed areas that may see an increase in flooding	3/12/2024 6:51 PM
35	Route 1 is one of the main arteries of Rye, and should be protected.	3/12/2024 5:05 PM
36	route 1A and public access to beaches and waterways	3/12/2024 1:53 PM
37	Existing buildings and roads with water exposure are at the top of the list. Protect the wet lands; restrict building. Look around...	3/12/2024 10:23 AM
38	All the main public roads and access to coastal neighborhoods.	3/12/2024 7:11 AM
39	Roads and sea walls along the ocean need greater protection.	3/11/2024 10:40 PM
40	All of the above	3/11/2024 9:22 PM
41	1A keeps being washed out by storms, we need a more permanent wall in trouble areas like Hampton has. Harbor Rd is a concern. My parents live along 1A also, getting to them when Washington, Wallis, Harbor Rd, Marsh Rd are blocked off was scary in the last storm.	3/11/2024 8:15 PM
42	some cemetery roads almost impassable due to road degradation (roots, etc)	3/11/2024 7:18 PM
43	Rye beach, sea water contamination of the town water supply due to coastal flooding	3/11/2024 5:11 PM
44	Those away from the coast and lowland areas that naturally flood.	3/11/2024 4:23 PM
45	Ocean Blvd	3/11/2024 4:00 PM
46	Much of Ocean Boulevard; Harbor Road from Ocean Blvd. to the Atlantic Ocean	3/11/2024 1:30 PM
47	The ones most endangered.	3/11/2024 12:18 PM
48	historic, cultural buildings and priority roads	3/11/2024 11:07 AM
49	Rye Harbor: it bolsters the town economy and is likely to be the first to feel impacts from flooding.	3/11/2024 10:05 AM
50	Rte 1A. Again, I worry about any conception of "protect".	3/10/2024 5:17 PM
51	Ocean Blvd	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
52	Rye Harbor	3/10/2024 4:41 PM
53	the homeowners along the ocean need education as to what's coming	3/10/2024 4:36 PM
54	private homes and road access to them	3/10/2024 4:20 PM
55	There's only so much protection that will last. Much of what exists along the coast in Rye CANNOT be protected long-term from climate change. Time to move and think differently. Just like Mac Jones isn't the answer at QB for the Patriots, protection of these areas isn't, not in the long run.	3/10/2024 4:17 PM
56	all buildings in town Odiorne PT State Park and Rye Harbor State Park	3/10/2024 4:11 PM
57	RT 1A Eel Pond Beach erosion	3/10/2024 3:59 PM
58	RT 1A	3/10/2024 3:47 PM
59	healthy marshes will help mitigate flooding from coastal flooding	3/10/2024 3:39 PM
60	the schools also need to be set up a shelters if needed, with generators, etc. roadways leading to them analysis of traffic patterns.	3/10/2024 3:25 PM

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61	Don't know.	3/10/2024 3:13 PM
62	Roads-	3/10/2024 11:29 AM
63	Roads	3/10/2024 11:29 AM
64	We have water mains along Ocean Blvd. The Sewer line also runs down to Hampton. Rt. 1 will be continually submerged, so what can be done to mitigate damage and ways of having the road cleared again?	3/10/2024 9:21 AM
65	ocean beaches and roads along the beaches	3/10/2024 8:41 AM
66	People and road should be the priority	3/10/2024 8:38 AM
67	Schools, Library, Safety Building	3/9/2024 9:58 PM
68	1A, and intersections/roads along 1A	3/9/2024 8:34 PM
69	The wells that produce drinking water, the town offices, and the fire and police stations.	3/9/2024 4:55 PM
70	Beach roadways , town municipalities	3/9/2024 3:58 PM
71	Town owned, priority would be schools, emergency management, town offices.	3/9/2024 1:41 PM
72	Rte 1A - Ocean Blvd, schools, library, town hall and annex	3/9/2024 1:34 PM
73	1. Drinking water sources 2. Ocean water cleanliness 3. Need a plan if Rt1A sections become impassable in the future 4. Rye Harbor 5. Town buildings (schools, transfer station, emergency buildings....)	3/9/2024 11:33 AM
74	ocean blvd	3/9/2024 11:31 AM
75	I would say the marshes, with the breaching of the sea walls more salt water is going to increase the salinity levels of the marshes.	3/9/2024 9:53 AM
76	Better protection of natural habitat so that natural systems work to mitigate climate events.	3/8/2024 12:38 PM
77	1A	3/8/2024 10:36 AM
78	maintaining the sea walls along Route 1 A	3/8/2024 10:03 AM
79	beaches	3/8/2024 9:59 AM
80	Coastal roads, historic sites and structures, wetlands	3/8/2024 9:36 AM
81	People and their properties and roads for emergency routes should be the priorities.	3/8/2024 8:38 AM
82	In my opinion the town of Rye should be most concerned about protecting our roads and beaches.	3/7/2024 11:40 PM
83	Beach road	3/7/2024 11:01 PM
84	Highest priority is to examine how to improve or enhance our watersheds to improve the flow of water--possibly the entire Route 1A road may need to reexamined and reconfigured in order to allow water to move. Read--Water always Wins by Erica Geis at the RPL (examples in other parts of the world like England how this was accomplished)	3/7/2024 10:57 PM
85	Require most critical areas to be build with no occupied first level. Provides safety and potentially lower insurance rates	3/7/2024 10:26 PM
86	Public roads, beaches, and low lying areas. Private buildings need to be taken care of by their owners.	3/7/2024 10:04 PM
87	Ocean Blvd needs a stronger infrastructure.	3/7/2024 9:54 PM
88	rt 1A	3/7/2024 9:18 PM
89	Roads	3/7/2024 8:30 PM
90	The beach area. That will be the first affected, the first destroyed.	3/7/2024 8:22 PM
91	Roads	3/7/2024 12:45 PM
92	Roads and seawall and upland habitats	3/7/2024 12:03 PM

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93	Sites and roads	3/7/2024 8:48 AM
94	Route 1A.	3/7/2024 8:40 AM
95	Important infrastructure that provides necessary services	3/7/2024 8:11 AM
96	1A roads and bridges, beaches, odiorne	3/6/2024 6:51 PM
97	Route 1A an its marshes.	3/6/2024 2:50 PM
98	Ocean Blvd. and related streets, Department of Public Works offices, Recreation Office, Town Hall, and Annex	3/6/2024 2:41 PM
99	Route 1A	3/6/2024 2:12 PM
100	schools, town hall, safety buildings, beaches.	3/6/2024 12:53 PM
101	8 miles coastal buildings on the boulevard good to prioritize	3/6/2024 12:33 PM
102	RT 1A	3/6/2024 12:19 PM
103	Municipal infrastructure such as the Library, town offices, and schools. Webster at Rye and other senior living facilities. Coastal businesses.	3/6/2024 11:41 AM
104	Hospitals, schools, other public buildings, historic buildings	3/6/2024 11:34 AM
105	too many septic systems too close to flood zone - be impacting on drinking water and beach water quality	3/6/2024 11:21 AM
106	Shoreline roads, bridges, seawalls	3/6/2024 11:11 AM
107	All roads from the ocean to high ground, road culverts, route 1A, Rye dump, Town of Rye Records and computer systems	3/6/2024 11:06 AM
108	The water system will likely need to be upgraded as salt water infiltration will ultimately encroach on our coastal aquifers and wells. As wells get salted out, they will place more demands on the remainder of the system. The town has an aquifer map illustrates potentially affected areas.	3/6/2024 10:26 AM
109	Roads, water and sewer, electricity and communication	3/6/2024 9:14 AM
110	Roads, water, sewer and electricity.	3/6/2024 8:59 AM
111	None	3/6/2024 5:57 AM
112	Water, sewer, power and communication infrastructures.	3/6/2024 5:05 AM
113	All things are created equal, but we can't control the weather.	3/5/2024 6:50 PM
114	sites that should be protected from climate impact, flooding, and natural hazards	3/5/2024 5:26 PM
115	most vulnerable areas incline roads known to flood. My home!	3/5/2024 5:05 PM
116	Emergency response buildings, schools and ocean roads	3/5/2024 4:56 PM
117	Anywhere that has the highest risk to permanently harming our environment. I guess municipal buildings and roads with best evacuation.	3/5/2024 4:51 PM
118	Water protection	3/4/2024 6:00 PM
119	Waterfront and walkways along waterfront	3/4/2024 5:08 PM
120	Route 1A, IB, South, Sea Roads, area around Perkins, etc.	3/4/2024 3:50 PM
121	Route 1A, marshes, ponds	3/3/2024 11:19 PM
122	Rte 1A drainage	3/3/2024 9:37 PM
123	Beaches houses impacted roadways	3/3/2024 8:59 PM
124	Buildings that house people.	3/3/2024 7:25 PM
125	Roads	3/3/2024 5:42 PM

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126	I'm not sure I believe we are in control of that - perhaps we might be better off figuring out how best to protect people and think about how what buildings and roads are critical to saving/preserving lives.	3/3/2024 5:27 PM
127	Private homes	3/3/2024 5:01 PM
128	Rte 1A	3/3/2024 4:52 PM
129	Anything along the ocean.	3/3/2024 10:24 AM
130	Sites that should be protected from climate impact.	3/3/2024 10:22 AM
131	Roads. But some may have to be abandoned.	3/3/2024 8:23 AM
132	Shoals View Dr. Parsons Rd.	3/2/2024 3:09 PM
133	Fire station and Jr. High School for evaluation purposes. Build up Ocean Blvd. to protect from flooding low lying areas. A dike system similar to the Netherlands, but in a small scale.	3/2/2024 2:13 PM
134	1 A and any where the Ocean fills in to ponds, marshes etc heading west.	3/2/2024 9:23 AM
135	Climate impact	3/2/2024 9:22 AM
136	Schools, water sources. Let go of or Move roads and buildings	3/2/2024 7:57 AM
137	Saving the people from high water impact, such as having "boats" available to save the people.	3/1/2024 5:37 PM
138	1A..	3/1/2024 1:41 PM
139	Ocean Blvd.,Grove Rd.,Sagamore Rd, lower Wallis Rd	3/1/2024 12:51 PM
140	Unknown	2/29/2024 5:17 PM
141	I think the town needs a substantial sewer system to provide safe handling of human effluent .	2/29/2024 5:10 PM
142	Rye Harbor	2/29/2024 2:10 PM
143	Roads, bridges, and homes/businesses	2/29/2024 8:53 AM
144	ocean blvd	2/28/2024 10:39 AM
145	1A, wetlands,	2/27/2024 7:09 AM
146	route 1A owners of properties in the flood plain should bear more of the financial responsibility for insurance	2/26/2024 10:21 AM
147	Access roads, marshes.	2/26/2024 7:09 AM
148	let climate change take its course	2/25/2024 10:01 PM
149	Ocean roads	2/25/2024 7:20 AM
150	Ocean blvd	2/23/2024 3:32 PM
151	Fire and Rescue (though not in flood area) is always priority. Ocean Blvd, Rye Harbor and the beaches where average high tide abuts or crosses into private property. That water causes damage to ocean blvd which is the focus of the town and main attraction in the high season which equates to revenue for business.	2/22/2024 5:33 PM
152	Waterfront roads and homes	2/22/2024 4:25 PM
153	none.	2/22/2024 3:31 PM
154	I think we are well protected. We don't need to keep trying to spend needlessly	2/22/2024 12:29 PM
155	any town buildings and roads that flood in town as a result of proximity to marshes etc.	2/22/2024 9:43 AM
156	Coastal areas and historic sites	2/22/2024 9:11 AM
157	Every building is valuable to someone. So I don't know how/why we would pick/choose?	2/22/2024 8:27 AM
158	Planning and zoning should stop granting variances to builders near coast and wetland.	2/22/2024 7:17 AM
159	Historical properties, institutions (schools, town buildings)	2/21/2024 8:54 PM

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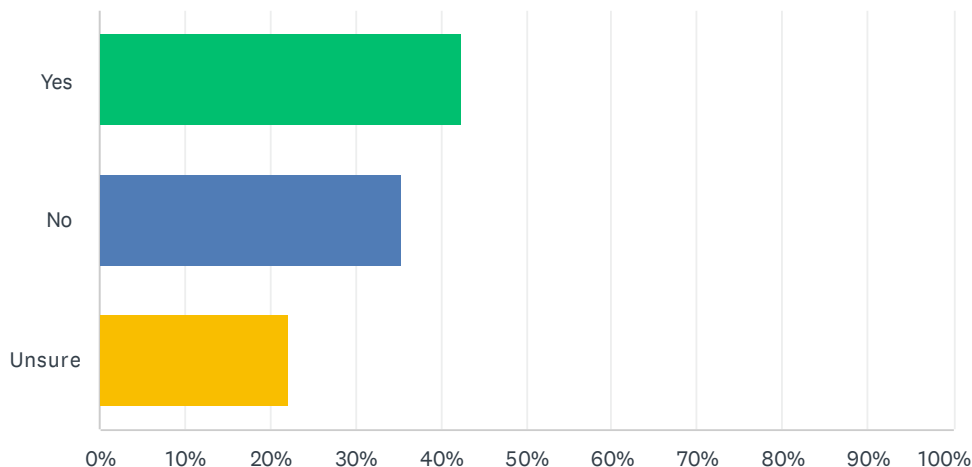
160	The 2 sewer pump stations. Aquarion antiquated water mains -- Ocean Boulevard and inland.	2/21/2024 5:10 PM
161	I don't see any greater need to protect.	2/21/2024 9:34 AM
162	There are no schools near our coastal waterways. Therefore it appears there are mostly private homes most at risk during flooding. Perhaps we should consider if beachfront homes should be allowed to be rebuilt if a weather event were to completely destroy them.	2/20/2024 1:57 PM
163	Water resources are #1. Fear of septic systems over flowing near the seacoast would be #2. Power grid locations that could be exposed to natural hazards #3.	2/20/2024 9:16 AM
164	My house. Schools. Water facilities.	2/19/2024 8:42 PM
165	Repairing roads, and reinforcing berms along the highway Not replacing the pavement but a hard pack stone at the pulloffs	2/19/2024 3:11 PM
166	Roads and storm preparedness to address flooding and coastal damage.	2/19/2024 2:14 PM
167	This is a strngely worded question. You can't stop climate impact.	2/19/2024 12:07 PM
168	On the beach front	2/19/2024 11:03 AM
169	Roads need attention. Not due to climate but we need to improve our roads	2/19/2024 9:53 AM
170	Beaches roads/parking/walls etc followed by town schools, town hall, library and town land.	2/19/2024 8:29 AM
171	Public safety building (Police & Fire). Either the elementary school or junior high as an emergency center.	2/18/2024 6:49 PM
172	Wallis road needs work. It's been over 2 years since north side has been done	2/18/2024 11:14 AM
173	See above	2/17/2024 10:03 PM
174	I do not believe that the town has much to do, other than allow a bigger height limit on the houses near the beach, so they can lift the homes up to accommodate higher tides	2/17/2024 8:47 PM
175	Ocean Blvd but that is a state rd Harbor Rd Bridge	2/17/2024 8:36 PM
176	I just don't know. I trust the town to figure this out.	2/17/2024 7:13 PM
177	Town roads infrastructure should be evaluated to see which lanes if any have significant risks.	2/17/2024 6:40 PM
178	ocean boulevard	2/17/2024 4:52 PM
179	Coastal routes	2/17/2024 4:14 PM
180	Sites and roads	2/17/2024 11:26 AM
181	1A	2/17/2024 11:05 AM
182	Not sure	2/17/2024 10:51 AM
183	Ocean Blvd, Harbor Rd access to the jetties,	2/17/2024 10:43 AM
184	road to maintain access for all citizens	2/17/2024 8:13 AM
185	Route 1a. The road itself, but the homes in that area will obviously suffer.	2/17/2024 8:01 AM
186	Coastal route 1a spanning from odiorne to town line into Hampton	2/17/2024 7:41 AM
187	Buildings	2/17/2024 5:15 AM
188	Harbor, sea wall on Rt 1A	2/16/2024 7:49 PM
189	Ocean Blvd, though a State Route is the highest priority.	2/16/2024 6:08 PM
190	?	2/16/2024 5:50 PM
191	I don't know.	2/16/2024 5:32 PM
192	Roads	2/16/2024 3:16 PM
193	1A	2/16/2024 2:33 PM

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194	Historical buildings in town (town hall, historical commission building), Bass Beach area (Rte 1A is state controlled?)	2/16/2024 2:28 PM
195	Roads	2/16/2024 1:51 PM
196	Septic systems! We need a town wide review and those that have failed systems should be fined until they remedy the problem.	2/16/2024 1:10 PM
197	All town buildings that are at risk.	2/16/2024 12:31 PM
198	Protection of the Marshes the first priority and then the shale piles and seawalls.	2/16/2024 12:28 PM
199	Route 1A, town roads near beaches.	2/16/2024 11:50 AM
200	The beaches	2/16/2024 11:14 AM
201	Your personal dwelling	2/16/2024 11:13 AM
202	Direct Coastal areas and those areas that are the first to flood.	2/16/2024 11:03 AM
203	Ocean Blvd (Rt 1 A)	2/16/2024 10:55 AM
204	Pump houses for the sewer system. Roads along 1a	2/16/2024 8:47 AM
205	Safety complex	2/16/2024 8:15 AM
206	See previous comment.	2/16/2024 8:12 AM
207	Several roads near marshes need to be raised with increased drains that run underneath to allow water flow. Current drain pipe are less than 16in diameters and are always blocked by debris. Schools and all govt buildings should be protected as all homes in town.	2/16/2024 7:53 AM
208	Road maintenance and bikes, runners and walkers. A lot of the roads are unsafe	2/16/2024 7:46 AM
209	Roads and bridges and rebuilding sea walls	2/16/2024 7:02 AM
210	Beaches, 1A , ocean blvd, pathways along the beach	2/15/2024 11:28 PM
211	We have non in this town,	2/15/2024 11:19 PM
212	Ocean Blvd; beach access points	2/15/2024 10:23 PM
213	Roads	2/15/2024 10:20 PM
214	1. Buildings 2. roads	2/15/2024 10:17 PM
215	roads	2/15/2024 10:09 PM
216	Roads	2/15/2024 9:57 PM
217	None	2/15/2024 9:00 PM

Q9 Given the predictions for sea-level rise, storm surges, and groundwater rise, should Rye help private property owners address these hazards?

Answered: 280 Skipped: 40



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	42.50%	119
No	35.36%	99
Unsure	22.14%	62
TOTAL		280

#	IF YES, WHEN AND HOW MIGHT RYE HELP PROPERTY OWNERS?	DATE
1	It should be the homeowners responsibility to invest in protection for their property. If town property protections benefit the homeowner, this is OK, but not the goal.	3/15/2024 5:15 PM
2	Let people think for themselves. Government should not and cannot fix stupid.	3/15/2024 1:04 PM
3	Property owners need to be primarily responsible for their decision to own/live near the ocean and/or parts of town that flood. If they want to build in a flood area and not take proper precautions that is not the towns issue.	3/15/2024 12:52 PM
4	Yes through wetland and infrastructure resiliency. Not so much helping with reslience or repair of private homes themselves -- that can be left to homeowners.	3/15/2024 11:03 AM
5	No, AI gore said we would be under water by now. It's all BS	3/15/2024 10:03 AM
6	Information. Public speakers.	3/15/2024 9:57 AM
7	new building regulations	3/15/2024 7:47 AM
8	Perhaps the town can facilitate property owners by providing informational sessions and ways for them to form coops together.	3/14/2024 8:03 PM
9	See #7 - good planning tools and education Ordinances which reflect regulations and best practices in support of hazard mitigation	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
10	Contracts with service providers that provide preferred pricing to Rye residents.	3/14/2024 6:32 PM
11	Assist in permitting, when needed, for seawall repairs and similar repairs/prevention.	3/14/2024 6:03 PM

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12	Build a storm wall People can pay to park to help off set costs	3/14/2024 5:27 PM
13	Private Property is the responsibility of the property owner. No Town assistance should be provided.	3/14/2024 5:23 PM
14	support system to help with cleanup	3/14/2024 3:25 PM
15	town could make decisions on allowing new building and have competent people and equipment needs for engineers. Senior folks or disabilities and ambulance service.	3/14/2024 2:15 PM
16	Only through education on protecting their own properties	3/14/2024 1:10 PM
17	Why not? as it affects all those around Rye. Rye is already known as an "unfriendly community" Rise house - on pilings *another enforcement. Town of Rye become friends with Mayor of Newburyport, Administration of Portsmouth, Hampton, North Hampton. 'go/get' to their meetings send out more or weekly newsletters to Rye - work with your community neighbors.	3/13/2024 2:11 PM
18	We should not be encouraging or supporting development in flood zones with public resources. We should update the code to put the onus on private developers to do everything possible for the future, from requiring structural elevation and flood proof sloping to having bombproof seawalls, etc. If people want an oceanfront house, there should be no corners cut.	3/13/2024 11:34 AM
19	Provide names of companies that can provide help.	3/13/2024 10:49 AM
20	Yes as above with best practices retroactive ordinances and regulations to better protect properties and lives.	3/13/2024 10:37 AM
21	For a fee.	3/12/2024 8:15 PM
22	Be aware when requiring New Construction to be at a higher level, that their neighbor is at a lower level and that you have now helped to endanger the neighbors property. I hope we are a community that looks after our neighbors, and not just individuals looking out for themselves.	3/12/2024 5:05 PM
23	Some help to those who have lived in these properties over 40 years, but those who buy up these properties should be aware of what the future holds and be responsible for their buildings and properties.	3/12/2024 1:53 PM
24	Rye will help property owners by helping itself. Protect what open space remains in close proximity to the ocean. It's not all about selling land. It's more about protecting fools from themselves with proper restrictions on where open space needs to remain open!!	3/12/2024 10:23 AM
25	Incorporate private properties into coastal resiliency master plan for infrastructure.	3/12/2024 7:11 AM
26	Provide resources and education	3/11/2024 9:22 PM
27	Education on available options and resources is great, Rye should not be financially assisting individual residents	3/11/2024 8:15 PM
28	Help applying for state and federal grants to relocate or rebuild depending on probability of reoccurring disaster.	3/11/2024 5:11 PM
29	Being mindful of over building	3/11/2024 4:00 PM
30	I think through education, but I'm not sure how financially, unless it's for the general protection of the Seacoast.	3/11/2024 2:18 PM
31	preparedness clean-up	3/11/2024 2:10 PM
32	Proactive elevation of Harbor Road from Ocean Boulevard to its end point at 100 Harbor Road along with the planned replacement of the Harbor Road Bridge	3/11/2024 1:30 PM
33	Alert them to what is expected and resources available.	3/11/2024 12:18 PM
34	unsure	3/11/2024 10:05 AM
35	Information and education only.	3/10/2024 5:17 PM
36	sea wall along Ocean Blvd	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
37	Reinforce breach areas.	3/10/2024 4:41 PM

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38	I don't think this can be done equitably. its "buyer beware"	3/10/2024 4:36 PM
39	need to find a way to support managed retreat in the towns most affected areas. building higher seawalls would be a misuse of funds given sea level rise predictions in the next 50 years.	3/10/2024 4:27 PM
40	protect structures such as roads and culverts so property owners can reach their homes. add drainage systems for marshes maintain sea walls	3/10/2024 4:20 PM
41	Not financially but with information that allows them to make choices about their investments starting now. Take Harbor Road and the bridge we're going to rebuild for close to \$1 million dollars. Science can surely predict how long it might be able to provide access to those properties, when a bridge and road there will no longer possible. The same should be doable for homes along Jenness Beach and along the seawall from there to the Rye Beach Club. The Beach Club is eventually not going to be there unless it's relocated.	3/10/2024 4:17 PM
42	reform zoning to allow taller structured that will need to be elevated	3/10/2024 4:11 PM
43	education zoning changes to prevent preventative policies - IDK what these are but ex. its we know XYZ is harmful, prevent or deter XYZ	3/10/2024 3:59 PM
44	whatever we do we cannot build in the marshes, healthy marshes will mitigate sea level rise!	3/10/2024 3:39 PM
45	education financial assistance where appropriate.	3/10/2024 3:25 PM
46	plan and prepare for the eventual impact.	3/10/2024 3:13 PM
47	Education and assist with access to options, resources. Clean Energy NH can help with this too I believe.	3/10/2024 11:29 AM
48	These homeowners should be taxed higher if they will be potentially using a disproportion amount of town services.	3/10/2024 9:21 AM
49	Negotiate favorable rates with preferred service providers for related preventative and restorative services.	3/10/2024 8:41 AM
50	Providing guidance/education on issues. Perhaps a "group buying/discounting" opportunity for solar panels (so we are not beholden to the electrical grid, or similar) and any other systems that all residents would benefit.	3/9/2024 9:58 PM
51	Plans to build better drainage working with homeowners	3/9/2024 8:34 PM
52	With information, but no monetary support paid by other tax payers	3/9/2024 1:41 PM
53	Start with education. Hold informative workshops with local experts in field who can educate and offer suggestions on what we can all do to protect ourselves and our property.	3/9/2024 1:34 PM
54	See #7 above	3/9/2024 11:58 AM
55	Taxpayer dollars should not go towards these efforts more often owning higher value property.	3/9/2024 11:35 AM
56	Collective agreement with a septic company that offers discounts for Rye residents to update/improve their septic systems. Not paid by taxpayers but the town could create an agreement with vendors to offer better rates/options/terms for a period of time to encourage state-of-the art systems installed in our town by a certain date.	3/9/2024 11:33 AM
57	Educate property owners on steps they can take to mitigate impacts (e.g., landscaping, trees and shrubs, property design)	3/8/2024 10:36 AM
58	By educating property owners as to their responsibilities and options well in advance of any minor or major event	3/8/2024 9:36 AM
59	Consult the property owner on better wsys for managing water drainage	3/7/2024 11:01 PM
60	after seeking expert advice from environmentalists, pass the knowledge along so that informed decisions can be made to benefit all	3/7/2024 10:57 PM
61	I suspect it would be incredibly expensive to help property owners rebuild their homes	3/7/2024 10:26 PM
62	Absolutely No.	3/7/2024 10:04 PM
63	People buying on Ocean Blvd should know the risks of buying on the ocean. That's what flood	3/7/2024 9:54 PM

	insurance is for.	
64	There must be national programs or groups who have started to work on dealing with this. We should partner or learn from them	3/7/2024 8:22 PM
65	Stricter building codes that increase runoff in adjacent properties (e.g. filling in properties.	3/7/2024 6:07 PM
66	More education so that we collectively understand what is happening. And likely from a different source than the RCC as they have a charged presence in town. A group that is more neutral like a state level environmental group.	3/7/2024 12:45 PM
67	Information	3/7/2024 12:03 PM
68	Providing education and prevention materials such as sand bags for flooding	3/7/2024 8:48 AM
69	As said previously, 1A needs to be taken more seriously and if the state will not act quickly in ALL the area's it should then the Town should look to step in and assist.	3/7/2024 8:40 AM
70	Previously stated #7	3/7/2024 8:11 AM
71	have a group of people conduct research and then provide actionable items for people to follow with evidence and reasons as to why these actions are impactful.	3/6/2024 6:51 PM
72	Resources for engineering analysis regarding their properties and resources to afford them.	3/6/2024 2:50 PM
73	It might make sense to follow the lead of states like Florida and require elevated buildings in certain areas of the town.	3/6/2024 2:12 PM
74	again, not sure about options/best practices but if there are ways to educate property owners or provide subsidies for interventions, or other approaches that might be a good idea.	3/6/2024 12:53 PM
75	see if tax payers will support a fund for such support	3/6/2024 12:33 PM
76	elevate homes encourage conservation easements	3/6/2024 12:19 PM
77	An opt in system for people to receive advice or even funds or equipment for assisting in readying property for these events. Additionally, shoring up existing infrastructure (such as drainage and seawalls) to help mitigate risks.	3/6/2024 11:41 AM
78	with planning and prudent, cost effective improvements where possible	3/6/2024 11:34 AM
79	building condos, restore marshes	3/6/2024 11:11 AM
80	With revised ordinances taking into account the expected changes	3/6/2024 11:06 AM
81	Only in as far as understanding the risks of their property ownership, but not financially to help them improve their properties. That would be unfair to those who considered the risks before they purchased their properties. "I didn't know" is not justification for taxpayers helping to bail out the owner of a multimillion dollar property.	3/6/2024 10:26 AM
82	Homeowners should follow zoning, and construction requirements.	3/6/2024 9:14 AM
83	A homeowner should follow the building, ordinances and zoning ordinances. If you build a flood zone, you probably will get flooded.	3/6/2024 8:59 AM
84	Education	3/6/2024 5:05 AM
85	Tax credits since their property is first line of defense before public roads	3/5/2024 5:26 PM
86	informational events, grant opportunities	3/5/2024 4:59 PM
87	Not monetarily	3/5/2024 4:56 PM
88	Educate on ways to best protect homes. Agree on a sustainable management plan. Send a helicopter to Harbor Road! Comic relief...	3/5/2024 4:51 PM
89	Maybe use of town assets and labor at cost	3/4/2024 5:08 PM
90	Education, seminars, community involvement.	3/4/2024 1:45 PM
91	There are many "free market" believers in town. Several of whom live proximal to the ocean / flood zones. I do not feel granting town relief is appropriate.	3/4/2024 11:31 AM

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92	Perform groundwater studies to determine impact of construction to abutting neighbors. Provide assistance with basement fortification.	3/3/2024 11:19 PM
93	Mandate and track sewer pumping	3/3/2024 9:37 PM
94	Help with making sure the sea wall is designed properly give incentives to not fertilize lawns education is key property businesses country clubs should not over use water supply	3/3/2024 8:59 PM
95	Give tax incentives to make modifications to homes to protect from hazards. Zoning may need to be modified to make these changes. The town should be applying for any funding that could assist homeowners.	3/3/2024 7:25 PM
96	Create effective drainage systems to take storm water away from buildings.	3/3/2024 5:42 PM
97	Encourage them to move to higher ground, stop new construction in area where sea-level rise and surges are projected, improve storm water management	3/3/2024 5:27 PM
98	provide DPW services to address properties with poor drainage caused by severe precipitation events	3/3/2024 4:52 PM
99	Look to see what others have done successfully if there are any towns who have developed a plan.	3/3/2024 10:24 AM
100	Owners should adapt. Town can't fight nature indefinitely.	3/3/2024 8:23 AM
101	Through education on what areas are affected and how to mitigate the hazards, install sump pumps, etc.	3/2/2024 3:09 PM
102	Upgrade the drainage systems in low lying areas owned by the town and invest with the state and federal government to build up the coastal barriers.	3/2/2024 2:13 PM
103	Education on what we should and should not do.	3/1/2024 5:37 PM
104	Sea walls, or other protective measures	3/1/2024 1:41 PM
105	Should not help them, it is their issue when they bought the property	2/29/2024 2:10 PM
106	The Town of Rye should only work on the public spaces owned by the Town/State to keep property owners protected.	2/29/2024 8:53 AM
107	tax breaks? consulting?	2/28/2024 10:39 AM
108	Information, education, emergency planning.	2/26/2024 7:09 AM
109	Not at the cost of tax payer. If federal funding is available need to assist in obtaining funds.	2/23/2024 3:32 PM
110	By out coastal landowners.	2/22/2024 7:25 PM
111	See above.	2/22/2024 5:33 PM
112	Education, help with infrastructure/systems that can minimize impact	2/22/2024 4:25 PM
113	Yes but only to a point, it should be a public benefit as well	2/22/2024 2:51 PM
114	They choose to live where they are so let them take care of their own risks. There is also such a thing called insurance. Live on the water plan on living in the waters one.	2/22/2024 12:29 PM
115	education on the subjects of construction of homes, evacuation routes and state plans to address infrastructure	2/22/2024 9:43 AM
116	First stop new development in these low lying areas unless adequate measure have been taken in planning. We are seeing new construction in places of known issue, where sites are backfilled to accommodate building in sites that should not be.	2/22/2024 9:11 AM
117	This is ultimately up to owners.	2/22/2024 8:58 AM
118	Aren't FEMA and other private insurers already doing this? I believe that the town's responsibilities start at the street - ie access to utilities and public roads. So if a storm impacts these services then the town should have a contingency plan. building rules should be relaxed to accommodate those who wish to protect there properties however it seems this is a challenge because of the national building code.	2/22/2024 8:27 AM
119	Negotiate rates with vendors and provide tax incentives for proactively addressing	2/21/2024 8:54 PM

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120	Not financially but the town could provide guidance to these homeowners on how/when to prepare	2/21/2024 7:04 PM
121	With regulations so buildings are designed to stand storm surge. Updating and strengthening regulations. Not granting expansion/increase in impervious cover for homes subject to flooding, including "fake" pervious pavers.	2/21/2024 5:10 PM
122	Change zoning laws to make it easier to fill low areas and to build sea walls.	2/21/2024 9:34 AM
123	Rye is not responsible for individual risk assumption ie. I chose not to consider homes within a mile of the ocean. If others choose to assume this risk, I should not be held financially accountable	2/20/2024 1:57 PM
124	If flood zones change, effecting new areas, so help could be given.	2/19/2024 8:42 PM
125	Provide guidance on ways to protect the property and to be more resilient, .e.g., install solar panels and a battery storage.	2/19/2024 4:41 PM
126	Yes to those who are less able to pay and have lived here many years fixed income. No to those who continue to build in these areas without thinking ahead after seeing the damage and who can well afford it. They should be putting in plans the outline of improvements they are making to their homes with this issue in mind ie higher up	2/19/2024 3:11 PM
127	Some locations can't be saved. The ocean will eventually prevail. Rye should minimize continued development/deforestation.	2/19/2024 12:07 PM
128	The town can help with expertise but the private property owners are responsible for the cost of maintaining and protecting their property.	2/18/2024 6:49 PM
129	codes that allow for higher heights and walls.	2/17/2024 8:47 PM
130	Find outside funding for property owners to enhance seawalls	2/17/2024 8:36 PM
131	I am not sure if town should or should not be responsible.	2/17/2024 7:13 PM
132	Share information so homeowners can make their own decisions.	2/17/2024 6:40 PM
133	Flood water management.	2/17/2024 5:45 PM
134	Advice and protect 1A damage somehow	2/17/2024 3:04 PM
135	Allow storm walls	2/17/2024 11:05 AM
136	Work to obtain Federal and State grants for their use in protecting their homes	2/17/2024 10:43 AM
137	The town may not be able to help the homeowners.	2/17/2024 8:01 AM
138	Creating higher berms, more large boulders, improved storm drainage .	2/17/2024 5:15 AM
139	Its very difficult by Rye should make sure they do what is possible to maintain that people are eligible for FEMA flood insurance.	2/16/2024 6:08 PM
140	Stilts	2/16/2024 5:32 PM
141	Help with Flooding issues	2/16/2024 3:16 PM
142	New building permits should allow increased elevations if it does not increase water issues for neighbors. Allowing property owners to better control water on their property, and recognizing that State environmental employees may have more knowledge than volunteer conservation commission members.	2/16/2024 2:28 PM
143	I think it's up to the property owner to do their due diligence.	2/16/2024 1:10 PM
144	We would not be a town without residents. How to make it fair that is another question/concern. Yes, help by education, demonstrations means to support, guidance and grants/funds to assist in the development of and protection of their properties.	2/16/2024 12:28 PM
145	education re issues and government funding available. Do not support Rye tax \$ to assist homeowners.	2/16/2024 11:50 AM
146	Assess their properties and recommend remediation	2/16/2024 11:14 AM

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147	By determining how to reinforce berms and drainage to rye beaches and roads this may help them. But there are risks with waterfront property that are part of the purchase.	2/16/2024 11:09 AM
148	Need State representatives to implore the state to help with this. Also, perhaps again a tax break for proven efforts made to alleviate the issue	2/16/2024 11:03 AM
149	By maintaining the seawall on Ocean Boulevard.	2/16/2024 8:47 AM
150	Education only. No taxpayer dollars.	2/16/2024 8:15 AM
151	Beaver dams remove them would first step. Water level has risen dramatically. Pipes put in at beaver dams for water flow. Increase drainage. Septic will become a problem so maybe start looking at sewer.	2/16/2024 7:53 AM
152	Advice for preventing damage	2/16/2024 7:46 AM
153	Infrastructure supports and ongoing improvements to water and sewer to prevent contamination	2/16/2024 7:02 AM
154	Property tax credits for improvements that help mitigate flood risk	2/15/2024 11:28 PM
155	While I don't see using Rye tax dollars to build infrastructure for private citizens to protect private property, perhaps the town can assist with coordination and resources to assist property owners take action.	2/15/2024 10:23 PM
156	Education. Grants.	2/15/2024 10:17 PM
157	Offer advice	2/15/2024 9:57 PM

Q10 What other issues and opportunities are you aware of related to natural hazards and coastal impacts?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 214

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	People should not be building in vulnerable areas. If they do so, they do so at their own risk and expense.	3/15/2024 9:23 PM
2	IMPACT! Problem is we have people moving here from other areas where they has everything but left because they didn't want to pay for it.	3/15/2024 1:04 PM
3	That you can blow money on? Look, address the Phragmites. That is destroying our Marshes. Remediate that if my money is burning a hole in your pocket.	3/15/2024 10:03 AM
4	Marsh water rise.	3/15/2024 9:57 AM
5	Perhaps look into federal grant funding to get advice from professionals.	3/14/2024 8:03 PM
6	Stop letting people build in wetland buffer zones near marshes- they will just flood	3/14/2024 7:30 PM
7	Need a good storm wall Hampton beach concrete wall and have paid parking	3/14/2024 5:27 PM
8	Forcing owners to raise structures. Forcing owners in at risk areas to contribute to costs to update water and septic/sewer.	3/14/2024 2:15 PM
9	I have not studied this subject.	3/14/2024 2:15 PM
10	Residential (or commercial) properties with septic systems leaching into the waterways. This should be a major concern that should warrant heavy town and state involvement. It is a major hazard to human health at our beaches.	3/14/2024 1:55 PM
11	Wind damage, water damage, power disruption, structural damage to buildings, beach erosion, water contamination...	3/13/2024 6:41 PM
12	by NOT enforcing land codes - also educating people - various state have tougher enforcements - it seems like Rye goes around stating the rules and regulations but dont work together as a team to enforce.	3/13/2024 2:11 PM
13	Do the present Zoning ordinances address what is expected? Granting variances and special exceptions doesn't seem smart.	3/13/2024 10:49 AM
14	increased summer beach population causes more pollution	3/13/2024 10:40 AM
15	Open historic flows of water in and out of marshes with larger culverts. Plan that certain areas may not be able to be protected in the future, retreat from some areas. Harbor to Washington Road for example.	3/13/2024 10:37 AM
16	allowing exceptions to property owners that clearly endanger fresh water systems as well as estuaries (such as overbuilding on plots, like Webster attempted to do over the past 10 years)	3/12/2024 1:53 PM
17	Recent storms and exceptionally high tides have provided insight to what potentially lies ahead. The power of the ocean has been more apparent then ever. It's not going away!	3/12/2024 10:23 AM
18	Clean water: Coakley Landfill & Barry Brook watershed	3/11/2024 9:22 PM
19	Coastal flooding and sea level rise with the increasing frequency of large impact storms is my biggest concern	3/11/2024 8:15 PM
20	Drinking water (aquifer contamination by salt)	3/11/2024 5:11 PM
21	As noted above, the slash on the forest floors due to dying hemlock, ash and beech trees.	3/11/2024 4:23 PM
22	Unacceptable increased stress on emergency first responders during periods of inaccessibility to Rye residential and commercial properties	3/11/2024 1:30 PM

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23	I would have to spend time thinking about it.	3/11/2024 12:18 PM
24	There should be no more building in coastal areas	3/11/2024 11:07 AM
25	Beaches could be replenished with sand dredged from offshore. This would likely be a state project. Again, cost-benefit would be a critical consideration.	3/10/2024 5:17 PM
26	none	3/10/2024 4:20 PM
27	when people build in flood zones we should make sure homes/buildings are build in a way that will survive flows and not give them the opportunity to put their property are risk.	3/10/2024 3:39 PM
28	recently saw on Boston Chronicle an invention by Harvard design grad Alex Berkowitz of "Coastal Protection Solutions" its a "wave breaker" to reduce height and velocity of ocean waters.	3/10/2024 3:25 PM
29	Ground water is rising in Rye. Ticks are not dying. Planting hardiness zone is increasing as we are not as cold as 50 years ago.	3/10/2024 11:29 AM
30	Get the state to plant things in the shale piles and on seawalls to hold them together	3/10/2024 9:21 AM
31	The town should not be spending more money based on prediction that never come to reality. Just look at statistics about that.	3/10/2024 8:38 AM
32	Mother Nature will always win so don't necessarily have the answer of what we can do to mitigate affects, but what can we do to be prepared or what can we do to prevent the least damage.	3/9/2024 9:58 PM
33	Impairments to water due to flooding	3/9/2024 8:34 PM
34	None	3/9/2024 11:58 AM
35	The town's efforts should look at trends in weather, where damage takes place, costs to remedy versus the cost of prevention. We also need to do a better job of limiting building footprints and building around wetlands as there continues to be more flooding in our community than ever.	3/9/2024 11:35 AM
36	existing sewer lines terminating in the ocean	3/9/2024 11:31 AM
37	Degradation of water quality from flooding.	3/8/2024 10:36 AM
38	none beyond reacting to storms. Rye has done a lot to address flood zone and building in it	3/8/2024 9:59 AM
39	Not sure	3/8/2024 9:36 AM
40	federal/state grants available to coastal towns; the concern is that the design of our current roads/infrastructure did not take into account nor will be able to protect us from future coastal flood impacts	3/7/2024 10:57 PM
41	water and power lines may need to be rerouted. Cell towers need to be provided to provide emergency communications. Potentially the town may have to pay for cell towers to be installed if cellphone companies are unwilling to make the financial commitment due to low population density of Rye	3/7/2024 10:26 PM
42	Embrace change, prepare for it, and adapt to it.	3/7/2024 10:04 PM
43	None.	3/7/2024 9:54 PM
44	none	3/7/2024 2:17 PM
45	Over building	3/7/2024 12:03 PM
46	Traffic control	3/7/2024 8:11 AM
47	None.	3/6/2024 2:12 PM
48	Rye is 2/3 water fresh and salt marshes sea rise and storms hugest threat	3/6/2024 12:33 PM
49	work with state and other neighboring communities - Hampton, North Hampton, Portsmouth. Grants	3/6/2024 12:19 PM
50	N/A	3/6/2024 11:41 AM

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51	Parson's Creek pollution issue	3/6/2024 11:34 AM
52	restore the marshes!	3/6/2024 11:11 AM
53	How does Rye keep enough forest and open space to allow wildlife to be sustained and at the same time assure the availability of fresh water and other basic human needs.	3/6/2024 11:06 AM
54	If properties are damaged and/or destroyed, Rye's building code should reflect the future designs needed to protect from increasingly severe weather events. The structures need to be rebuilt to better standards.	3/6/2024 10:26 AM
55	None	3/6/2024 5:57 AM
56	None	3/5/2024 6:50 PM
57	Rte 1A needs to be protected	3/5/2024 5:26 PM
58	electric vehicle fleet sola on all municipal buildings	3/5/2024 4:59 PM
59	I am hoping that people will realize that this is a serious global issue. I have read about adaptive coastal protection as we cannot predict future climate change accurately. They are fortifying the sea wall which I guess offers temporary protect?	3/5/2024 4:51 PM
60	Protect natural habitats. Ore conservation land and fine all out of staters a larger fine for illegal parking	3/4/2024 6:00 PM
61	The loss of vegetation in the marsh due to flooding. Roots are rotting and the trees and vegetations are dying. Also, invasive species in wetlands should be eradicated. Building permits must provide drainage plans so runoff doesn't go in wetlands or the permits should be rejected.	3/3/2024 7:25 PM
62	I see how roads that are not repaired lead to unnatural flooding and causing harm to the environment closest to our roads.	3/3/2024 10:22 AM
63	More frequent repair costs for roads.	3/3/2024 8:23 AM
64	Flooding in the wetlands	3/2/2024 3:09 PM
65	Concerned about septic systems breaking down / combined with sewer lines located in only a very small % of our Town- we are heading for a drinking water disaster.	3/2/2024 9:23 AM
66	Water contamination.	3/2/2024 7:57 AM
67	Having boats available and life jackets along with a "safe place" to go (again the Jr. High) which has beds, food, water stored for emergencies.	3/1/2024 5:37 PM
68	As above	3/1/2024 1:41 PM
69	If there still is raw sewage or farm wastes going into fresh or ocean water, it needs to stop. Set up natural filtering ponds with plants and fish that can help clean the water.	3/1/2024 12:51 PM
70	None	2/29/2024 5:17 PM
71	Don't like the gravel berms for sea level rise and storms. Need a better solution.	2/29/2024 2:10 PM
72	breaches of ther breakwaters along Route 1A Flooding of the marshes on west side of Route 1A	2/26/2024 10:21 AM
73	Would be great to partner with other ocean adjacent towns.	2/26/2024 7:09 AM
74	let things alone the good lord will take care of us	2/25/2024 10:01 PM
75	Explore options of building Jetties and other risk mitigation strategies. Suggest working with consultants from global universities (India) on coastal resilience plans and strategies.	2/22/2024 5:33 PM
76	None! Sometimes a storm is a good thing. It helps to clean out unwanted debris.	2/22/2024 12:29 PM
77	No improvement has been made to reinforce or build up sea walls or other areas along the coast in my lifetime. Even after storms it's just put back the way it was and then washes out again in the next storm. We need to find creative solutions to solve this issue that's not going away.	2/22/2024 9:11 AM
78	Not enough current data about the status of salt marshes in "Existing Conditions" draft.	2/21/2024 5:10 PM

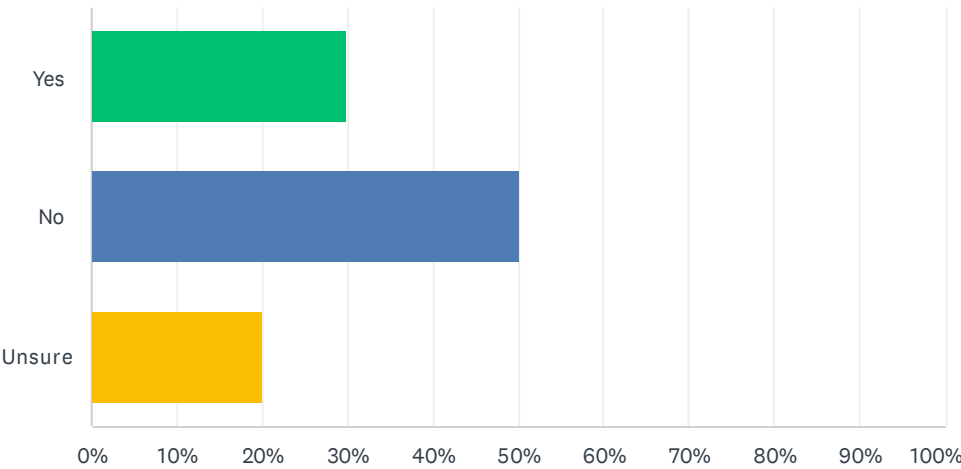
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Degradation of salt marshes means less resilience. Lack of natural barriers. Lack of enforcement.

79	None more than ever in the past.	2/21/2024 9:34 AM
80	Solar arrays super heat the air directly above them. This causes scorching and severe health impacts to birds flying too close	2/20/2024 1:57 PM
81	Erosion but not sure how affected rye is	2/19/2024 8:42 PM
82	The public safety building is the largest municipal electric user after the schools. Solar panels, batteries and efficient heat pumps should be installed there.	2/19/2024 4:41 PM
83	N/A	2/19/2024 12:07 PM
84	None	2/19/2024 9:53 AM
85	More seawalls are needed.	2/19/2024 8:29 AM
86	None	2/18/2024 6:49 PM
87	Primarily safety and access in and out of roads during flooding.	2/17/2024 7:13 PM
88	None.	2/17/2024 6:40 PM
89	Ground water rise and impact on private wells.	2/17/2024 5:45 PM
90	salt marsh health so they can help with flooding. More conservation land buys	2/17/2024 3:04 PM
91	Failing to keep development out of wetland buffers is a missed opportunity.	2/17/2024 3:01 PM
92	Trying to supply water for irrigation is a mistake.	2/17/2024 8:01 AM
93	Rye needs to mandate antiquated and failing septic systems are replaced.	2/16/2024 6:08 PM
94	Erosion	2/16/2024 5:32 PM
95	Drainage issues	2/16/2024 3:16 PM
96	bacteria in water cause by septic systems not to standard	2/16/2024 2:33 PM
97	N/A	2/16/2024 12:31 PM
98	Climate Change is here and we need to all work together to become resilient as a Town.	2/16/2024 12:28 PM
99	Shale piles are not a good solution to the sea rise issue. The state and federal assets should be used first	2/16/2024 11:13 AM
100	None	2/16/2024 8:12 AM
101	Water levels are a big one.	2/16/2024 7:53 AM
102	Septic system near the ocean. Fines and enforcement for noncompliance	2/16/2024 7:46 AM
103	Ongoing maintenance of new and existing sea walls	2/16/2024 7:02 AM
104	Rye Harbor needs boat, yacht addressing so as not to expect hull losses and cleanup.	2/15/2024 11:19 PM
105	Flooding and passage on Rt 1A	2/15/2024 9:57 PM
106	None	2/15/2024 9:00 PM

Q11 Do you think the need of all community members are being met in Rye? Needs may include housing, transportation, recreation, and other services.

Answered: 278 Skipped: 42



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		29.86%	83
No		50.00%	139
Unsure		20.14%	56
TOTAL			278

Q12 If not, how could the needs of community members be better supported?

Answered: 156 Skipped: 164

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Like conservation, recreation has gotten out of control	3/15/2024 1:17 PM
2	Need more affordable housing. Transportation and Rec is fine.	3/15/2024 12:55 PM
3	Tax rate is growing too fast for a diverse population including seniors on fixed income or younger workforce families.	3/15/2024 11:07 AM
4	Support restaurants along the coast, yes, next to your precious March. I still need a place to eat and Atlantic grill blows	3/15/2024 10:11 AM
5	Altho we rely on volunteers to run the senior bus.	3/15/2024 10:05 AM
6	Perhaps be sure low income elderly homeowners can avail themselves of property tax credits and re-evaluate the credits Rye does give to make sure they are reasonable.	3/14/2024 8:15 PM
7	Support recreation facilities, library common upgrades, req greater than 20% affordable housing in multi family developments	3/14/2024 7:38 PM
8	All community initiatives should be evaluated	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
9	Better senior services and recreation services. Why there is not a handicapped (wheelchair) van available is ridiculous.	3/14/2024 6:05 PM
10	The question is far to vague and open ended for a concise response. Some ideas: 1. Ordinance for new neighborhoods could require X% of affordable housing regardless the nature/type of project. 2. Ordinance which encourages meaningful amounts of affordable housing.	3/14/2024 5:31 PM
11	Why can't people build ADU's to keep elderly parents divining with family	3/14/2024 5:30 PM
12	Run a shuttle to Coast Bus Service	3/14/2024 4:14 PM
13	A recreation center, town center bandstand / park . tennis courts	3/14/2024 3:48 PM
14	More recreational opportunities including a gym outside of the control of schools.	3/14/2024 2:17 PM
15	Rye should strive to stay a small coastal town.	3/14/2024 2:06 PM
16	Coffee ,small cafe in the center of town . Better biking space on side of roads .	3/14/2024 1:38 PM
17	Better communication from the town.	3/13/2024 6:44 PM
18	Road maintenance to include potholes, drain cleaning, shoulder repairs etc.	3/13/2024 3:38 PM
19	no public transportation - I am not taking the Senior Serve. see enclosed Senior Facts Packet	3/13/2024 2:20 PM
20	Need to approve more housing of all types.	3/13/2024 11:47 AM
21	It is hard because people with money can work the system to get what they want	3/13/2024 10:57 AM
22	Rye has very poor recreation facilities with no indoor spaces, no outdoor courts for tennis and basketball, high speed limits in many neighborhoods compared to national standards and a focus on vehicles over pedestrians and cyclists.	3/13/2024 10:47 AM
23	n/a	3/13/2024 10:41 AM
24	Those who are being taxed out of town are not having their needs of remaining in a viable financially sound town met. By providing for everyone else there are many who are overlooked.	3/12/2024 8:36 PM
25	Increase library staff and thus library events to meet the needs of all community members.	3/12/2024 8:19 PM

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26	More affordable housing More transportation assistance? For those who may live alone and not have family nearby	3/12/2024 6:57 PM
27	It would be great to have a central meeting place (town hall) to have exercise classes, plays, social events, etc. The town is aging and many of the activities are for the seniors or the schools, there is a lack of activities for in-between, except at the library. It would be great to have someplace where all generations could gather socially, in larger numbers than the library can accommodate.	3/12/2024 5:25 PM
28	I worry about Rye's older population and how they will maintain their homes with the rising tax rate. That has become especially evident this year. Rye is becoming a community of the well to do, not even the young family group who cannot afford to buy property here. It would be such a pleasure to hit the "slow down" key on property development.	3/12/2024 4:25 PM
29	Affordable housing is certainly an issue, but I don't have an answer, since land is so scarce now, and clearly unaffordable to anyone but the very wealthy.	3/12/2024 1:57 PM
30	Affordable housing. Affordable child care. Recreation facilities for all.	3/12/2024 7:19 AM
31	House prices have soared since Covid, this is market values, but it is pricing a large group of people out of Rye, both those living here are new arrivals. It's hard to navigate the town website, find links to meetings and minutes. More concise transparency would be helpful for people to be involved.	3/11/2024 9:42 PM
32	Community transportation and zoning for bike and pedestrian traffic	3/11/2024 6:15 PM
33	A community center or expansion of library to include a community room that has windows. It needs to be easily accessible, useful for all ages, space for movement, talks, meeting, exercise...	3/11/2024 2:21 PM
34	Do not know what is available.	3/11/2024 12:21 PM
35	Rye needs more sidewalks or trails that provide safe routes for all ages to connect with each other. This would also help by reducing the number of cars on the road. Creating healthy lifestyles and less pollution.	3/11/2024 11:18 AM
36	More affordable housing	3/11/2024 10:11 AM
37	Give young families a reason to move here. No young families want to move here because they could spend less money on a home 8 miles inland and feel more welcome and have better resources offered to them.	3/10/2024 11:06 PM
38	need more programs for active seniors - don't need senior serve yet but want to get together with seniors my age (70 yrs) and want to take part in programs/activities.	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
39	We are an extremely "low information" town when it comes to voters' knowledge and understanding of how their town government works, how the budget is put together, how often decisions we make to NOT do something one year in order to postpone spending or to be able to feel good about "low taxes" actually makes things worse down the road. It's a major shortcoming of town government that we fail to provide people with that information when it matters most. Why don't people know what RCC does and how it does it? Why does information people receive about the budget from the Rye Civic League surpass anything in quality and quantity than what's produced by the Select Board or the Budget Committee?	3/10/2024 4:42 PM
40	affordable housing.	3/10/2024 4:40 PM
41	how about cell phone service like they have in 3rd world countries	3/10/2024 4:21 PM
42	Handicap accessibility to town beaches	3/10/2024 4:12 PM
43	need more market rate and little/low income housing	3/10/2024 4:01 PM
44	more housing choices better affordability great trails, senior serve, beaches	3/10/2024 3:48 PM
45	recreation that supports all ages pickle ball courts for	3/10/2024 3:41 PM
46	recreation for people who don't belong to country clubs - rec center for tennis, pickle ball, basketball... target community space - library? - for gathering.	3/10/2024 3:29 PM
47	This is a Senior Citizen heavy town and young families' voices are drowned out by the Senior Citizens' collective desire to keep taxes low. The town needs to invest in order to prosper,	3/10/2024 9:58 AM

rather than being penny wise and pound foolish.

48	Transportation: Commitment to high quality of roads, safe for biking, walking and running. Services tie to your demographics and some of the data points are misleading. Huge number of Rye families are retired, so income is low, but there is Massive NetWorth. Who is moving in to Rye? Wealthy older people from outside of Rye? Will this stop? What are the impacts to schools, shift in Rye Recreation, use of the library and other services	3/10/2024 9:35 AM
49	Provide a means for residents to contribute money to the elderly that need financial support, for instance, the ability to add funds to their tax bill payment for use by the elderly towards payment of their tax bill.	3/10/2024 9:11 AM
50	Rye is a wealthy community so I'm not sure housing or transportation is a Rye issue. I would say housing and transportation are a Seacoast issue. I do think a town like Rye should have more/better Recreation facilities. There is no indoor Recreation Center and limited outdoor recreation.	3/9/2024 10:07 PM
51	Safe shoulders in roads for walkers,runners and bikers - reconsider parking on both sides of streams in summer (save one for pedestrians/bikes) safety issue. Equal opportunity and resources for both girls and boys sports through recreational fields	3/9/2024 8:38 PM
52	We could provide more programs at the library.	3/9/2024 5:14 PM
53	Meeting everyone's needs is an unrealistic goal for any local, state, or Federal government. We need to vote on where the residents want to prioritize spending.	3/9/2024 1:52 PM
54	More physical fitness opportunities and engagement programs for seniors. More workforce housing. Better visiting/gathering space for residents. A vibrant town center. A coffee shop/sandwich shop (in addition to fantastic La Mulita). Creating a town that people can safely and successfully age well in. Make Rye a Blue Zone community!	3/9/2024 1:47 PM
55	More affordable housing	3/9/2024 12:01 PM
56	diversified housing options are not availabl	3/9/2024 11:35 AM
57	Children safety, cross walks, safer biking	3/8/2024 12:43 PM
58	have sharing meetings during the day on various days, continue to keep online and recorded meetings for those unable to attend, focus budget items on need not want or would like. It is true we are aging community and are limited in what we can support. Maybe have fund raising groups to provide other not needed items	3/8/2024 10:18 AM
59	affordable housing is a goal but it is very hard to achieve in Rye as the question is how to fund it and that has been a roadblock for years. Plus land is so expensive and that too is a roadblock.	3/8/2024 10:02 AM
60	Improve roadways to provide sidewalks and space for children to safely bike to and from school	3/8/2024 9:51 AM
61	keep the rural character, we do not need more housing if we are to be "rural". Since Rye is an aging community, may need to partner with Portsmouth to support senior services. Rye Senior Serve needs to be supported.	3/7/2024 11:15 PM
62	Better transportation for the elderly	3/7/2024 11:04 PM
63	Rye moving toward lower cost housing along Lafayette Rd. Transportation may need more support	3/7/2024 10:29 PM
64	Need to define what the "need" refers to. Rye needs to continue ensure safe drinking water, safe road conditions, adequate fire and police response times, and most importantly the protection of its rural cultural setting.	3/7/2024 10:12 PM
65	Unrealistic expectations, you can't make everyone happy.	3/7/2024 9:57 PM
66	elderly housing, elder tax break	3/7/2024 9:23 PM
67	More recreation facilities (tennis courts) and community events (like 4th of July)	3/7/2024 8:31 PM
68	Housing, we could have more affordability. We could create systems that could allow more people access to the beach. We could create a sidewalk system that allows safer passage around town	3/7/2024 8:27 PM

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69	Elderly	3/7/2024 12:05 PM
70	Cleaner and more efficient, up to date transfer station and Public Works facility.	3/7/2024 8:19 AM
71	Better support for young families to network. Better library resources and funding for more frq events events.	3/6/2024 10:58 PM
72	consider ADUs that are regulated so that they are built with well and in the character of the town of Rye. Consider and offer options (land use regulations/zoning) to residents to change existing large homes into multiple units while maintaining the beautiful exteriors of the homes.	3/6/2024 6:57 PM
73	Better public transportation.	3/6/2024 2:55 PM
74	There is no affordable housing in Rye (of the seacoast for that matter) and it would be nice if the Senior Serve bus would be handicap accessible.	3/6/2024 2:46 PM
75	Sidewalks along major roads help to get people out, build community and keep kids safe.	3/6/2024 2:18 PM
76	We should support the creation of the outdoor space the public library. This would be a great use of the space. We should also support a library expansion.	3/6/2024 1:33 PM
77	My answer might be yes at some level but I really don't feel in-the-know about all of Rye's programs in the above categories. I will say that I have always been shocked, as for instance, that with a maturing populace, Rye's recreational offerings do not include tennis courts and, given recent trends, pickle ball. These resources are in fact, age independent. However, the money seems to keep flowing towards youth programs and team sports, and the youth population in the town is declining.	3/6/2024 12:50 PM
78	need more workforce housing	3/6/2024 12:35 PM
79	need housing that is more affordable. aging population, schools running more vacant. string schools keep property values strong. once our schools are empty, then close, then Rye loses out charm? When will we be forced to go down to one school building? is that ideal schooling 5 yr olds with 14 yard olds? No.	3/6/2024 12:22 PM
80	lower speed limits additional access to non motorized transportation on safe roads for elderly veterans more tax breaks	3/6/2024 12:13 PM
81	Housing cost is a large concern for me. I work in Rye and will NEVER be able to afford a home in this town at it's current market rates.	3/6/2024 12:01 PM
82	not enough affordable rental units encourage more affordable appts or reasonable rentals	3/6/2024 11:22 AM
83	It is impossible to meet the needs of each and every community member.	3/6/2024 11:21 AM
84	need more diverse housing - saying "yes" to cottage communities (intentional density in limited areas), ADUs, multi-family units/projects. would love transportation to downtown Portsmouth. would love a more comprehensive recreation complex - indoor basketball, tennis courts. do our seniors have what they need to age in place? services? not sure.	3/6/2024 11:15 AM
85	Senior center	3/6/2024 5:27 AM
86	Housing	3/5/2024 8:39 PM
87	a small retail zone ,coffee , general store etc. where people in the community can go to build a sense belonging instead of a bedroom community	3/5/2024 5:39 PM
88	However I do think our town is remiss in a community awareness of people in need that do not have the wherewithal, ability or self confidence to reach out for help. I also think our police force is very out of touch with the residents. I introduce myself to every police person I meet, over and over again.	3/5/2024 5:08 PM
89	Elderly citizens have no services. Youth have limited ability to hike and walk safely.	3/5/2024 5:01 PM
90	more housing diversity. less restriction on home owners to renovate and put additions on their homes.	3/5/2024 4:53 PM
91	Fixed income people who have lived in town all their lives should be able to afford to keep their homes. Need retirement low income rentals.	3/4/2024 6:08 PM
92	More predictable taxation. Better utilizataion of school buildings.	3/4/2024 3:52 PM

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93	Help young people afford housing here	3/3/2024 9:01 PM
94	Transportation for disabled citizens is essential. Wheelchair vans need to be available to get people out. Public transportation is also needed for people who can't drive.	3/3/2024 7:41 PM
95	Maintain roads and drainage.	3/3/2024 5:45 PM
96	Side walks, bike lanes, speed mitigation, better recreation facilities (including indoor recreation), trail improvements, more resident beach parking	3/3/2024 5:38 PM
97	establish workforce/below market housing requirements as part of any future multi unit developments	3/3/2024 4:56 PM
98	Rye needs housing for all income levels. We would support cluster workforce affordable housing. Makes for a healthier community	3/3/2024 10:43 AM
99	All town roads should be paved and drainage should be maintained for all roads.	3/2/2024 2:32 PM
100	Need more transport services as our population ages	3/2/2024 9:30 AM
101	Real low income housing (not \$600k condos) Recreation opportunities at the Library Common.	3/2/2024 8:05 AM
102	We do need housing for people that have lived in Rye for "ages" that grew the town. It is time we took care of them.	3/1/2024 5:45 PM
103	There should be more affordable housing that is not an eye sore, is truly affordable, with some Section 8 housing. Our seniors and veterans have limited incomes that do not change with inflation. There should be discounts on taxes, registrations, for seniors, disabled and veterans.	3/1/2024 1:01 PM
104	More Housing	2/29/2024 5:19 PM
105	whatever needs attention to the most make sure those dont get shuffled to the back burner	2/29/2024 12:48 PM
106	Senior transportation for everyone, not just a certain few. Seniors who have mobility issues have no transportation in Rye.	2/29/2024 8:58 AM
107	traffic speed control through Rye Center better recreation facilities...Newcastle has a better enclosed recreation facility better designated and marked bicycle paths	2/26/2024 10:34 AM
108	It seems we may be in a situation where housing affordability in the region could impact business and public services.	2/26/2024 7:20 AM
109	More community space to come together. Roads are not safe for walking and biking.	2/25/2024 7:23 AM
110	Seniors are neglected. Kids do not have safe passage on roads. Junior high is sub standard.	2/23/2024 3:35 PM
111	Our experience of the school system was lacking - they did not have teachers for all standard subjects and critical services were underfunded. There is very little for teenagers in town. Walking/biking on most roads can be quite hazardous. For a very long time we did not have cellular service in our neighborhood which is a safety concern.	2/23/2024 7:31 AM
112	More focus on seniors & lower income residents.	2/22/2024 7:29 PM
113	Seniors have limited transportation. Library needs to continue to grow as a space for older residence to congregate. Residence on Rye Water do not receive basic clean, drinkable water! Rye Beach has sidewalks and safe passage and roads on most of Rye are dangerous for walkers, runners and most importantly, children. Middle school age children are not receiving a proper education. Social studies is a must!!! A dedicated social studies teacher is imperative and it's embarrassing that a town such as Rye does not have one.	2/22/2024 5:45 PM
114	sidewalks, town center with recreation and retail opportunities	2/22/2024 3:38 PM
115	Housing and zoning. Larger lots should be able to build mulitple houses	2/22/2024 3:02 PM
116	By stop foolish spending on people's wish list. Many people move here because of our beautiful town, yet they want to change everything and then they move because of high taxes. So many unhappy people—always want more. When is enough enough.	2/22/2024 12:44 PM
117	More focus on things they draw young families to town and improvements to the ref and playgrounds are desperately needed.	2/22/2024 9:16 AM
118	I don't know who needs what so it's hard to answer.	2/22/2024 8:38 AM

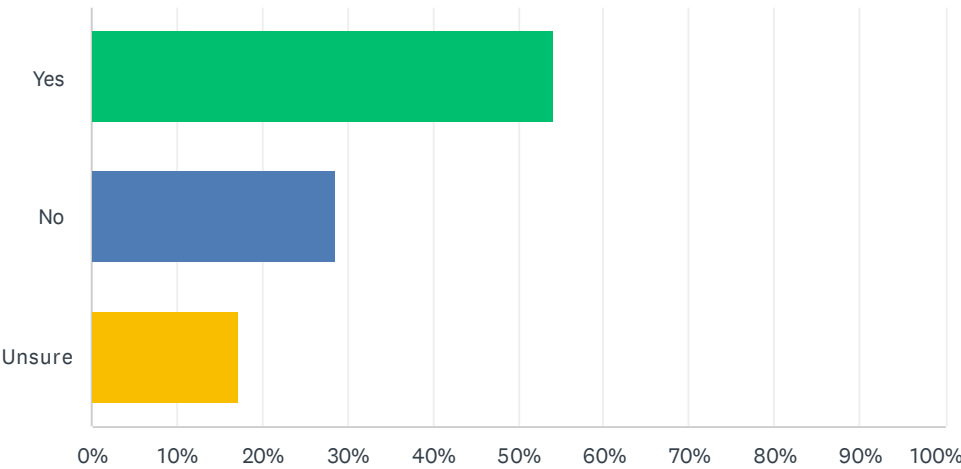
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119	Rye should consider adopting the recommendations of the Blue Zone Project	2/22/2024 7:24 AM
120	Accessibility in all public spaces.	2/21/2024 8:56 PM
121	The Rye 400 group did an amazing job in creating community events. More funding for recreation. A more vibrant Town center -- something that is hopefully happening with the help of the Library Board of Trustees.	2/21/2024 6:21 PM
122	We need to be able to bring new families in, to raise their families to support our schools - The State has gone sideways, issuing vouchers for families to go to private schools and need those funds from our tax dollars specifically for public schools to return to their directed use.	2/20/2024 9:25 AM
123	I think when all these projects are put forth especially given the last tax increase the fixed income people are being left behind. For example the library project would only raise a person's tax 39\$ That's fine for someone with money building all these huge homes but not to someone who is on a fixed income. 39\$ goes to medicines, food and bills	2/19/2024 3:23 PM
124	Recreation building, new recreation employees (someone to replace Vicki)	2/19/2024 3:20 PM
125	Rye Recreation building(s), track, etc. Bike paths.	2/19/2024 12:09 PM
126	Affordable housing, bus routes into Portsmouth/stores	2/19/2024 11:05 AM
127	I think we need to do a better job supporting families and seniors and students who have food insecurity. Our town could step up more to have resources to those who financially struggle.	2/19/2024 9:57 AM
128	The Senior Serve program is excellent, allowing people to remain in their homes, and gives the drivers the chance to help people.	2/19/2024 9:14 AM
129	We need to expand the library with both outdoor space and expanded building space. It has been decades since we reinvested in the library. The people of Rye want this badly. We need a combination recreation center, meeting center, sports court etc exactly like what New Castle built and Greenland Central School has....think "multi purpose room". This is something everyone I talk to wants badly.	2/19/2024 8:34 AM
130	They are... only because our community has become too exclusive.	2/18/2024 7:39 PM
131	Current programs focused on senior community and less on youth.	2/18/2024 2:29 PM
132	detached adu's and allowing for homes with in current setbacks to be built, more duplex allowances	2/17/2024 8:49 PM
133	Well, hopefully our schools remain strong despite waning numbers.	2/17/2024 7:18 PM
134	Needs are very basic, there may be wants that don't rise to that level that some may consider needs.	2/17/2024 6:42 PM
135	More and better options for parents, expanded recreation options and camps for kids.	2/17/2024 5:46 PM
136	better infrastructure for walking and biking around town	2/17/2024 4:53 PM
137	Tennis/pickleball courts	2/17/2024 4:16 PM
138	Public gathering space is needed and is nonexistent other than library. Library should be invested in for this purpose.	2/17/2024 3:12 PM
139	Supporting girls and women's sports and recreation a new softball field would be one.	2/17/2024 11:28 AM
140	Affordable housing is lacking. More investment is needed into the town center (sidewalks, gathering spaces by library, etc.).	2/17/2024 10:56 AM
141	Low cost housing on Rte 1	2/17/2024 10:43 AM
142	-the biggest need is safe foot and bike travel. My biggest wish is a sidewalk system throughout the main roads and leading towards the beach to run, push strollers, let kids ride bikes and scooters safely -Portsmouth has many more programs for children (stem classes, toddler sports) and I would love to do these things in Rye	2/17/2024 7:18 AM
143	Certain demographics are underserved by their various aspects. More adult and senior opportunities would be nice.	2/16/2024 6:15 PM
144	1. massive amounts of development, majority of which is not workforce friendly. 2. lower speed	2/16/2024 5:56 PM

	limits, enforce distracted driving laws	
145	I think we could better utilize our Recreation Department, RJH and RES facilities. Collaboration between these stakeholders is key.	2/16/2024 5:37 PM
146	More recreation opportunities, especially for adults- athletics and social gatherings with QUALITY instructors. More smaller sized housing for older people close to town center.	2/16/2024 3:39 PM
147	We will never please everyone - but we could do better with our water. We need a treatment plant. We could also do better fining those with failed septic systems.	2/16/2024 1:14 PM
148	Everything feels very geared to either the very old or the very young. We are quite amused by how many meetings and events are held M-F during normal 9-5 work hours. We aren't all retired!	2/16/2024 11:24 AM
149	Provide more sound virtual town meeting options. Would love tennis courts in rye but that is on Xmas list. Otherwise I feel community is ok.	2/16/2024 7:57 AM
150	Safer roadways more senior vans	2/16/2024 7:53 AM
151	Would love to see handicap aseesable options at the beach. Ie..beach wheelchairs available, more town recreation options or more awareness of those available	2/15/2024 11:32 PM
152	We have many people with entitlement attitudes brewing in modern America, Rye is no different. Proactive peace and respect and etiquette are warranted. We have no ordinances that address this loud obnoxious behavior. Our streets have no sidewalks. Make signs that everybody knows and to respect traffic and property owners.	2/15/2024 11:23 PM
153	Really poor maintenance and lack of recreation fields/buildings.	2/15/2024 10:59 PM
154	Create more multi-generational spaces where all townspeople can gather. Saw some of this with Rye 400 but we should continue and improve on these efforts.	2/15/2024 10:33 PM
155	We're soft now	2/15/2024 10:21 PM
156	Alternitive modes of transportation. Bike lanes or more education on bike and pedestrians on roads.	2/15/2024 10:19 PM

Q13 Do you think Rye is an age-friendly town? An age-friendly town encourages healthy aging by optimizing resources to improve the health, safety, and inclusion of older people in the community.

Answered: 273 Skipped: 47



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.21%	148
No	28.57%	78
Unsure	17.22%	47
TOTAL		273

Q14 If not, what could be improved to make Rye more age-friendly?

Answered: 116 Skipped: 204

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Leave people alone and they will do well. I find the newcomers hire domestic help and spend more time socializing. Instead of paying for exercise they should work around their property	3/15/2024 1:17 PM
2	More senior activities	3/15/2024 12:57 PM
3	Services seem good and getting attention. We have to be more sensitive to tax rates and housing costs.	3/15/2024 11:07 AM
4	Make loud motorcycles illegal to enter town. Oh sorry, were you looking for yet another money spending suggestion?	3/15/2024 10:11 AM
5	I love opportunities to have older people meet younger people. Perhaps schools could organize. How wonderful to watch playground at RES.	3/15/2024 10:05 AM
6	We could improve it even further by having a community center.	3/14/2024 8:15 PM
7	We need a community center!	3/14/2024 8:12 PM
8	Expand housing options to meet needs of seniors/young adults/middle income; the housing related bills such as HB1291 and HB1399 and others may provide options if passed. Evaluate recreation opportunities for connectivity. Can residents access walking (roads/trails/beaches), cycling (roads/off road), etc. safely and easily from their home(s)?	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
9	Keep taxes low. Be transparent in use of reserve funds for new initiatives that otherwise wouldn't be approved by voters if they understood that taxes would increase once reserve reached floor levels. Provide residents ability to subsidize elderly for their taxes.	3/14/2024 6:42 PM
10	We have many seniors. Younger people cannot afford the town. Teens really have no programming.	3/14/2024 6:05 PM
11	Our town is an aging town due to the lack of affordable housing. Without affordable housing, families with school aged children cannot afford to purchase homes in Rye. More and more of the town is become seasonal ownership. Improve/Encourage the development of affordable housing.	3/14/2024 5:31 PM
12	Side walks Bike paths Education	3/14/2024 5:30 PM
13	Better beach access points, ADA accessible porta toilet at Cable & Pirates. More bike racks at beaches for kids & adults	3/14/2024 4:14 PM
14	coffee shop, center bandstand, park with benches	3/14/2024 3:48 PM
15	But there are no local food stores or coffee shops that I am aware of. I think its a condition of that to accept.	3/14/2024 2:24 PM
16	Sidewalks	3/14/2024 2:17 PM
17	The town has every amenity a town this size should have, if not more (beaches are a luxury that other surrounding towns do not have).	3/14/2024 2:06 PM
18	Blinking lights at crosswalks . And more crosswalks especially at the new cafe and elsewhere	3/14/2024 1:38 PM
19	better housing for lower income families	3/13/2024 5:45 PM
20	Rye is split. Rye Beach (vanity plates) and Rye (middle class) No community center the Library is NOT a community center - I called Rockingham Nutrition used at all Rockingham County nutrition program 603-893-2137 / 603-929-1108 a non-profit organization - provides lunch for \$3.00 available at Hampton, and Exeter NH. Rye seniors are using the Church through Rye Rec which the town rents - provided a large screen TV which no one uses. as a matter of fact no one uses the thing called "the wave" - The Wave has lunches for \$15.00!?	3/13/2024 2:20 PM

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21	I would have to study the issue.	3/13/2024 10:57 AM
22	Over emphasis on our aging population and its "needs", I am 66. Underemphasis other than schools and questionable if we are getting true value for money there due to inefficiencies on the younger families other than the beaches of course.	3/13/2024 10:47 AM
23	Reduce property tax for people over 75	3/13/2024 10:41 AM
24	I believe that the older citizens of Rye are being forced out by the younger generation who are asking for more resources (think spending money). They have income which is not fixed like the older residents have. They come here because the taxes are low and then try to make the town like where they came from which ends up raising the taxes. Duh.	3/12/2024 8:36 PM
25	Again, provide multi-generational events at a common space, ie the library commons.	3/12/2024 8:19 PM
26	It would be wonderful to believe elderly housing available in Rye would be available for a percentage of low income residents. Certainly Webster does not fit that description. The most significant issue comes down to affordable housing for the elderly.Mixed use	3/12/2024 4:25 PM
27	Rye needs more physical and social activities for seniors.	3/11/2024 10:42 PM
28	Prices are on the rise. However, the library, Rec and Rye Serves seems geared to older community members. Rye also provides many opportunities for children- great schools, rec programs (though communication and tech needs to be improved, PTA, etc	3/11/2024 9:42 PM
29	Rye does a great job, however if taxes continue to increase at the rate they have recently, many older residents may find it difficult to keep up	3/11/2024 7:23 PM
30	Welcome families as much as possible	3/11/2024 4:04 PM
31	Lower the speed limit so people of all ages can walk and bike safely. Tennis courts with prickly ball lines. Great activity for all ages.	3/11/2024 2:21 PM
32	Safe routes for walking and bike riding.	3/11/2024 11:18 AM
33	Rye is already a great place for retirees. We don't need to make it more old age-friendly.	3/10/2024 11:06 PM
34	need bus to accommodate wheelchairs so caregivers can go along with elderly in wheelchairs. thinking Rye Rec concentrates on youth programs as does Rye Library. prior to covid Rye library had many more programs and weekly movies - now just monthly movies more senior activities planned for "the wave" run by Rye Rec in Rye Congregational church. attend monthly lunches and programs but others I know do not due to \$15 lunch fee (\$3 donation is at Portsmouth Senior Center)	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
35	The town lacks places and events that bring the community together frequently and easily enough that people of all ages are included and involved. If you want to see a great example of that, come see Rye Little League on a Saturday morning - kids, parents, siblings, grandparents, league volunteers with kids involved but also many whose kids are no longer part of the program. Develop a space in the center of town like the library common, encourage the library, rec department, schools and historical society to work together to offer regular programming for all ages during optimum afternoon and evening hours and see what happens.	3/10/2024 4:42 PM
36	its obviously "age friendly" or retired people would not be moving here.	3/10/2024 4:30 PM
37	the integration of more senior living/active living communities, where seniors can age in place. this will provide the dual benefit of relieving pressure on the town's single family housing stock to accommodate more young families and broaden the tax base.	3/10/2024 4:01 PM
38	I think Rye is good for seniors but not good for younger generations.	3/10/2024 3:48 PM
39	need to be more walks friendly could use a close local market place for folks to congregate a small coffee shop	3/10/2024 3:41 PM
40	isolation is a huge public health concern - more rec space, community space for connection sidewalks to encourage walking.	3/10/2024 3:29 PM
41	Town resources for young families are woefully lacking; the schools, playgrounds, common areas, and sidewalks are in great need for improvement.	3/10/2024 9:58 AM
42	School spending goes way up, for a smaller number of kids in K-8. Does Rye need to pay \$3M a year more for K-8 than Greenland for the same number of kids?	3/10/2024 9:35 AM

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43	Provide more housing for 55 and over.	3/9/2024 5:14 PM
44	See above. Rye Senior Serve is great but given that there's not much to safely walk to in Rye, successfully and joyfully aging in place would be tricky.	3/9/2024 1:47 PM
45	moderate tax increases	3/9/2024 1:08 PM
46	Family activities	3/8/2024 12:43 PM
47	We have lived here nearly 50 years and have a community of beach walking friends, so think we are friendly. Most new people who walk the beach live that way even if they are much younger.	3/8/2024 10:18 AM
48	reduce/enforce speed limits--Long John, Pioneer Road, Washington Road	3/7/2024 11:15 PM
49	increase in property tax driving out residents, town is not rural anymore.	3/7/2024 9:23 PM
50	Not many community events in general	3/7/2024 8:31 PM
51	Sidewalks, make the roads safer for walking and recreating.	3/7/2024 8:27 PM
52	Networking and walkability. We are a car friendly town. Highest predictor of health in age is mobility and engagement. We should work to support walkable areas of our town. More sidewalks and bike lanes on all repaved roads moving forward.	3/6/2024 10:58 PM
53	I think a lot of older people would like options to continue living in town but in smaller homes. We could offer beautiful ways to do this. But beauty is key-- residents want to maintain the beauty of rye.	3/6/2024 6:57 PM
54	More sidewalks and accessible parks and trails.	3/6/2024 2:18 PM
55	More streets with sidewalks, especially Wallis Road.	3/6/2024 1:32 PM
56	See above for one	3/6/2024 12:50 PM
57	Senior Center in town?	3/6/2024 12:22 PM
58	more sidewalks and bike lanes to encourage people to get out of their cars	3/6/2024 12:13 PM
59	I think so?	3/6/2024 11:36 AM
60	a supporting housing project with multiple units specifically for older citizens, with services provided?	3/6/2024 11:15 AM
61	We have a number of 55+ developments that shut out younger people without providing similar housing for working age individuals. Provide a "tiny house" allowance to the zoning regulations.	3/6/2024 10:39 AM
62	Provide funding or aging council (mechanisms) to address services for seniors.	3/6/2024 5:27 AM
63	Didn't know this question was next... I worry about the amount of older people that are living in their homes in poor health, in unsanitary and unsafe situations.	3/5/2024 5:08 PM
64	Services for older citizens	3/5/2024 5:01 PM
65	not safe for children, eg library town lawn exposed to Washington Rd. a need for more family friendly events.	3/5/2024 4:53 PM
66	there should be sidewalks, not just in the town center.	3/5/2024 4:42 PM
67	Cheaper rentals and condos for elderly	3/4/2024 6:08 PM
68	Elder involvement is increasingly a universal issue. As important is finding ways to make the town appealing to younger demographic to ensure vibrancy into the future. Rye is becoming a high end retirement community.	3/4/2024 11:41 AM
69	Attract young people by affordable housing	3/3/2024 9:01 PM
70	More transportation and activities for seniors or disable people.	3/3/2024 7:41 PM
71	Pick up trash for those over 75.	3/3/2024 5:45 PM
72	We need younger families ! Its complicated, because if you increase building lot size, no young family will be able to afford to move into town. If you can find land for 200 K per acre for	3/2/2024 9:30 AM

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sub divisions - we may have a chance to bring in younger families as our schools are the foundation of this Town.

73	Over 55 rec opportunities during/around RLL games, etc. The most lively activities in town do not include older citizens. It's like two different towns.	3/2/2024 8:05 AM
74	Again, we need dwellings for our people that want to stay in Rye.	3/1/2024 5:45 PM
75	Senior resources	3/1/2024 1:43 PM
76	It is too expensive for young people or families. There isn't enough variety of types of housing in town.	2/29/2024 5:19 PM
77	Transportation and housing for seniors.	2/29/2024 8:58 AM
78	Increasing property values in Rye with associated increases in property Tax makes it very difficult for fixed income seniors to afford to stay in their homes	2/26/2024 10:34 AM
79	Better connectivity, cell service.	2/26/2024 7:20 AM
80	people want to change things change always cost big money and not always good	2/25/2024 10:08 PM
81	Hard for senior citizens. They can't get anywhere and have no where to come together. For an aging town, it's sad we don't provide anything.	2/25/2024 7:23 AM
82	Transportation, better roads for walking, addressing high rates of speed and distracted drivers, commercial vehicles are a big offender. Create common area where people can gather. The library is doing a good job for young and old.	2/23/2024 3:35 PM
83	More activities for the rapidly graying population. Get seniors involved in school support (mentorship, teaching).	2/22/2024 7:29 PM
84	Older residence have little to no transportation options. The streets are not safe for them to walk. There is no senior center. Most seniors are confined to home. At least keep augmenting the library to make that an attraction. The library has successfully become an attraction for kids. The same should be done for seniors.	2/22/2024 5:45 PM
85	Rye Senior Serve does an amazing job!	2/22/2024 4:26 PM
86	sidewalks, town center with recreation and retail opportunities, rec center with activities	2/22/2024 3:38 PM
87	Stop trying to change everything to the likes of a few	2/22/2024 12:44 PM
88	It's age friendly for older folks and less so for children and young families.	2/22/2024 9:16 AM
89	Again, I do not know what is needed/lacking. However, I have always thought that large homes could be shared amongst multiple single persons, with sharing the expense of caretakers, as a way to age at home.	2/22/2024 8:38 AM
90	More sidewalks, bike paths, public transportation.	2/22/2024 7:24 AM
91	Low income/workforce housing	2/21/2024 8:56 PM
92	Age restricted -- 55+ should be eliminated from RZO/LDR. Innovative types of small housings should be allowed in defined residential areas -- not sure where though!	2/21/2024 6:21 PM
93	I think having closer access to Groceries and Medical services (maybe along route 1 in Rye would be a good start) but that would entail having a sewer line to bring in these entities.	2/20/2024 9:25 AM
94	If anything it's too age friendly and too cost prohibitive for younger people to move here	2/19/2024 8:50 PM
95	There need to be more modest size homes for young families and seniors wanting to downsize.	2/19/2024 4:46 PM
96	Asking retirees to pay for improvements to Rye Rec and other school related projects as well as Library project again on a fixed income is wrong. Have fundraisers to provide the funds for these. Instead of a Gazebo, wheelchair ramp and some trees for people to sit and enjoy a book or watch kids playing there. Wheelchairs for the beaches.	2/19/2024 3:23 PM
97	We should have volunteers who help support our seniors. Wirh friendly visits. Groceries. Help getting to /from doctor appointments. Senior helper team. Our old community did this and it was awesome for me to take my kids to visit seniors who were stuck in their homes. We	2/19/2024 9:57 AM

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grocery shopped. Visitors. Ran errands and help take them to doctor visits. Volunteers who did this could get property tax relief if needed but it wasn't what we were looking for. We just wanted to use it to teach our kids.

98	Library expansion, rec center, senior transportation increased, trash removal for 55plus etc.	2/19/2024 8:34 AM
99	Funny - I almost answered no because I would rate the town is unfriendly to younger people.	2/18/2024 7:39 PM
100	Focus on attracting younger families	2/18/2024 2:29 PM
101	detached adu.	2/17/2024 8:49 PM
102	Library is fabulous. Keep on with programming. If 39% of town is above 65 we should make sure that affordable senior services are available.	2/17/2024 7:18 PM
103	Be unbiased as to age, gender, race or any other characteristics of individuals.	2/17/2024 6:42 PM
104	More preschool daycare options.	2/17/2024 5:46 PM
105	Would love to see a senior center.. OR... free daily transportation to and from Portsmouth senior center!	2/17/2024 4:16 PM
106	More resources, activities, and play areas for children. Rye is getting younger and I would love for more ways to allow small children to psalm and play safely around town	2/17/2024 7:18 AM
107	More senior programs through the Rec and library can help, but they both do a good job.	2/16/2024 6:15 PM
108	I don't know.	2/16/2024 5:37 PM
109	more activities for seniors, more housing closer to town center	2/16/2024 3:39 PM
110	No, we are very elderly driven, thoughts, ideas and the way things are done. There have been changes for the younger families but the middle 20s to 40's fall through the cracks. Programs to target that age range. Meetings that are more conducive to that age range by time flexibility and how meetings are held, run and those on boards, committees and commissions open to that age range to allow for work, kids and not just retired.	2/16/2024 12:38 PM
111	We need safer ways to walk around town. Sidewalks!!	2/16/2024 11:24 AM
112	Tax breaks	2/16/2024 8:36 AM
113	Provide greater property tax relief for seniors.	2/16/2024 8:14 AM
114	Creation of a town center with small shops, coffee, small grocery (similar to joes meat shop in Hampton)	2/16/2024 7:10 AM
115	It's an older population. Would live to do more to encourage younger families in rye..affordable housing, bike paths, places to work, resteraunts and bars	2/15/2024 11:32 PM
116	All I hear about is older residents complaining about pretty much everything and seems younger families and younger residents get no say in this town.	2/15/2024 10:59 PM

Q15 What are your thoughts or ideas on how to create additional housing units in Rye? Which areas in Rye are the most appropriate for new housing and what types of units should they be?

Answered: 216 Skipped: 104

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Encourage Accessory Dwelling Unit	3/15/2024 9:25 PM
2	High density housing proposals should be evaluated against their impact on availability of drinking water and capacity for septic management.	3/15/2024 5:21 PM
3	Mostly on Route 1 and other areas that are out off sight from main roads. We don't want to change to overall "visual feel" of the town.	3/15/2024 12:55 PM
4	RRoute 1 developments are good and should be kept from getting any more boxy than the ones to date. We should make it more possible for some clustered housing in backlands of the town -- not boxy -- more like cottage style housing.	3/15/2024 11:07 AM
5	You ask this but slam lots with 2 houses? Let owners of lots with 2 houses expand. How many are there in rye? 6? Stop being total assholes when a home owner wants to build and needs a variance, how about that? Lawsuit MUCH?	3/15/2024 10:11 AM
6	How are the trailer parks doing? Would replacement housing serve their interests?	3/15/2024 10:05 AM
7	west side of Rye near Rte 1. Apartments.	3/15/2024 7:50 AM
8	I believe we are reaching saturation. Maybe Route 1 has more room.	3/14/2024 8:15 PM
9	No more houses! -Please!	3/14/2024 8:12 PM
10	See 12 above, expand White Birch, near RT 1, engage with Adam's Park to expand	3/14/2024 7:38 PM
11	MF dwelling district along Rt. 1	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
12	Build upscale apartment complexes, condominiums and small entry level homes for young adults and families. Build these in areas with lower land values.	3/14/2024 6:42 PM
13	Any property on Rt. 1 should be earmarked only for affordable housing.	3/14/2024 5:31 PM
14	I think the Rye airfield is a successful development	3/14/2024 5:30 PM
15	Area by Lang Road Extension	3/14/2024 4:14 PM
16	we need sewer on route 1 and use land there	3/14/2024 3:29 PM
17	certainly need more housing but land here is expensive in Rye. I would have to study this situation	3/14/2024 2:24 PM
18	Allow for detached adu's, cluster zoning, and form based zoning.	3/14/2024 2:17 PM
19	There is not a need for more housing in Rye. Any significant amount of new housing would require cutting down old growth trees or building on historical serene fields that are nearly non-existent in surrounding towns. Just because there may be land to build on does not mean a house should be put on it. If new development is allowed and existing zoning laws are relaxed, the cost of real estate would reach higher levels than we are already seeing in the real estate market. The town is attractive to live in because of the way it is right now. There is no coming back from over-development.	3/14/2024 2:06 PM
20	Focus housing on rt 1	3/14/2024 1:45 PM
21	Additional units Only adjacent to route one and then limited housing because of limited water supply . They should be low income housing units only .We have enough for the wealthy	3/14/2024 1:38 PM
22	More affordable housing. Not sure how or where.	3/13/2024 6:44 PM

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23	only if they are for lower income and can't go up	3/13/2024 5:45 PM
24	There is a lot that goes into housing units as I have been listening to NPR Boston - given state regulations and "call-ins" - houses too close - available water-sewer system (? Rye have a were system!) I think this area should think about - again being more friendly go into are housing investments - ie. malls are going - Kittery is doing housing units from stores. Rye should see about Newington Mall -	3/13/2024 2:20 PM
25	Sea Glass - allow homeowners of all ages there. I don't know where we have large chunks of developable land, but if we could add a few more neighborhoods with houses and lot sizes that are similar to Sea Glass and Alehson/Tehias, or even a little smaller, that would be a nice complement to the townhomes on Rt 1 and the giant houses everywhere else.	3/13/2024 11:47 AM
26	I would have to study the issue.	3/13/2024 10:57 AM
27	Clearly ending any multi lot developments with large lots and moving to clustered smaller housing units with required open space that also serves to protect semi rural character. Town conservation dollars could be used to partially fund the non built up areas of new developments.	3/13/2024 10:47 AM
28	there is no room in Rye	3/13/2024 10:41 AM
29	No need for housing unites. There is this push to turn the area into urban WITHOUT proper and adequate infrastructure. We need sidewalks, public places, traffic lights, more police. Where are we going to get the money from??!!	3/13/2024 6:28 AM
30	We seem to be out of land except for some small properties on Route 1	3/12/2024 8:38 PM
31	I think that the attrition of our older residents will create housing opportunities for others over the next 10 years. I have not seen that factored into the formula yet for future needs.	3/12/2024 8:36 PM
32	I wish it weren't so but no. We are chock-a-block full of housing.	3/12/2024 8:19 PM
33	I believe that our natural resources are being eliminated or greatly reduced already and would be further negatively impacted by attempting to add more housing	3/12/2024 6:57 PM
34	I thought there were going to be a small housing area where the Town Hall Annex is now. I am not in favor of increasing impermeable surfaces, so I think additional housing should be were there is already something that is not being used, something like the old fire station (if it hadn't been sold). "A penny saved is a penny earned", use what you have.	3/12/2024 5:25 PM
35	Mixed use development located inland and away from the ocean. The idea of a village within the town has a certain appeal. Wasn't that supposed to be what a section of Webster was intended to be? You know better than I where available space is in town and it would be up to the town's elected officials to make an offer that would appeal to developers. Tax benefits for the developer in their efforts to assist a certain income level perhaps?	3/12/2024 4:25 PM
36	I am not aware of available space for any more housing, affordable or not, but it seems that when new housing appears, it is the huge mansions that are being built.	3/12/2024 1:57 PM
37	New housing should be focused in the town center to help build a vibrant town feel and community.	3/12/2024 7:19 AM
38	Does Rye need additional housing units?	3/11/2024 10:42 PM
39	Minimize development. Restrict the size of single family houses/ per acre of land- to prevent "mcmansions" on less then 2 acres of land.	3/11/2024 9:42 PM
40	Lighten the restrictions on in-law apartments for current single family homes	3/11/2024 8:36 PM
41	New construction should be very limited, especially multifamily condo development. Rye is not responsible for housing the greater Seacoast community, we have a small town with roads and intersections that are already unsafe with the amount and speed of traffic currently.	3/11/2024 8:22 PM
42	every town should be responsible for providing some low/moderate income housing to meet the increased demand....up to the town to find appropriate areas for development	3/11/2024 7:23 PM
43	Find additional drinking water sources and implementing water/sewage treatment plant or explore tying into Portsmouth system	3/11/2024 6:15 PM

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44	Housing creation is dependent on demand, land prices and willing buyers, so affordable housing is probably an oxymoron in Rye. Maintaining the rural character is essential to the image of Rye regardless of where development occurs.	3/11/2024 4:30 PM
45	Small homes but land is scarce so I am not sure where.	3/11/2024 4:04 PM
46	The entire NH Seacoast needs to prioritize zoning that permits affordable housing for the many folks of modest income who provide all the services on which we depend; i.e., store, food market, restaurant, etc. staff	3/11/2024 1:41 PM
47	Do not know. Would need to study.	3/11/2024 12:21 PM
48	Any area that is available/zoned for residential development is appropriate. The housing style and density needs to be carefully and creatively selected to meet housing needs.	3/11/2024 11:18 AM
49	Not sure more housing is good. It already feels like there are too many people.	3/11/2024 10:11 AM
50	Get rid of the 1 acres lot requirement for a SFH.	3/10/2024 11:06 PM
51	Beyond the conservation and wetlands limits, my instinct is to let the market dictate the types. Government directed housing plans have never proven to be a good solution.	3/10/2024 5:28 PM
52	only single family like Seaglass Lane tax credit for attached dwelling to existing house no box-like condos wanted - not the "look" I want for Rye	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
53	Not needed.	3/10/2024 4:42 PM
54	It depends on what type of additional housing you are looking to create. Large single-family homes on 2 acre lots are affordable to only a certain demographic, people of the ages and incomes already represented here. There's also only so much buildable land in Rye, a town that is mostly ledge, boulders and water/wetland. A well-planned, cost-efficient effort to develop housing along the town's short stretch of Route 1 by Washington Road could work to diversify housing and its occupants...if they are first connected to water and sewer available just up the road in Portsmouth. Rye doesn't have enough water for them and adding dozens of septic systems there would be disaster for the water coming into our wells from that area. Could a developer build over there AND still make his money if he paid for the cost to make those hook ups? That should be part of the plan no matter what.	3/10/2024 4:42 PM
55	don't know.	3/10/2024 4:40 PM
56	natural life cycles will create housing units as the population demographics will change. multi unit condo/town home developments create eye sores	3/10/2024 4:36 PM
57	I strongly disagree that Rye "needs" additional housing units, there are literally thousands of units being added to every town around us. all within 10 minute drive of Rye. all of these towns are experiencing higher traffic, more congestion and higher taxes than Rye. Please do not follow their lead! it does not improve the quality of life.	3/10/2024 4:30 PM
58	sustainable, self sufficient senior living communities should be prioritized - cluster/cottage communities need more detached ADUs - improve the permitting process	3/10/2024 4:01 PM
59	accessory dwelling units mixed throughout town new construction on RT 1 with Portsmouth water and sewer	3/10/2024 3:48 PM
60	unclear if new housing units are required perhaps when in flood zone - no living space below a second floor.	3/10/2024 3:41 PM
61	more housing that is multifamily, condos, or apts. houses that aren't taking up 3 lots! (mega mansions on Sagamore Rd). more building along RT 1 - bring up the whole rd	3/10/2024 3:29 PM
62	away from the marshes and coast	3/10/2024 11:50 AM
63	I believe we have enough housing right here in town.	3/10/2024 11:35 AM
64	ADU and DADU make the most sense for creating more additional housing. Keep the huge box developments to Rt. 1. Anything like Sea Glass Lane has to be pushed back from the Road. If Rye wants younger families, need developments like Acorn Acres, smaller homes/community.	3/10/2024 9:35 AM
65	New housing to support bringing young adults and families to Rye to include condominiums and small homes in areas where property values are lower to keep home cost down.	3/10/2024 9:11 AM

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66	We should not create more housing units in Rye. Keep Rye as rural as possible.	3/10/2024 8:42 AM
67	Utilize the Rye Route 1 Corridor to build affordable Workforce housing.	3/9/2024 10:07 PM
68	Along Route 1 possibly, abandoned house on Grove looks to have considerable land.	3/9/2024 8:38 PM
69	Not sure of where to add more housing, but I would like to see some very attractive custom tiny homes.	3/9/2024 5:14 PM
70	Against any new development - prefer slowing down growth	3/9/2024 3:59 PM
71	Need to identify areas to allow higher density condos, apartments etc. All available land should be inventoried and classified for development	3/9/2024 1:52 PM
72	I would like to see Rye's rural character maintained while adding some higher density areas (Lafayette Rd, Foyes Corner). New development should be connected to Portsmouth Sewer and water if that's an option. If we don't have the proper resources in place to grow, we need to avoid new, larger development until we do.	3/9/2024 1:47 PM
73	Good question - not sure where.	3/9/2024 12:01 PM
74	I guess we could employ the allowance for very large homes to be condo-ized. We certainly have many estates and mansions that could be converted into multiple housing units that would still be beautiful and not require more buildings. I also think we need to stop AirBnB/short term vacation rentals. In the past 3 years, three homes near us are now in the vacation rental market...locking up homes that could be used for permanent residents. New Castle and Portsmouth have this restriction already.	3/9/2024 11:47 AM
75	We do not need more building. If you want more "housing" outlaw short term rentals. Our neighborhood is now full of these rentals, all in the past few years, hurting our sense of community and pricing out people who wish to be full time residents and neighbors.	3/9/2024 11:46 AM
76	more affordable and diverse housing options should be made available. Consider allowing compact cluster communities in appropriate locations (access to municipal utilities) in exchange for preserving open space.	3/9/2024 11:35 AM
77	I think that we need to be careful to maintain our small town atmosphere. With cost of housing as of late there seems to be a lot more activity along route one.	3/9/2024 9:57 AM
78	Route 1 for more unit builds.	3/8/2024 12:43 PM
79	Please consisted limiting more building of large houses currently only available to those with high incomes, please try to keep the small town feeling, forget sidewalks, for safety widen shoulders on the roads for walkers and bikers.	3/8/2024 10:18 AM
80	there are not many areas, as we have seen route 1 area has been the focus and condos and apartments are the way to go. but land is running out.	3/8/2024 10:02 AM
81	Rye housing is expensive. But building multi-unit structures without considering affordability or the impact on Rye's water resources, environment, wildlife is just not sensible.	3/8/2024 9:51 AM
82	We should not create more housing units. We should keep Rye as rural as we can. We have sufficient houses and buildings for such a small town. Some of the sites can get very busy. We can not afford more people moving to Rye. Schools are not equipped to sustain younger generations. Rye should stay rural. We should use other towns to provide public school's resources to save money and keep our taxes low.	3/8/2024 9:44 AM
83	No affordable housing	3/8/2024 9:42 AM
84	I'm not a fan of housing units for Rye. I know that sounds like a total snob but I just cannot envision housing units in Rye. At the same time, I don't want to see any more mansions being built in Rye. I think we need to protect our current open land. If there is land in Rye on Lafayette Road (Route 1) for houses or housing units, then that seems like a good location and would provide tax revenue and increase student population and diversity.	3/7/2024 11:46 PM
85	We emphasize that Rye DOES NOT NEED any more housing. It is not necessary. Rye will no longer be Rye. We do not have enough public water sources and Rye will lose its rural character if there is more housing.	3/7/2024 11:15 PM
86	No more housing. Conserve land. Keep the eco system	3/7/2024 11:04 PM

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87	Lafayette Rd. Additional water supply and sewage? must be available. Cellphone service as well	3/7/2024 10:29 PM
88	We don't need additional housing in Rye. Leave Rye as is. Do not endanger its rural cultural setting. Why does "Rye" want to create additional housing? why would we want more density in population? if we wanted more housing we would move to a major city.	3/7/2024 10:12 PM
89	The amount of housing units in town are fine. More people require more town personnel. Such as Police officers and Fire fighters.	3/7/2024 9:57 PM
90	moritorium of 5 years for new multi housing,	3/7/2024 9:23 PM
91	I agree the route one area could be more utilized for more affordable housing. There are many buildings in various levels of disrepair that could be turned into townhomes	3/7/2024 8:27 PM
92	No housing units are needed in Rye. Portsmouth is a better choice and has more options	3/7/2024 8:50 AM
93	Reduce large scale single unit builds, ban irrigation, allow a more proactive mindset for utilities to improve available services for future growth.	3/7/2024 8:19 AM
94	I like the idea of building homes that look historic but are actually comprised of several condos. Regulations and zoning are extremely important to maintain the integrity and character of our town.	3/6/2024 6:57 PM
95	More work-force and low-income housing.	3/6/2024 2:55 PM
96	Rye is a unique community and should not try to be all things to all people. The building of larger homes should be supported to bring in higher income families.	3/6/2024 2:18 PM
97	Encourage smaller homes in clusters to maintain open land.	3/6/2024 1:32 PM
98	senior housing closer to RT 1	3/6/2024 12:54 PM
99	Because lower income populations often experience transportation issues, I think it is best to focus low/moderate income housing along the Route 1 corridor, where there are more services.	3/6/2024 12:50 PM
100	adopt density incentives if workforce housing which are apart f the target RT1 had Sagamore Ave from rotary to Portsmouth Line	3/6/2024 12:35 PM
101	1. Detached Accessory Dwelling Units. if average age is 55, most of their kids are mid to late 20s. other cities, namely Denver has embraced the detached ADU as a way to create cheaper housing. Allow our kids to live in the town they grew up in, who doesn't want to live here? 2. Cluster/cottage = smaller square footage - lower prices	3/6/2024 12:22 PM
102	I believe the current planned developments meet future needs. When Rye has the infrastructure to support additional units after absorbing these then add more development on open land on RT 1 is appropriate in the form of single family housing developments. ADUS and the two family homes as it fits into Rye's community	3/6/2024 12:13 PM
103	I saw the potential for smaller house sizes in the infographic at the top. As someone who is concerned about minimizing my carbon footprint and the recognition that more square footage doesn't equate to better living conditions, something like a "small house" village would seem more appealing to me than a trailer park or a series of condos. Duplexes and prefab neighborhoods are a decent second choice, but I would be much more interested in a 600 sq. ft. home then a 4th floor condo, or a duplex that shares walls with my neighbor.	3/6/2024 12:01 PM
104	easier ways to create ADUs to house family members. my only concern is that when the older person occupying the ADU dies, then what? we dont need more units being used to rentals or potential Air BnB's ADU's should be occupied by owner (the main house)	3/6/2024 11:36 AM
105	We need good looking modest apt building for more affordable housing. owning a house I not the answer. affordable rentals that will not decrease greatly is	3/6/2024 11:22 AM
106	I think it is not wise to think Rye can convert itself into a town with a lot of low income housing or apartments. Let other towns and cities lead in that effort.	3/6/2024 11:21 AM
107	we need projects with multiple units - not just on Rt 1, not just luxury appts, lower minimum acreage requirement for new development. intentional density in selected areas - e.g. town center - cottage community would be great. we need to allow ADUs. I would love a cafe in our town center but we won't have anyone willing to work there if we're not creating workforce housing.	3/6/2024 11:15 AM

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108	Require that properties be owner occupied and not allow Air BnB or VRBO type rentals. This only increased utility demands for those types of properties and potentially shuts out families trying to live here. Provide a "tiny house" allowance to the zoning regulations.	3/6/2024 10:39 AM
109	The town should not get involved. The town should not encourage or discourage building. The marketplace will decide zoning and building laws should be followed.	3/6/2024 9:20 AM
110	Let the marketplace decide. Follow zoning laws, the Town, neither help or discourage building, except when required by law.	3/6/2024 9:07 AM
111	None	3/6/2024 5:59 AM
112	All of Rye is appropriate as long as zoning requirements are met don't discriminate - tiny housing community?	3/6/2024 5:27 AM
113	Single family only, as is, it's why we moved here.	3/5/2024 6:53 PM
114	multi family development neighborhoods	3/5/2024 5:39 PM
115	I honestly believe we need to stop building and protect the land we still have.	3/5/2024 5:08 PM
116	not sure we want additional housing units	3/5/2024 5:07 PM
117	No room for building more. Allow two families and ability to rent.	3/5/2024 5:01 PM
118	not sure, but please dont allow any more clearing of land!	3/5/2024 4:59 PM
119	reduce minimum lot size requirement. put in sewers so more diversity can be supported.	3/5/2024 4:53 PM
120	no more housing units would be fine with me.	3/5/2024 4:42 PM
121	Small energy efficient communities	3/4/2024 6:08 PM
122	Conservation Land Development to include higher density, smaller homes. Detached ADU's	3/4/2024 3:52 PM
123	Absent enforced regulation to ensure "workforce" housing remains just that, affordable housing for those of average income, developments will simply move rapidly from "workforce" to unaffordable.	3/4/2024 11:41 AM
124	Less condos. Keep land for animals to live. Their homes are being taken away	3/4/2024 11:03 AM
125	New building should not occur. Renovation of current buildings is the best choice.	3/3/2024 11:23 PM
126	Maybe stop the mansuons going up and build affordable housing	3/3/2024 9:01 PM
127	Stop the development. It is out of control. Too many variances have already caused environmental issues. What do we have a Zoning Board when they seem to willingly grant so many variances. Seems like an ineffective group at best	3/3/2024 7:15 PM
128	That is a question for the planning board, but I don't see how this is possible without more relaxed ordinances around new MDU construction. Also, no additional housing should be considered without a water/sewer plan to address the entire town's present and anticipated needs.	3/3/2024 5:38 PM
129	see question 12 comments	3/3/2024 4:56 PM
130	Land is so limited so we would support anywhere available.	3/3/2024 10:43 AM
131	Let's work on our infrastructure before we keep adding people. You don't build a house unless you have a strong foundation. Why add more people until you solve the current issues.	3/3/2024 10:26 AM
132	Condominiums near Lafayette Rd.	3/3/2024 8:29 AM
133	There should be no further housing units created in Rye.	3/2/2024 3:12 PM
134	Low cost housing should be easier to obtain for families that meet the criteria, with restrictions about profits when selling the properties. Keeping those areas for low cost housing. Allowing Adams Trailer Park to be able to reconfigure the lots with less restrictions and increase the amount of manufactured homes if able to. The area on Rte.1 by the old airport is suitable along with the area around Foyes Corner. At Foyes Corner have work force apartments or condos with a combination of living and business per unit. Again with restrictions at selling time about profit making.	3/2/2024 2:32 PM

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135	We may have to give up town owned conservation lands otherwise, i do not see any way forward to bring in affordable housing.	3/2/2024 9:30 AM
136	Allow multi family rentals near municipal center.	3/2/2024 9:28 AM
137	no housing complexes , will ruin the character of the town.	3/2/2024 8:58 AM
138	Duplexes. Away from shoreline impacts. Walkable to a new town center.	3/2/2024 8:05 AM
139	Don't know	3/1/2024 5:45 PM
140	Should NOTstart with condos and apartment buildings in single family neighborhoods.	3/1/2024 1:43 PM
141	No more mansions! Build smaller houses on smaller lots.	3/1/2024 1:01 PM
142	Before housing, take care of sewer/ septic issue. That where public money should be invested.	2/29/2024 5:13 PM
143	More affordable housing in this town	2/29/2024 12:48 PM
144	no idea	2/28/2024 10:42 AM
145	Additional housing units should be developed on building parcels that are in compliance with zoning ordinances. Strict compliance with these ordinances is essential.	2/26/2024 10:34 AM
146	Ideally more units on existing sites where the environmental impact is lessened.	2/26/2024 7:20 AM
147	rye has enough housing stop buildingto ma	2/25/2024 10:08 PM
148	Not enough land	2/25/2024 7:23 AM
149	Allowing two families is important. Not much land for development other than rt 1.	2/23/2024 3:35 PM
150	Before additional housing units are contemplated the water quality crisis needs to be solved. We should not allow any more significant development until the issue is identified and fixed.	2/23/2024 7:31 AM
151	Multi-unit housing along Route 1.	2/22/2024 7:29 PM
152	Unfortunately, space is limited. Rt. 1 is the only option.	2/22/2024 5:45 PM
153	Through zoning changes, accessory use amendments	2/22/2024 4:26 PM
154	allow detached ADUs	2/22/2024 3:38 PM
155	Some towns have eliminated single family zoning in favor of multi-family. This is trend nationwide. Single-family zoning both increases the cost of housing units and decreases the supply.	2/22/2024 3:02 PM
156	We are a small town with boundaries so stop trying to make it more crowded than what it is already	2/22/2024 12:44 PM
157	allow ADUs that are detached from homes.	2/22/2024 9:47 AM
158	No more housing! Find ways to make the existing housing opportunities more affordable. There is almost no open land left in the town.	2/22/2024 9:16 AM
159	anywhere that's NIMBY haha. Also, a lot of land is unavailable due to stricter and stricter wetlands buffers. So, who will decide which takes precedence - conservation or housing.	2/22/2024 8:38 AM
160	More housing like White Birches, but less isolated, closer to town center	2/22/2024 7:24 AM
161	It is important to protect the land so I am not in favor of building homes in the back land -- as is being proposed in the Built Out Analysis. I feel plenty of housing units have been created off Route 1 in the recent years.	2/21/2024 6:21 PM
162	Let the market dictate what, where, and when housing is built.	2/21/2024 9:35 AM
163	We don't needmore housing units in Rye	2/20/2024 9:17 PM
164	Since the majority of rye is on septic, density doesn't make sense, except for those areas serviced by sewer. It will therefore be Rt 1 that will best accommodate more housing units	2/20/2024 2:00 PM
165	I believe the town of Ryan needs to work on their infrastructure before creating more housing. Water supply, road maintenance emergency response. Our areas that need to be improved or	2/20/2024 11:24 AM

potentially expanded upon before inviting more residents to our bustling town.

166	We do not appear to have any locations without something along route 1 or talking conservation land but in any case - no more septic systems. We may need to look at zoning to build on smaller lot sizes as an acre of land is estimated to cost 600,000 K currently - thats not affordable for a couple wanting to raise a family and support our wonderful school system.	2/20/2024 9:25 AM
167	Smaller units. Keep the big apartment complexes on rt 1 and in Portsmouth.	2/19/2024 8:50 PM
168	The housing should be built either in the town center or near Lafayette Rd so they can be walking distance to schools, library or shopping. They should be 800-1600 sf, all electric, heat pump heated and cooled.	2/19/2024 4:46 PM
169	Apartments would be great at realistic prices based on salary. Market rate is just what it says over 2000/mo No one working here starting out at a local job can afford Market Rate. Waitress at Petey's, lobster deck hand etc. Sad people brought up here can't live here.	2/19/2024 3:23 PM
170	Allowing existing homes to transition a % of space to a single one bedroom apartment.	2/19/2024 2:37 PM
171	ADU units on existing properties for multi generation living.	2/19/2024 12:09 PM
172	I am a proponent of more housing. Build more townhouses for families with young children. Our schools need more kids.	2/19/2024 9:57 AM
173	Just be aware how these housing units impact the schools, beaches, roads and library. We are already stretching ourselves thin....yes we need more housing but we also must invest and reinvest in our town and schools.	2/19/2024 8:34 AM
174	Route 1 corridor	2/18/2024 9:04 PM
175	Need to be sure there is a shuttle to transportation or work opportunities – then they can be anywhere. A bigger issue is the town is becoming too expensive to buy a home that you plan to work on because of our zoning. Many of our current lots are “non-conforming” because they are less than 2 acres. So any kind of construction requires going to the zoning board... and ours has the toughest reputation in the seacoast – such that many will only go there with a lawyer. So, anyone purchasing in Rye adds in the ZBA cost to their thinking.	2/18/2024 7:39 PM
176	Rye does not need additional housing units. Stop trying to build up the town. Part of what makes Rye valuable and desirable outside of the ocean views are its small town charm. More development takes away from that. We don't need more and the school system already gets enough tax dollars. We don't need to encourage anymore. Need in that department either.	2/17/2024 10:05 PM
177	all of route 1 should be allowed to have apartment and town home zoning. sewer should be connected to portsmouth.	2/17/2024 8:49 PM
178	Rte 1 condos Further expand the old skate board park area	2/17/2024 8:38 PM
179	Not sure.	2/17/2024 7:18 PM
180	More condominium units- for ownership or rent- near Route 1.	2/17/2024 6:42 PM
181	Housing should wait until water and sewer issues are fixed.	2/17/2024 5:46 PM
182	Not aware of any such area(s). We need to rectify problems with water supply before building any more dwellings.	2/17/2024 3:12 PM
183	I don't really want any new housing. But if it has to be built - on rt 1	2/17/2024 3:06 PM
184	Senior apartments	2/17/2024 11:07 AM
185	Multifamily homes are very abundant in Portsmouth, but not in Rye. Using single family lots that can be converted to multi family or split family homes would help increase the supply.	2/17/2024 10:56 AM
186	Condo units on Rte 1 (we also need sewer on US 1)	2/17/2024 10:43 AM
187	Lower cost apartment buildings to make it more affordable for young people.	2/17/2024 7:44 AM
188	Building some duplex or triplex units with proper landscaping along some undeveloped roads would certainly be welcome.	2/17/2024 5:22 AM
189	Rye needs opportunities for more densely populated housing. There should be a central district (hamlet) area that allows multifamily housing and commercial.	2/16/2024 6:15 PM

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190	Why is it assumed that we need additional housing in Rye?! STOP BUILDING NEW HOMES AND DEVELOPMENTS!!!	2/16/2024 5:56 PM
191	I'm all set with more housing in Rye.	2/16/2024 5:37 PM
192	For older resident- should have bedrooms on first floor or elevator, close to library would be ideal. Also need more housing for work force families.	2/16/2024 3:39 PM
193	No additional housing units are needed.	2/16/2024 3:18 PM
194	Three condo developments in the last few years are appropriate. I believe we have on older elderly housing development near the old airfield. We don't seem to have any small duplex developments or 55+? With the aging population, a 55+ community might encourage current residents to downsize.	2/16/2024 2:34 PM
195	Condos should be restricted to route 1 area only. Rye has enough single family homes and enough of rye's open space has been built on	2/16/2024 1:53 PM
196	Rt. 1 only. Pocket neighborhoods.	2/16/2024 1:14 PM
197	Along Lafayette Road, mixed housing not just commercial or condos. The Town needs more mixed housing. Offices first floor, apartments second floor.	2/16/2024 12:38 PM
198	Without land, who knows? The large condos being built in town are way out of price range for people on fixed incomes.	2/16/2024 11:24 AM
199	RT-1 corridor	2/16/2024 11:16 AM
200	Don't see the need IN RYE	2/16/2024 11:10 AM
201	No need for more housing.	2/16/2024 11:10 AM
202	There are some buildings that are not being utilized in full, perhaps adding apartment structures that are not cost prohibitive to rent.	2/16/2024 11:06 AM
203	Areas where there is municipal sewer. Rt 1 seems the best location.	2/16/2024 10:59 AM
204	I would hate to see more wildlife habitat developed	2/16/2024 10:19 AM
205	Making it easier to build in Rye, the permitting process is a nightmare even for small projects. Allowing ADU in homes. Looking into adding a sewer system and getting off of septic so rye can support having more units and homes safely without contaminating the water.	2/16/2024 8:53 AM
206	No more condos please.	2/16/2024 8:14 AM
207	Always add ADUs.	2/16/2024 7:57 AM
208	Developments like Sea Glass Lane	2/16/2024 7:53 AM
209	None needed	2/16/2024 7:10 AM
210	We don't need new housing units.	2/16/2024 5:21 AM
211	No more units. Our roads and infrastructure are already getting too crowded.	2/15/2024 11:23 PM
212	Need to create more affordable housing wherever land is available. It is impossible for the average NH resident to afford a house.	2/15/2024 10:59 PM
213	None	2/15/2024 10:21 PM
214	Supply and demand will dictate this	2/15/2024 10:11 PM
215	Not sure	2/15/2024 9:59 PM
216	No need for additional housing	2/15/2024 9:02 PM

Q16 Rye is fortunate to have a significant number of volunteers on municipal boards and committees, but recruiting volunteers is increasingly difficult. And yet, it appears that groups have formed outside of municipal government as well to monitor and direct the actions of the community. Why is this, and are there ways to get these groups directly involved in municipal government? Please explain below.

Answered: 186 Skipped: 134

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There seem to be plenty of volunteers for necessary committees and activities. We need term limits on committees.	3/15/2024 9:25 PM
2	I volunteer on a board. There is responsibility associated with official board participation. I believe those who participate in groups outside of municipal government want to have a voice, but do not want any responsibility. This is disappointing.	3/15/2024 5:21 PM
3	We have too many committees. One should be limited to serve on no more than two committees at the same time.	3/15/2024 1:17 PM
4	For starters we have too many commissions and committees in town. We need the backbone (budget, planning, zoning, select board, etc but we overlap other committees. Heritage and Historic do almost the same thing. Town center and TAP are overlapping. Demo is really not needed. We need to cut some of the overlap out and simplify the town.	3/15/2024 12:55 PM
5	Oh, we're coming. You saw the election results. We are coming.	3/15/2024 10:11 AM
6	If we paid attention to town staff activities, we would perhaps accept and respect staff more. E.g. I had no idea the reporting town DOT was required to make until I attended a select persons meeting.	3/15/2024 10:05 AM
7	These groups are grievance oriented and often hinder volunteer boards and commissions as well as town government.	3/15/2024 7:50 AM
8	No idea!	3/14/2024 8:12 PM
9	Volunteers on committees get abused, people work outside official channels to get more work done and not put up with abuse	3/14/2024 7:38 PM
10	Informal discussion(s) amongst groups with similar goals/objectives - FIND COMMON GROUND - identify opportunities for collaboration, and	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
11	Rye residents don't trust the current government officials who are making decisions to support their personal political views and are appointing people who support these views. Change appointed positions to elected positions. Invite these outside groups to provide their input to decisions.	3/14/2024 6:42 PM
12	The outside individuals are afraid of actually doing work. They would rather cast stones from afar and often don't live here year round.	3/14/2024 6:05 PM
13	Many people don't trust even our small town government. Many people believe there are backroom and side deals in play. Sadly, there are a few town employees that have been caught out with untruths or omissions of truth which breeds this attitude. As to getting them involved, invite them to sit on boards/committees - isn't it better have them in the tent than out? Make them feel wanted versus rejected regardless how they may have handled themselves as an outsider.	3/14/2024 5:31 PM
14	?	3/14/2024 5:30 PM
15	usual anti-gov people likely - enjoy freedom to complain from the outside	3/14/2024 3:48 PM

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16	they are not getting there way and don't feel heard. not sure how to solve this	3/14/2024 3:29 PM
17	Rye is not unique. People dont want to work because it takes time and do not receive much thanks. taken leadership that emphasizes participation. in Durham the town manager send of email weekly on what happened attain meeting it is full of details. I dont see that in Rye so know no idea of what is happening, except occasionally.	3/14/2024 2:24 PM
18	Limit political influence of conservation commission	3/14/2024 2:17 PM
19	Open and honest decision making and willingness to listen and implement what the public wants should be the policy. The select board and other various boards and committees are there to implement what the people of the town want most. There is no room for personal agendas. Keeping taxes low is the next priority, and when the taxes slowly start to creep back up to pre-assessment levels it leaves people wondering when it will ever stop.	3/14/2024 2:06 PM
20	People seem to like to complain about everything but do nothing to fix it. I'd personally like to see a limit on the number of committees 1 person can be on. I know it's difficult since getting volunteers is hard but people shouldn't be on 4 boards/committees	3/14/2024 1:45 PM
21	Ultra conservatives are discouraging moderates from volunteering. Unfortunate but true	3/14/2024 1:38 PM
22	More transparency, more inclusivity.	3/13/2024 6:44 PM
23	I am already calling about reasonable food and meals for services and come up blank about "Rye" the unfriendly community - Road blocks - I dont even like going to the Town Hall and the Library. -	3/13/2024 2:20 PM
24	I'm not sure what groups are being referred to here	3/13/2024 11:47 AM
25	It is dangerous for people to take on volunteer public responsibilities. Also, no one wants to rock the boat when they know people would like to keep the place wealthy and white.	3/13/2024 10:57 AM
26	The town's "information" as delivered by the town web site and social media (other than Police) is disjointed, incomplete, often hard to find and can be ineffective. The Civic League provides an invaluable service in bringing the information together in one place and should be encouraged as a resource. The Rye Facebook groups in the last year or so have served as a vehicle for a lot of good information but also much mis information by zoning violators and those with agendas that seek to eliminate all regulations regarding land use to do as they please with their properties.	3/13/2024 10:47 AM
27	Probably because people don't feel government is accessible or listening to them	3/12/2024 8:38 PM
28	This is a cultural phenomenon. Older residents were raised with a feeling of connection and commitment to participate. Younger residents are more in the "I'm entitled" camp and expect different outcomes. Once you change the upbringing you will get more participants.	3/12/2024 8:36 PM
29	A vicious election cycle. Why would I subject myself to public ridicule for my public service?!	3/12/2024 8:19 PM
30	It might help to have additional alternates on various boards to help people get more involved in the boards/groups already in existence	3/12/2024 6:57 PM
31	1)The boards seem to have the same people on them. They seem to be a clique. I am an avid volunteer, but am leery to engage for fear of being demeaned in public by those in position already. 2) Depending on the group, is there a group they could join? Why are they separate - where their goals not being addressed?	3/12/2024 5:25 PM
32	The involvement of town politics becomes rapidly apparent to any individual with hopes of volunteering time. Politics destroy desire. It continues to become increasingly difficult to accomplish the simplest task in this town. Frustration smothers desire.	3/12/2024 4:25 PM
33	Not sure. Would like to hear more about this.	3/12/2024 1:57 PM
34	This seems to be a national problem due to lack of trust in government. The current volunteers should do what they can to help bring in other volunteers and reach out to the non-governmental groups.	3/12/2024 7:19 AM
35	Make information more transparent and available. Most people do not have the time to watch 2-3 hour meetings. Modernize agendas and minutes so a citizen understands what's going on in a glance. Google docs are live! Overlap board meetings so common issues are discussed together.	3/11/2024 9:42 PM

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36	unclear of this issue?	3/11/2024 7:23 PM
37	Since the demise of local media newspapers social media has allowed "agenda specific" groups to form. Rye could develop it's own social media presence.	3/11/2024 6:15 PM
38	It is easy to criticize on social media and not actually do and problem solving. I think there has been an upswing in those wanting to get involved.	3/11/2024 4:40 PM
39	Rye has a lot of bright strong people in Town and lack of openness and willingness by some in government, has created the need for groups to form and monitor what the Town is doing and how they are doing business.	3/11/2024 4:30 PM
40	The appears to be some lack of confidence that the officially appointed/elected volunteers on municipal boards and committees have voices that are not only heard but heeded by the Select Board and others who control the pursestrings and determine which, if any recommendations are put into practice. Perhaps we need to have more frequent but RELIGIOUSLY COLLEGIAL, MODERATED town meetings to air the concerns and suggestions of all Rye residents, whether commercial or residential.	3/11/2024 1:41 PM
41	I do not know the answer, but Rye's experience is not unique. It is dangerous today to publicly take a position.	3/11/2024 12:21 PM
42	It may be time to move to a Town Manager form of government that involves more direct supervision of department heads and employees. This will set a strong/safe structure for municipal governmental transparency and volunteer involvement.	3/11/2024 11:18 AM
43	Municipal government doesn't feel engaged in a productive way. Does not feel like everyone is represented. Actions taken by the municipal government such as the parsonage, carriage house, etc. feel like municipal government is there to give benefits to cronies and those in power. Issues like with the water contamination bring about questions of competency in the stewardship of the municipal government.	3/11/2024 10:11 AM
44	Meeting times are not convenient for people who have to actually work.	3/10/2024 11:06 PM
45	I have no insights.	3/10/2024 5:28 PM
46	correct channels should be open and accessible and responsive so groups are encouraged to worth within the system	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
47	Rogue players	3/10/2024 4:42 PM
48	As I said before, many in Rye are "low information" when it comes to knowing exactly what town boards and commissions do and are responsible for. And we do a poor job of helping them understand how they work, what they add to the mix, and who is best qualified/positioned to serve. Let's have a community volunteer/service event where we educated and recruit people to the jobs...or at the very least understand what's being done and how.	3/10/2024 4:42 PM
49	don't know.	3/10/2024 4:40 PM
50	good question.... I'd like to hear your thoughts.	3/10/2024 4:30 PM
51	formalize these groups?	3/10/2024 3:48 PM
52	unclear without examples of said groups what is being asked. perhaps describing volunteer positions could be developed including the number of hours of volunteers expected.	3/10/2024 3:41 PM
53	gov. roles are IMPOSSIBLE for people who work and/or have young children. onside group offer flexibility. mtgs time could vary, be streamed, be capped at x # of house (vs. a Select Board mtg that could go long) evenings at 6pm are prohibitive unpaid riles are exclusionary	3/10/2024 3:29 PM
54	There seems to be less trust in general and only though sharing of information can the trust be restored. Make sure they are invited and well informed but also don't use money to buy and renovate a space for more town clerks than are even needed for 1.3m that few approved of.	3/10/2024 11:35 AM
55	Because the town has been resource contrained and leans heavily on volunteers who might not have the proper experience and incentive that a full time employee would have.	3/10/2024 9:58 AM
56	Town should more actively support and promote the Rye Civic League. Encourage more engagement and let RCL take more of the leadership for getting people involved. RCL is unique Nationally and the town should be shinning a brighter light on this unique and high value asset. RCL has never been promoted in the Select Board's newsletter. Biggest issues is the "Town	3/10/2024 9:35 AM

Municipal Culture" that does not clearly communicate and is more focused on checking off the communication box then doing it well. The website is a great example of poor communication. The way Budgets and Spending work and the community pulled in can be redesigned. Only 30% of residents vote? How much "Civic responsibility" is delivered at RJH? Younger families do not vote or get engaged.

57	Small outside groups form because the people view the existing municipal boards and committees as political, bringing in only those who share their political views. Change "appointed" positions to elected positions.	3/10/2024 9:11 AM
58	This is healthy. It serves the community to keep government entities at bay. It is supposed to be like that in a free society where its people think critically. Embrace it.	3/10/2024 8:42 AM
59	Maybe there are too many committes? Maybe there are too many rules & regulations? Keep things simple/straightforward.	3/9/2024 10:07 PM
60	Unsure but possibly due to not feeling like they can get their points heard fairly or adequate time allocated. Proactively reach out to groups and invite to meetings focused on collaboration	3/9/2024 8:38 PM
61	I think that any town board can come across as steadfast and stodgy, and seems to be run by members that have been in some positions for a long time. I find it intimidating and there is a sense of not being welcoming and ways of doing things are not flexible - "we do it this way, because this how it has always been done" way of thinking. I appreciate all that members do, but this is why I shy away.	3/9/2024 5:14 PM
62	I don't know.	3/9/2024 1:47 PM
63	More inclusivity, transparency, online outreach. Shorter terms on boards, more women on the boards	3/9/2024 1:08 PM
64	Maybe running for election keeps people away from some positions (not a fun process) vs just volunteering. Maybe the outside groups feel free-er to express themselves in our politically charged climate so the outside groups have more appeal on a personal level. I appreciate all our municipal boards/committees are doing....have you asked these other groups why they formed? Invited them to meetings? I'm sure you have - but the members probably can answer this question best.	3/9/2024 11:47 AM
65	Outlaw short term rentals so you have more homes occupied by people engaged in the community and caring about what goes on here.	3/9/2024 11:46 AM
66	Don't know, but does not sound helpful	3/9/2024 11:35 AM
67	Not sure what groups are being referred to here.	3/9/2024 9:57 AM
68	We can't expect town unity with so much national division. I don't personally get involved because of the attitudes of residents and the lack of accountability.	3/8/2024 12:43 PM
69	I am unaware of these groups and can't help on that. As for volunteering--I did lots when our children were growing up both in the schools and sports. Just listening to the Candidates' Night make me not want to volunteer. Boring meeting that accomplish little are not for me. I am in the healthcare field and have worked for more than 50 years. I would be happy to volunteer for something that would help/support people in need, share my talents and abilities, etc.	3/8/2024 10:18 AM
70	First, identify the groups so all residents are aware of them (I had no idea there are independent groups??!).	3/8/2024 9:51 AM
71	Maybe Rye residents want to volunteer in a daily basis. No commitment but they want to help.	3/8/2024 9:44 AM
72	I cannot comment on this other than invite these groups to a public forum.	3/7/2024 11:46 PM
73	Have a more amicable, flexible and welcoming atmosphere to be part of the solution, more "alternate" or job sharing positions. Lets take advantage of the incredible knowledge hub of residents--offer "town municipal education ABCs" through a RPL lecture library series so it is not so intimidating. (Get seat cushions made for the antique town hall benches or go to a used, discounted business furniture store to upgrade so that more residents will attend in person and be comfortable for a 3 hour meeting)	3/7/2024 11:15 PM
74	Not surr	3/7/2024 11:04 PM
75	Need to encourage those with concerns to meet with the Select Board or other community	3/7/2024 10:29 PM

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76	I like groups outside of municipal government to form and challenge the government ideals. Need to keep tension and leash on overzealous spenders.	3/7/2024 10:12 PM
77	If they want the town to change, then become part of the government, these "committees" should not have as strong as hold on this town as they do. They should not be pandered to.	3/7/2024 9:57 PM
78	The older townsfolk who self identify as "involved" and "long term rye residents" are notoriously standoffish. The meetings are mind-numbingly monotonous. "Younger" folks have NO tolerance for dealing with that and can't stand sitting through the meetings. Make it tolerable. Make these meetings less stuffy, less formal, and more tolerable.	3/7/2024 8:27 PM
79	Municipal boards have become non-partisan - Polarized political groups in municipality like Rye discourages participation and only encourages criticism	3/7/2024 6:16 PM
80	Special interest groups pop up to support personal issues. These same groups complain and point fingers but offer no solutions.	3/7/2024 12:05 PM
81	It's easier to throw the dart without responsibility. Take away social media falsified statements.	3/7/2024 8:19 AM
82	We could ask those people to join boards that need membership. And, if they choose not to, ask if they know others who might be willing.	3/6/2024 6:57 PM
83	It is because the activities of town government are not visible to the citizenry. Those volunteering for the activities of town service MUST BE RESPONSIBLE for recruiting their successors.	3/6/2024 2:55 PM
84	The influence of outside groups should be tempered and the costs of their suggestions on the town or property owners should always be deeply considered. These groups should not be allowed to place costs or burdens on property owners or the town.	3/6/2024 2:18 PM
85	I think they like being outside the mainstream. So, I don't think one can get them involved except marginally.	3/6/2024 1:32 PM
86	increase publicity for open positions daytime meetings for committees and boards that would benefit from more senior members.	3/6/2024 12:54 PM
87	Maybe focus on project-oriented volunteer opportunities with limited scope that don't demand a big commitment of time. See my suggestion above for volunteer projects that the RCC might promote.	3/6/2024 12:50 PM
88	we need more younger members in all committees. virtually board/commission has vacancies	3/6/2024 12:35 PM
89	I have no knowledge of water dog groups	3/6/2024 12:13 PM
90	I think the problem is largely one of differing ideals. Those who are "branching out" from municipal government think they can do better independently instead of working with local municipalities to achieve their goals. I think this stems from a mix of not hearing what they want to hear (lower taxes, less "oversight") and misinformation from their chosen news sources and friend groups. The best way to reach them in my opinion might be additional public education around the benefit of the town's municipal boards and committees, coupled with gentle fact checking in regards to misinformed opinions. Additionally, more recognition of who is on these committees might do well to engage outside groups, and could do much to help improve the image of the town's boards in the eyes of the community. The "anonymity" of many of these municipal volunteers leads to a feeling of exclusion. A simple solution to this might be portraits and "bios" of the committee and board members on the town's website. I think people forget that those working in local government are also people of this town. It would go very far to remind them of that.	3/6/2024 12:01 PM
91	I am not sure what this means - what groups? some people may have "formed groups" because they have different opinions and what is wrong with that?	3/6/2024 11:36 AM
92	It is pretty simple governance to understand that municipal elected government must lead and direct the actions of the community unless you believe in total chaos.	3/6/2024 11:21 AM
93	not sure what you mean. Rye Civic League is great - important to have this body outside of government. if you mean faction factions, I am not sure what to do about that. find personal connection to "invite them in"?	3/6/2024 11:15 AM

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94	The demographics of Rye contribute to the difficulty finding volunteers. As people age, they are less likely to want to put themselves under the microscope. From personal experience, it is not pleasant to be yelled at or threatened with legal action for doing a volunteer job.	3/6/2024 10:39 AM
95	The Boards in committees seem to have become closed groups, increasingly inviting like-minded thinkers to participate.	3/6/2024 9:20 AM
96	It is my belief, that some of the boards and committees have become closed groups. They are not inclusive or diversified.	3/6/2024 9:07 AM
97	Why? When groups are queried, inadequate answers, resulting in lack of trust.	3/6/2024 5:59 AM
98	Recruitment takes effort, by having the same individuals serving on multiple boards others are less likely to step up and it becomes a less diverse governance and can lead to special interests and distrust.	3/6/2024 5:27 AM
99	I think when committees want to put parking lots on conservation land, the locals don't want that. So they will speak up and fight. Land conservation should be just that.	3/5/2024 6:53 PM
100	Was not aware of these outside groups	3/5/2024 5:39 PM
101	Wish I knew	3/5/2024 5:08 PM
102	it is sometimes hard to join a committee in Rye because they (some) self appoint to select board who agree with their appointees. groups form when they feel strongly about an issue. maybe select board could reach out directly to these groups ?	3/5/2024 5:07 PM
103	Lack of transparency and trust, mostly brought on by the RCC. Citizens were not involved in approving funds for RCC legal fees admins they proved to be excessive and wasteful. Should not have two members of the same household involved in approving funds for the others committee/commison/board. Town boards need to work together and not have one board "settle" and the other continue to spend on the same issue.	3/5/2024 5:01 PM
104	not sure, would require more info	3/5/2024 4:59 PM
105	I'm on a municipal volunteer group. its too bureaucratic to get anything really done. its frustrating and I get why more people dont volunteer.	3/5/2024 4:53 PM
106	I am not aware of any other groups than the civic league, which is constantly trying to inform and involve people.	3/5/2024 4:42 PM
107	It seems a divide between old and new Rye. What people want. It has low taxes but people squabble over a gazebo which would bring Joy and connection. We have town suing, people suing town. Dog issues, beach clean up issues. Everyone seems to have a beef. Need a positive upbeat forum that all name calling etc is removed	3/4/2024 6:08 PM
108	It's political, and in my view, bad for the Town. The energy put into the RCL, for example, would be put to better use by the members joining existing Town sanctioned boards, committees or commissions.	3/4/2024 3:52 PM
109	Grievance culture is alive and well in Rye. I have no idea how to get aging self centered men to think beyond their small provincial boundaries.	3/4/2024 11:41 AM
110	The government needs to be more transparent in what is going on. The boards should be trusted to implement the policies and ordinances that the people have voted in and when they don't, people can't trust them. suspicious	3/3/2024 7:41 PM
111	These groups, ie The Civic League, are important for the well being for the town and to alert residents to problematic situations within the municipal boards and committees	3/3/2024 7:15 PM
112	I don't know what this question is asking, but I think the town relies too heavily on volunteers and should be seeking to professionalize town management and operations as much as possible with oversight provided by elected boards. As far as people who want to exert influence without being willing to volunteer themselves, I could care less what they think.	3/3/2024 5:38 PM
113	Sadly, this is a result of the growing distrust in government perpetuated by right wing misinformation campaigns	3/3/2024 4:56 PM
114	Not sure except that some people are fatiguing of committee work	3/3/2024 10:43 AM
115	You have a high percentage of summer residents who don't really find a need to get involved.	3/3/2024 10:26 AM

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You have many new residents that aren't sure how to get involved. The current members volunteering need to reach out to their friends and recruit them.

116	In the 24 years I have lived here, I feel any concerns I've had have fell on deaf's ears. There is an 'in' crowd in Rye and if you are not in it, you're out.	3/2/2024 3:12 PM
117	Any groups that are not sanctioned by the town to be committees or boards, should not be able to have a say to what the town can do without bringing it before the town to have a vote by registered voters of the town of Rye.	3/2/2024 2:32 PM
118	I believe these people feel as though they act as watch dogs - seems to me, they would be better served to both volunteer and run for an office	3/2/2024 9:30 AM
119	It is a mess and some are getting aggressive like their national leaders. Many will leave this toxic environment. Especially those with families.	3/2/2024 8:05 AM
120	Difficult to make impact	3/1/2024 1:43 PM
121	Unknown. I think you have great boards. They are extremely professional, knowledgable and spend a lot of time learning about topics that are discussed at the meetings. I am not sure why outside groups are forming instead of relying on the elected boards.	2/29/2024 5:19 PM
122	Vague question. I what ways do they direct the actions of the community?	2/28/2024 10:42 AM
123	Not clear that I understand the problem. People and groups may have strong opinions which should be heard. There should be a forum to listen to their concerns	2/26/2024 10:34 AM
124	Bring those people together to talk through events and developments in the community - I get the sense a small group of people don't feel heard.	2/26/2024 7:20 AM
125	to many volunteers are self serving which causes problems	2/25/2024 10:08 PM
126	Distrust of boards	2/25/2024 7:23 AM
127	Boards contradicting one another, family members on boards approving funds for boards/commissions with other family members. Leaves a bad taste in your mouth and makes folks not trust people.	2/23/2024 3:35 PM
128	This is a super weird question - you might want to explain it better.	2/23/2024 7:31 AM
129	Because the selectmen / RCC are viewed as not communicating and participative.	2/22/2024 7:29 PM
130	Start with a nepotism policy to relieve one household unit from retaining too much power. Many actions by municipal boards/commissions seem to extend beyond their control causing frustration and division among citizens. Many are afraid to speak out for fear of retaliation should they need to appear before such boards/commissions. The RCC first comes to mind. We should review authorities and powers granted. The RCC is the biggest divisive issue in town. The RCC has only the authority given to it under the statute. While it may have standing to contest permits at the DES level, the town never expanded its power to do so under a warrant article. Further no spouse should be authorizing money to be spent by a commission headed by another spouse. The issue is so egregious it has caused a severe divide in town.	2/22/2024 5:45 PM
131	too many groups and boards. simplify government and make it transparent. the 'I've lived here forever and I know better' mentality is a problem.	2/22/2024 3:38 PM
132	It's easier for people to arm chair quarterbacks. Thank you to all the town volunteers that make this a great place to live.	2/22/2024 3:02 PM
133	Too much government. Too many committees overlapping with policies and ideas to strengthen their hold on power	2/22/2024 12:44 PM
134	Those in the government have different interests in mind compared to other pockets of the population and are not always considering the entire community.	2/22/2024 9:16 AM
135	Getting younger people is key but I also recommend keeping it to people who have lived in town for a while.	2/22/2024 8:59 AM
136	Because commissions are appointed and not elected. Because elections are popularity contests and not based on a basic level of understanding of the position.	2/22/2024 8:38 AM
137	Lack of engagement in meetings, lack of communication and clear directives, lack of financial	2/21/2024 8:56 PM

	incentive for volunteerism. Offer stipend	
138	Meeting minutes are being subjectively edited (especially planning), legacy of favors, unfairness, the "swap" is an example of poor decision making, poor planning, leading to poor outcome. Planning Department has been inadequately staffed (RPC circuit rider is making a difference) and residents are not always treated fairly. Thank goodness for our new Town Administrator and Town Attorney. Not all volunteers have value or are impartial. Some have agendas (political, prioritizing property rights over the environment and preservation). Lack of transparency. Communications sent from residents are not even acknowledged by the Planning Department.	2/21/2024 6:21 PM
139	I think the Rye Conservation Commission should be disbanded for their mishandling of the Rye Taxpayer funds with their ridiculous lawsuit.	2/20/2024 9:17 PM
140	They appear to be in their minds the know all tell all watchdogs. Always good to see checks and balances but they should drop the arrogance as we all know - no one has all the answers and if they want to help the town, run for a spot on a committee or board they think they can help bring change.	2/20/2024 9:25 AM
141	Ensure municipal government employees are welcoming and easy to work with	2/19/2024 8:50 PM
142	Not enough transparency in current boards All meetings notes should be public especially when anyone's tax dollars are being spent	2/19/2024 3:23 PM
143	Lots of people share opinions but few are willing to give their time to followthrough.	2/19/2024 2:37 PM
144	Volunteer committees with no decision making authority or budget oversight prevent work from getting done.	2/19/2024 12:09 PM
145	Communication. People want to get involved but they don't know how	2/19/2024 9:57 AM
146	People are frustrated with those in elected positions only caring about keeping the tax rate the same. We have several town infrastructure issues we need to address. Nothing major has been accomplished in 20+ years. Our backs are against the wall and people feel their leaders are only retirees fighting for the status quo....this has lead to outside groups meeting and forming. Our leaders need to involve more people, modernize the meetings with dial-in and online forums to make it easier for everyones voices to be heard.	2/19/2024 8:34 AM
147	Boards should be made up of qualified, professional, unbiased people.	2/18/2024 9:04 PM
148	Alternate groups form when leaders dont provide clear answers. So in our specific case, a lack of understanding of the finances by the community and high level answers from our leaders to specific questions cause distrust. Taxes went up 15% and no one has simply said that is because we are spending more on XXXX. Instead there has been lots of discussion about the tax rate relative to other towns... irrelevant. Explain what people are getting for the \$1.15 you want today that cost \$1.00 they paid yesterday.	2/18/2024 7:39 PM
149	The people who run the government in this town have their own agendas. Usually it's from one side of the political spectrum. And it's getting worse. Reasonable people don't want to volunteer because they don't want to deal with bureaucratic nonsense, and clicks who are all on the same political team.	2/17/2024 10:05 PM
150	I am not clear what you are talking about here, but I look forward to asking more about this. Sad to know this is happening.	2/17/2024 7:18 PM
151	Too many people are pushing for more and more rules and are animated by politics rather than basic needs for the town.	2/17/2024 6:42 PM
152	If the goal of these outside groups was to help, there are plenty of ways to volunteer. Constructive feedback helps; "gotcha" approach, rather than pitching in, does not.	2/17/2024 3:12 PM
153	The people who complain on social media really irk me. Several individuals have gathered a social media following by complaining about work that volunteers perform. They need to put up or shut up. Let them join the boards or attend the meetings, not complain on social media. I don't know how to encourage this. I think it is just a sign of the times.	2/17/2024 3:06 PM
154	Planning board and zoning board meetings can be very vicious	2/17/2024 11:07 AM
155	Several of the "outsiders" have run for office. (Steve Bourne, etc) however with several of the Commissions/Committees having members on for decades we may need a term limit that	2/17/2024 10:43 AM

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	allows new members to successfully be elected. (Conservaton Commission, etc	
156	More citizen volunteer boards such as maintaining trails in the town forest.	2/17/2024 8:14 AM
157	Because not all boards are effective. The same people end up on the boards, not sure volunteers have any voice.	2/17/2024 7:44 AM
158	I think there is a perception that Rye leadership doesn't want to hear from the younger residents. The younger residents like the idea of development and change (allowing more businesses like restaurants and hotels, increasing recreation for kids, etc). Our perception is that the traditional Rye resident doesn't want any change that would benefit the younger residents	2/17/2024 7:18 AM
159	There is always a fight here in Rye with elected committees that seem to encourage other groups to direct the path of the community. Always butting heads and it discourages volunteerism	2/17/2024 5:22 AM
160	It's because there isn't transparency in municipal government and other groups are needed to analyze and explain to townspeople. For example the outsized school budget.	2/16/2024 7:52 PM
161	rye is an affluent community with engaged members in the community, whether engaged to serve or engaged to monitor.	2/16/2024 6:15 PM
162	Trumpism. Why do we want mobs of anti-everything people involved in municipal government? Instead, expand the BOS to more members so the workload is manageable and people who have jobs and families and other commitments can participate. Then, prioritize recruiting and paying for qualified, professional employees for important town management roles.	2/16/2024 5:56 PM
163	Social media has been rough. I don't want to sacrifice my time and volunteer only to be ridiculed, shamed on social media.	2/16/2024 5:37 PM
164	People will always complain about those in charge- easier to complain than work to assist. More people would volunteer if they better understood the various positions and the time commitment. Child care would be great for meetings. Also, perhaps some way to publicly thank volunteers. More comfortable meeting space would help as well.	2/16/2024 3:39 PM
165	there is no transparency into the formed boards, and some of them act in a shady manner (like the TDBank exchange) and shouldn't be trusted	2/16/2024 2:40 PM
166	The current volunteer boards seem to be controlled by very vocal, entrenched groups and don't seem very welcoming.	2/16/2024 2:34 PM
167	The rye municipal groups and boards are generally governed by self-interest people	2/16/2024 1:53 PM
168	I'm baffled by this. I am constantly asking people to get involved, if they have complaints / issues. Standing from the sidelines does nothing.	2/16/2024 1:14 PM
169	There are a few that feel it is their way or nothing and they create fiefdoms and hurt Elected Boards, Committees and Commissions by being obstructionists. I do not think there is a way to get them involved they do not want to be. They either want all the glory for fixing a problem they think exists that demands priority, or they are fearful of government. The Problem is the Selectmen allow them and in sometimes encourage them. For example the Civic League is not a Town entity yet they are given freedoms and allowed access to put things in print that are not true and speak at Selectmen meetings on their views and no one stands up to them. They are bullies and push their agendas. They also print inaccurate statements in their newsletters and the Selectmen do not stand up and say "hey that is incorrect." These factions target employees, certain residents and have divided our Town even more. Until we get leadership from the Top Down nothing will be done about these groups.	2/16/2024 12:38 PM
170	One of the reasons for this is that local news organizations no longer have beat reporters covering local government news. I'm not convinced we should try to bring watch dog groups into municipal government. Perhaps they are serving a purpose.	2/16/2024 12:36 PM
171	Facebook groups have made people more aware of town govt info and maybe even some things that may not seem quite above board and transparent. But people are not quick to solve problems rather than complain. Time is always the problem for serving. Night time meetings every week or month after full days of work. So it ends up being mostly retirees.	2/16/2024 11:24 AM
172	Volunteers are not appreciated by some and frequently attacked on social media. This leads to apathy and an unwillingness to serve.	2/16/2024 11:16 AM

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173	The meetings seem to be hostile and there is no middle ground. You have progressive points of view that are aiming to keep up with changing times and then the traditional older point of view that doesn't want anything to change,	2/16/2024 11:06 AM
174	The boards have to work closer, communicate better and go back to sharing resources. There are silos with the library and schools. Those buildings used to be shared by multiple organizations/town departments.	2/16/2024 10:59 AM
175	Hmm good question. Love that you are thinking about this- good approach	2/16/2024 10:19 AM
176	Everyone likes to complain and no one likes to actually do anything about it.	2/16/2024 8:53 AM
177	Ex Really good question. Citizen oversight is the result the lack of appropriate committee actions, committee listening skills, transparency and communication. Especially those decisions that cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. Why don't the "outside" groups volunteer for committee positions? I can only speak for myself. I am third generation Rye resident. I have lived only on the corner of Grove and Dump Roads. (Look up Dump Road on older maps. New ones leave the road unnamed. Why?) I have served the town as a police officer, police cadet program supervisor , rec commission (see historical records of committee members who built the rec field), highway safety council, transfer station improvement committee, coach of football, Jr. High baseball, little league, lifeguard supervision and more. Honored as citizen of the year, and honored by having the Rye Little League championship named after me. In my mid seventies, I've done my share.	2/16/2024 8:36 AM
178	Increase awareness and participation by allowing more virtual events. Often times it doesn't work. Maybe create direct social media groups from town itself like Facebook or Instagram great way to get news out.	2/16/2024 7:57 AM
179	Beware of committees seeking power by selecting their own members with personal agendas	2/16/2024 7:53 AM
180	I support outside groups. Freedom to meet and speak is a beautiful thing.	2/16/2024 7:10 AM
181	Because the town doesn't take advise from volunteers. It's always the same people making decisions regardless. Why would someone continue to volunteer if only a few have their way.	2/15/2024 10:59 PM
182	The level of incivility has increased dramatically. When we see the way that volunteers in some of these roles are "attacked" on social media and at meetings, why would anyone want to be part of the frenzy?	2/15/2024 10:33 PM
183	Holding people accountable isn't a problem.	2/15/2024 10:21 PM
184	Voices are heard.	2/15/2024 10:19 PM
185	Not sure	2/15/2024 9:59 PM
186	No answer	2/15/2024 9:02 PM

Q17 From your perspective, how has the community of Rye changed over the last ten years? What concerns or additional opportunities do you see related to these changes?

Answered: 202 Skipped: 118

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Should be able to develop back land.	3/15/2024 9:27 PM
2	I see an influx of wealthy individuals who seek to develop properties beyond the scope of what has been traditionally seen in Rye. Land use regulations are challenged by attorneys and legal action.	3/15/2024 5:33 PM
3	Influx of people coming here because of how we maintained the town. Once here they want to change it then end up leaving.	3/15/2024 1:33 PM
4	Rye feels like more of an elitist town than ever before. If you do not have the funds to buy a million dollar plus home you cannot live here. I wonder if the people moving here now truly understand the true community spirit of our small town.	3/15/2024 1:07 PM
5	A LOT of new people moving in. That is great but we need them to adapt to Rye not Rye adapt to them. :perhaps putting a 1 year waiting period on people who move to town and want to get on a board or commission.	3/15/2024 12:57 PM
6	Route 1 developments are for the best. Coastal area is getting so extremely expensive, but that seems inevitable. WE should work to maintain more diverse single family and possibly cottage style housing int he rest of town to support a diverse demography --- avoid becoming too exclusive.	3/15/2024 11:18 AM
7	Much more building, including huge residences which reflect the surge of money into the area. More housing leads to more traffic and traffic planning and improvements need to keep up.	3/15/2024 10:13 AM
8	Too much town oversight of private property. Too many employees and committees in Rye. There are only 6k residents.	3/15/2024 10:12 AM
9	tremendous demand for development and loss of open land, unaffordable housing has priced most young families out of Rye	3/15/2024 8:50 AM
10	Too many variances granted by ZBA. Threat of lawsuits puts boards in difficult position.	3/15/2024 7:53 AM
11	We have built too many developments. Our beaches have gotten over-crowded. But the use of the old bank as the Town Hall is a positive change. And the extra parking lot at the Rec has made things safer.	3/14/2024 8:30 PM
12	We are more polarized and less civil.	3/14/2024 8:25 PM
13	Too much development- planning and zoning give everything away- enforce our ordinances	3/14/2024 7:45 PM
14	Importantly, conservation lands and wetland protection have been expanded - both have provided important protections for Rye.	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
15	We have too many people who have moved here and are trying to implement policies from where they came from. Many times, that is why they left those areas.	3/14/2024 6:09 PM
16	We are becoming a retirement and seasonal community. The number of our school aged population has been steadily declining. Our school system is far too large for the current and trending school requirements.	3/14/2024 5:38 PM
17	Too many trophy houses, due to many variances.	3/14/2024 4:27 PM
18	New residents are not participating in town events or government unless they have children	3/14/2024 3:32 PM
19	I have been in area for 4 years + for much longer on a part time basis. I do not how community is changed, except it getting more expensive.	3/14/2024 2:32 PM

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20	The amount of non-resident traffic on Rt. 1A has increased to the point where children crossing the street between seasonal businesses and the beach is not safe. Speeding near the Rye & Portsmouth town borders is out of control in the summer. The increase in "developers" proposing multi-family buildings has increased. The opportunity with new construction is making sure the town preserves the rural aspect of town. The beaches will always seem busy in the summer with the more compacted housing and seasonal rentals, but if development gets out of hand it will seem like that all year long (like Portsmouth).	3/14/2024 2:28 PM
21	Need more housing	3/14/2024 2:20 PM
22	More ultra conservative residents and board members worry moderates such as myself that we will begin to band library materials and make poor budget choices when it comes to making Rye a better place to live .	3/14/2024 2:04 PM
23	Too many new people who have not adapted to the "old rye" ways. We need to keep Rye simple and affordable. Limiting the size of our local government is one way to do that. We have essential functions like police, fire, highway, and the fundamental boards like select, planning, budget, but many of the other things are just extra fluff and hoops for people to jump through.	3/14/2024 1:48 PM
24	Rye is becoming overbuilt and losing its small town character. Too much development, too much congestion, wear and tear on roads, beaches and public spaces.	3/13/2024 7:50 PM
25	no way to stop it but town is becoming too expense for family of 4 making lower 6 figure income. taxes are going up too much , rich families can afford and want more services , struggle across the US	3/13/2024 5:52 PM
26	housing costs have gone up - more houses are being torn down - rather than restoring people in Rye seem to be entitled and do NOT follow rules - have more wealthy people who abuse the rules - The Conservation Commission goes around stating rules and regulations (start a fire) then leave the whole issue unattended or unfinished. no team work - from start to finish - and no follow up! town blind eye. work as a team be friendly, helpful *RESIDENTIAL property is NOT commercial, industrial land* Residential vs commercial! -	3/13/2024 2:31 PM
27	I've seen too many giant houses on huge amounts of land go up that could easily have been 2-4 smaller houses around a cul-de-sac.	3/13/2024 11:57 AM
28	I do not know.	3/13/2024 11:07 AM
29	New multi home developments (South Road, StarFish, Rand Lumber) have catered to high end housing (even Rand although intended otherwise by zoning) and maximizing profit for developers and have been replete with violations of agreed to conditions due to poor town oversight of conditions. As in answers above Rye should have no more large lot developments with multiple homes and require all developments be clustered or smaller size homes. Single family homes on single lots have tended to be larger, more expensive, and often challenging with multiple variances in large part as land is so expensive	3/13/2024 11:06 AM
30	too much building and demolishing smaller homes	3/13/2024 10:43 AM
31	It has become more desirable. I see out of town cars flying through our neighborhoods. Litter thrown about etc..	3/13/2024 6:51 AM
32	Speeding problem. We need to reduce speed. We need a safer town in terms of road traffic.	3/13/2024 6:30 AM
33	Too many big houses on small lots	3/12/2024 8:53 PM
34	Too much new construction on land which should not be developed. This leads to more traffic, increases in heavy equipment on the roads which destroy them. People moving here for a second or third home which means they have different priorities than those who are here full time in a primary home. More short term rental property which changes the make up of the neighborhood.	3/12/2024 8:52 PM
35	There is an influx of people, usually tourists visiting for a day or week, that don't seem to care about the community as a whole - leaving trash, speeding, etc. Tourism is probably good for the town, but it would be great if every rental place had a brochure about Rye; natural resources, history, & things to do within town (bike riding, yoga classes at library, geocaching/treasure hunt). That way they may want to stay within town instead of driving through to their air B&B and out again on a daily basis.	3/12/2024 8:35 PM

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36	Many more people. Decreased ocean water and drinking water quality.	3/12/2024 8:22 PM
37	Too many larger developments. Not enough affordability to help bring younger families into town and/or help those who have spent their lives here the ability to stay.	3/12/2024 7:04 PM
38	Enormous changes, not unlike other small towns in this area, closely related to higher income levels.	3/12/2024 4:38 PM
39	Yes, it has definitely seen an increase in traffic, and everything related to increased population. My concern is that the rural feeling of Rye is disappearing.	3/12/2024 2:02 PM
40	The roads and facilities have deteriorated.	3/12/2024 7:19 AM
41	Rye has seen modest homes torn down and mega-houses built on the lots. Rye has become much more of a town of the wealthy.	3/11/2024 10:50 PM
42	Positives: The schools! Opportunities for families and children are wonderful! Negatives: Development, loss of natural habit, water quality Opportunities: Pay comparable wage for life guards to Hampton/ Water County to keep beach-goes safe.	3/11/2024 10:01 PM
43	Rye now has more "oversight" and less live and let live mentality. Not Good.	3/11/2024 8:42 PM
44	Too much development and new construction. Lots of out of state license plates in driveways year round it seems. The local culture is decreasing rapidly	3/11/2024 8:32 PM
45	it seems like spending without oversight and transparency within committees has become more problematic (litigation!!)	3/11/2024 7:27 PM
46	Sense of community seems to have diminished perhaps due to influxes related to condos and new developments that move the town away from it's rural roots.	3/11/2024 6:35 PM
47	People come to Rye and want to build mini-mansions and they hire lawyers to help them skirt the zoning laws. I think we grant too many variances.	3/11/2024 4:49 PM
48	It's become a much wealthier Town and the expanded impacts on existing homes and property, has started to make it feel more urban than rural. Variances for expansions and pushing limits on the land are out of control. Variances used to require hardship, but it seems the only hardship now is "I bought it, it's not how I want to live and I have to expand it to fit my needs',	3/11/2024 4:46 PM
49	yes, Many condo's are built, which is fine but land is hard to find.	3/11/2024 4:09 PM
50	This is not unique to Rye, but the cost of buying a home has increased and many young families cannot afford to move to Rye. It's a concern because not as many children attend the schools and the overall population feels like it is older, and more people than ever before are not living here all year.	3/11/2024 2:25 PM
51	Rye remains a conservative, generally wealthy, cautious and fiscally-responsible community where a reasonable tax millage is particularly cherished. However, some of the things we may need most in the near term are going to cost money and everyone will have to be willing to pay their fair share through property taxation based on fair and equitable periodic re-evaluation by professionals	3/11/2024 1:55 PM
52	There are a lot of single family homes being over built that are not in keeping with the goal of providing housing for more diverse populations, including young families and seniors.	3/11/2024 11:27 AM
53	Become more crowded, increased environmental risk, erosion of town character	3/11/2024 10:16 AM
54	Young families priced out and more retirees moving here to enjoy the low taxes. And the population of people who have been here for decades have some sort of weird obsession with nostalgia making them allergic to any community progress and change.	3/10/2024 11:17 PM
55	Greater development means greater scrutiny on the part of the planning board. And we need to solve the groundwater (leach field) issues. Otherwise, the additional tax base is good for Rye.	3/10/2024 5:55 PM
56	changes: more cars on the road condos on Lafayette and Washington Rd more seasonal visitors, motorcycles, significant more airplane noise high end construction going on - good to see changing from rural type to too many condos!	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
57	Demographically changed. High cost of entry.	3/10/2024 4:45 PM
58	too much traffic now Washington Road Rt1 >1000 cars/hr peak then 600~ concerns and no	3/10/2024 4:31 PM

	mechanisms to check increase opportunities and gas station potential	
59	more out-of-state retirees moving here, driving up the cost of housing and skewing demographics	3/10/2024 4:22 PM
60	more new construction and lots of smaller homes that define the fabric of neighborhoods	3/10/2024 4:15 PM
61	it has aged and become very unaffordable. not many restaurants, markets, gas stations, etc. it has maintained its beautiful rural charter, beaches.	3/10/2024 4:03 PM
62	Aging population/lack of younger families a rising housing cost scares me/concerns me	3/10/2024 3:52 PM
63	climate change flooding	3/10/2024 3:42 PM
64	we saw declining (and now plateaued) school enrollment. meanwhile, home prices continue to rise. we used to have a gas station in town but it closed in part because we couldn't find staff/workers. I worry that young families and workers cant afford to live here. eventually, this could result in decline of out schools and community.	3/10/2024 3:35 PM
65	Population of town residents that have become wealthier and there is a growing population that feels they are entitled to do whatever they want with their property. Social media has certain residents spreading false information about town issues.	3/10/2024 12:05 PM
66	Road traffic goes up and up. Political Polarization. No good ways for "community members to interact". The Transfer Station should be moved and built to promote community interaction. Too many ZBA wetland variances. School population decline.	3/10/2024 9:53 AM
67	We should promote more agriculture in rye. More farming less building. Keep Rye as rural as possible.	3/10/2024 9:04 AM
68	Rye has become an older & more expensive real. estate community. Young families cannot afford to move to Rye.	3/9/2024 10:15 PM
69	- positives: neighbors helping neighbors, community cheering on kids sports teams, community rallying behind families facing challengers - negatives: work to protect against rising seas, cutting educational opportunities through the budget (social studies, advanced classes), parking bit address for beaches causing bottlenecks on route 1	3/9/2024 8:43 PM
70	There has been more development, especially on Rte 1, and there is more traffic everywhere. The transfer station has been upgraded, which is nice. A lot of the aging population has moved out, and more affluent people from other states have moved in. I find this sad.	3/9/2024 5:43 PM
71	Too much development	3/9/2024 4:02 PM
72	I personally don't love the much larger, more expensive homes being developed around town but people have the right to build what they want on their land (in accordance with planning/building dept regs). I don't like seeing development near sensitive environmental areas like marshes.	3/9/2024 2:02 PM
73	Every community in the country has changed over the last 10 years in similar ways. Mostly due to increasing population, we need to focus on maffordable housing	3/9/2024 1:58 PM
74	Building homes on land that was formerly deemed "too wet". Seems like that change came with an employee change at the Building Dept which should not happen. Very large homes building (what seems to be) right to the edge of property lines....so there is little land/space between dwellings...less trees/lawn/fields.	3/9/2024 12:01 PM
75	Homes are being torn down and being built with bigger footprints and newer homes being built with the result of more flooding and less respect for wetlands and the environment. Many more rentals and transient people, causing a loss of community.	3/9/2024 11:59 AM
76	not sure, new to town	3/9/2024 11:38 AM
77	The beaches are getting more crowded than ever before, as a result more litter along side of the roads as crowds leave the beaches. The parking lot behind the dunes can at time make it difficult for locals to get past.	3/9/2024 10:13 AM
78	Loot of over sized summer homes. Too much building and destruction of habitat.	3/8/2024 12:48 PM
79	There has been increase in traffic and more speeding on local roads. The number of bike riders has increased and the number of fundraising events road runs. Parking at the beach with a	3/8/2024 10:34 AM

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sticker has been limited. This year, needless to say, has brought lots of issues along the coast.

80	Through traffic has really increased with disregard for pedestrians or bicyclists and speed limits, including side streets and cul-de-sacs. Providing better signage on all areas would be helpful	3/8/2024 10:08 AM
81	the change has been remarkably slow given the popularity of Rye, so I think Rye has done very well.	3/8/2024 10:05 AM
82	Too much growth in a small Seacoast town Turning into a Portsmouth	3/8/2024 9:44 AM
83	speeding through the town is widespread specifically on Pioneer, Washington, Long John, Route 1A/Washington of out-of-towners cutting through, potholes/roads in disrepair, trash on the roads (cigarette buds, liquor bottles, dog waste), condos/townhomes built along route 1 should have never been allowed to be built less than 1 mile from toxic Coakley Landfill, development of megamansions at the watershed/marsh that should not have been allowed ie Harbor Road and Route 1A	3/7/2024 11:33 PM
84	More people coming to the coast and not respecting the beaches. Psrking atrocious and out of towners are littering/dumping trash , throwing it out the car winfows and landing on front yards and on dide of roads. Also peeing in bushes.or on private property instead of using bathrooms providef.	3/7/2024 11:15 PM
85	Very few building lots except for close to Lafayette Rd. Strong investment in existing homes	3/7/2024 10:42 PM
86	Concern of the development and break up of large land in order to provide additional housing. People outside of Rye want to come to Rye because of its rural character and being on the seacoast. Providing more housing will kill the very same reason why people want to come to Rye.	3/7/2024 10:19 PM
87	The entitlement.	3/7/2024 10:13 PM
88	RCC isn't looking out for the best interest of land conservation	3/7/2024 8:32 PM
89	It hasn't. It really hasn't. The schools could use a hand, they are old (Jr High!!) and unappealing.Everythign is catered to the elderly. There is NOTHING for anyone under 45y/r old	3/7/2024 8:32 PM
90	Concern in regard to building coverages	3/7/2024 6:33 PM
91	I see the shoreline changing, especially Foss Beach.	3/7/2024 12:48 PM
92	Giant homes built...middle class leaving	3/7/2024 12:11 PM
93	unknown	3/6/2024 2:51 PM
94	The Rye community has grown and become more active and family oriented over the last 10 years as the economy in the area has improved. Rye should continue to promote our town as the nicest place to live on the Seacoast.	3/6/2024 2:25 PM
95	More density.	3/6/2024 1:39 PM
96	concern: increased road traffic and seasonal crowding	3/6/2024 12:55 PM
97	too much new housing too many old homes being destroyed. too much traffic in the center of town and on RT 1	3/6/2024 12:39 PM
98	lots of properties being bought and rented. not sure if there is much to be done about it but it doesn't foster a great sense of community	3/6/2024 12:26 PM
99	I've only lived in the area for 5 years and worked in Rye for 3. I haven't seen much except a further divide between "left" and "right" that is more indicative of the country's problems then Rye's. Additionally as I previously stated, housing costs in this region are mind boggling and disheartening.	3/6/2024 12:04 PM
100	Encroachment on marches. Development of Rt 1 - my concern is that we do not have a vision of what our part of Rt 1 should be so its haphazard.	3/6/2024 11:41 AM
101	It is growing too fast because it is a very desirable place to live.	3/6/2024 11:39 AM
102	too much building too many variances houses too close to our resources	3/6/2024 11:25 AM

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103	new bigger houses	3/6/2024 11:17 AM
104	We have increased the number of buildings without increasing the access to town water and sewer services. Even when municipal sewer was available, it was not used, which put a shared septic system over an aquifer linked to the town water supply (e.i., Rt 1 condos).	3/6/2024 10:53 AM
105	Seems to be losing its rural charm. Making it bigger doesn't always make it better.	3/6/2024 9:34 AM
106	Too much growth loss of open spaces,	3/6/2024 6:03 AM
107	More divided if that is possible. Special interest and less big picture. Wants not needs.	3/6/2024 5:39 AM
108	Yes less diversity	3/5/2024 8:40 PM
109	Too much traffic and too many of our charming structures being demolished for monster houses, that don't fit the feel of the community.	3/5/2024 7:00 PM
110	Major traffic on our roads in summer months. Not following posted speed limits	3/5/2024 5:46 PM
111	Too many people moving in and buildings being constructed. I think Covid played a big role. Traffic, a loss of community spirit and awareness.	3/5/2024 5:15 PM
112	No economic diversity. No businesses in town anymore and town not a "small business friendly" town. Bumping into people in local restaurants and stores created community. The middle school is an embarrassment for a town like ours. No social studies teachers! The kids coming out of RJH are known for being ill prepared for high school.	3/5/2024 5:08 PM
113	all of the trees are getting cut down! houses going up are MASSIVE! need more family housing, multifamily - it doesn't need to look like apartments	3/5/2024 5:01 PM
114	zoning allows too much development on questionable land. too many variance granted to owners relating to lot size and proximity to wetlands.	3/5/2024 4:56 PM
115	traffic has increased, as has the speed of travel, this was compounded by the pandemic. impatience and frustration have made driving more erratic constant building brings heavy equipment into town and increased noise	3/5/2024 4:45 PM
116	Less arguing a d suing, more awareness of the dangers of climate change and how we are destroying our own seacoast.how about a cap on square footage of homes.	3/4/2024 6:16 PM
117	Crazy tax increases	3/4/2024 5:16 PM
118	Aged, reduced # children per household, gotten more wealthy, added people from neighboring States and lost long-time residents/natives of Rye. The people from There move Here, and now they want to make Here look like There.	3/4/2024 3:55 PM
119	Too many houses being built and condos	3/4/2024 11:08 AM
120	Concerned that there is little oversight on new building	3/3/2024 11:27 PM
121	Very wealthy out of state owners building here	3/3/2024 9:02 PM
122	Rye has become more suburban and less of a small seacoast town. The large homes are not in character with a small town.	3/3/2024 7:57 PM
123	Big money buys what they want	3/3/2024 7:19 PM
124	Excessive spending	3/3/2024 5:49 PM
125	Again, we need a water and sewage management plan. It has also been nice to see an acknowledgement that we need to continue to invest as a community after years of under-investment in so many areas.	3/3/2024 5:45 PM
126	Demolition and replacement of historic homes with large and tasteless new residences	3/3/2024 5:04 PM
127	Real estate prices, lack of families and school age children	3/3/2024 10:47 AM
128	N/A only been here for 2 years.	3/3/2024 10:30 AM
129	Big houses built on smaller lots. Not desirable.	3/3/2024 8:32 AM
130	There has been too much development. We are losing our small rural town ambience.	3/2/2024 3:17 PM

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131	Conversation has been able to purchase land in Rye to preserve, which is good, but there should be a cap of purchasing conservation land. Conservation land should not more than 50% of the land in town. Each time land is purchased by the Conversation Commission, that land is taken off the tax books putting more of a burden of the current tax payers.	3/2/2024 3:01 PM
132	Covid brought it a huge amount of wealthy and older groups from NY. NJ and California - none will bring young families into our community which plays into my concern as to how to increase the student population in our great schools ?	3/2/2024 9:37 AM
133	Na	3/2/2024 9:30 AM
134	Polluted water, political divisiveness, greedy over-development, Keep your public servants safe.	3/2/2024 8:15 AM
135	More crowded.. especially at the beach where parking is allowed all over 1A.. and shouldn't be	3/1/2024 1:48 PM
136	More wear on roads. More speeding cars. Not enough parking for residents	3/1/2024 1:05 PM
137	Unknown.	2/29/2024 5:21 PM
138	Aging population, cost of housing makes it very difficult for young families to enter the community. Real estate development pressure will make it increasingly difficult to preserve open space	2/26/2024 10:52 AM
139	We've seen the first wave of climate migration - it started with people who have work flexibility in COVID.	2/26/2024 7:32 AM
140	way to much land taken off tax role/to much building	2/25/2024 10:21 PM
141	Good job managing most spend. Spend way too much on town litigation. Need to invest in basic infrastructure such as water system, septic and road safety	2/25/2024 7:25 AM
142	Yes. Only wealthy and McMansions. Rye Beach has sidewalks but no where else. Need to allow two families, rentals , etc to have economic diversity.	2/23/2024 3:39 PM
143	Too chaotic-no master plan.	2/22/2024 7:30 PM
144	There used to be more economic diversity. Now, only wealthy. Commerce and commercial businesses barely exist. We used to have corner stores, gas stations, florists, restaurants, etc. Those places brought people together and made a town. Now Rye feels like an area where people reside with no connection or community.	2/22/2024 5:51 PM
145	There seems to be a growing (priority) divide between the older residents and younger (family oriented) generations. I think that the younger families in Rye bring a lot of financial resources and energy that could positively influence the direction of our community.	2/22/2024 4:30 PM
146	we need to encourage young families to come to rye with great schools and great recreation facilities. The cost of entry is too high for most young families.	2/22/2024 3:44 PM
147	Lack of housing has increased the prices where it's prohibitive for families. Rye Beach consistently ranks the 2nd most expensive zip code in New England.	2/22/2024 3:05 PM
148	People moving here from larger areas demanding/expecting more services which we do not need. People are happier when they live within their means	2/22/2024 1:13 PM
149	It's lost it's community feel, and many of the families who used to call rye home have been pushed out by rising costs and over development. I've spent my entire life in this town and it's changed dramatically in the way it looks and feels. Some good, but mostly bad. It's lost much of its rich heritage and coastal fishing working town community feel.	2/22/2024 9:26 AM
150	Too much regulation. Keep it to the planning board and ZBA. Demo Review, Conservation, and at time HDC go too far. The aesthetic nature of those three groups should not be forced on owners.	2/22/2024 9:03 AM
151	I see that 170 units have been added since 2010 - how many have been lost/torn down/rebuilt, ie what is the net gain? This would help put the growth into context. Also, does median household income include those who have no income? I know for example the average income in Rye Beach is very low because of their ages being higher, and therefore they claim less income/living off retirement. It's not the whole story, and without the whole story it's hard to say how much has changed. Yes, we've seen housing units but they are fulfilling a need. The land will control how much can be built - most is not buildable according to your pie chart.	2/22/2024 8:56 AM

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152	Natural resources have been impacted by development and expansion of existing homes. The development off South Road - Signature Drive & Autumn Lane - could have been prevented in order to better protect wetlands and Bailey Brook watershed (Atlantic White Cedars). Rye's wetland ordinance should have been strengthened ten years ago, which would have resulted in less development. Not having a Prime Wetlands Ordinance has been detrimental to Rye's natural resources. Lack of a professional planner.	2/21/2024 6:54 PM
153	continued loss of agricultural lands, development pressures on wetlands. Opportunities might include incentivizing small farm owners, increase buying potential and land maintenance for conservation and protection of natural resources.	2/21/2024 6:22 PM
154	Has not changed that much	2/20/2024 9:21 PM
155	The school age population of Rye has decreased significantly. My concern is we are carrying 2 school buildings that will need expensive maintenance and neither will ever be full again. I think we need to have one K-8 school like North Hampton does. Over the long run it makes more sense to consolidate & share resources (teachers, administrators)	2/20/2024 2:11 PM
156	Non Sure	2/20/2024 9:34 AM
157	The chief of police is making it harder for younger business owners to enter the rye market.	2/19/2024 8:55 PM
158	No one keeps the old houses Tear them down build new huge homes. In my neighborhood have watched this over and over. The rich are taking over the spending issues in Rye leaving the people who have lived here many years without much say. Spending on frivolous things. We need ambulances, fire trucks, better roads not gazebos and parking lots	2/19/2024 3:33 PM
159	Lots of like minded residents running committees and commissions. Rye needs voices from every age group and political affiliation.	2/19/2024 2:53 PM
160	Plans don't get implemented in a timely way. It is time to make improvements and make the services in our town match the home values. Recreation project, bike paths, address use of town buildings and sell those that aren't being utilized. Climate change is impacting the beaches. We have increase in tourism in the summer months. Population is aging and it is challenging for younger families to afford houses in Rye.	2/19/2024 12:17 PM
161	Yes it's gotten too expensive for young families.	2/19/2024 9:58 AM
162	Not much has changed. Been here for 16 years. We have many concerns over aging or non-existent infrastructure from town buildings, to schools to libraries to beaches to rec centers currently operating out of run down trailers. Need a town CIP badly that outlines investment over next 5 years.	2/19/2024 8:38 AM
163	Rye has lost it's semi rural agrarian feel & been replaced with housing developments that threaten our natural habitat & put a huge burden on our underdeveloped infrastructure.	2/18/2024 9:18 PM
164	The question is actually part of Rye's problem. You're not interested in views of people that haven't been here for less than 10 years. I've been in the Seacoast for 20+ years but only in Rye for 8 years. We could accompany our plans to expand housing with an educational initiative around inclusiveness and our democracy. If you've been here one day or one hundred years you have the same voice and one vote each.	2/18/2024 8:30 PM
165	it has become a gated community. opportunities include adding ADU's that are not so small. 2 bedroom homes on the same lot, with owner occupied lots are something that could alleviate a lot of family stress.	2/17/2024 8:53 PM
166	More high end houses Fewer school children	2/17/2024 8:41 PM
167	Flooding is issue that will increase. Water quality was big issue in recent history. I hope Rye continues to not be over-developed.	2/17/2024 7:22 PM
168	Less land for development due to conservation efforts, existing building and restrictions on development.	2/17/2024 6:45 PM
169	Oceans can't be used because septic and ground water issues not fixed.	2/17/2024 5:47 PM
170	a lot more building and renovation	2/17/2024 4:55 PM
171	More divisiveness, reflecting national trends.	2/17/2024 3:17 PM

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172	Not enough housing for younger families to afford and help sustain the schools	2/17/2024 11:10 AM
173	We have 90 new condo's with 18 of those as workforce housing units----many old homes continue to be demolished and new larger homes built (given the draw to be close to the ocean for new buyers). Obviously there are a large amount of homes that border the ocean and marshes that may require additional protection from the effect of higher tides	2/17/2024 10:43 AM
174	Too much traffic along Ocean Boulevard. Parking on both sides of the road near Jenness Beach creates dangerous situations for bikes and pedestrians (frequently walking with young children). Everyone has to walk in the travel lane as the shoulders are both taken up by cars. THIS IS UNSAFE	2/17/2024 8:17 AM
175	Lots of new development, but it appears to be in keeping with rye. Big expensive houses.	2/17/2024 7:52 AM
176	Too many visitors because of our free parking at beach, causing traffic, and trash. Businesses taking advantage of beaches for profit.	2/16/2024 8:00 PM
177	Development! Cultural change. We we discovered during Covid.	2/16/2024 5:39 PM
178	Less families and more "outside money". More snow-birds. Concerns: many newcomers do not seem to view Rye as their home, just a great place to live and do not get involved in town affairs/activities, reducing the Town's sense of community. Also, there seems to be more folks who have big demands for what they want, and legal teams to support them, resulting in over development, particularly near shorelands and wetlands. We need to find a way to get these folks caring more about our community and all its natural and other resources.	2/16/2024 3:52 PM
179	The rural character has changed. Too much money being spent.	2/16/2024 3:20 PM
180	so much building - slow it down!	2/16/2024 2:44 PM
181	Too much new building	2/16/2024 1:56 PM
182	I see locals getting pushed out b/c housing is so high.	2/16/2024 1:21 PM
183	It used to be a very sweet community. It has become angry and closed minded. People do not help each other out anymore. All for themselves. The mighty dollar more important than a neighbor or a good cause.	2/16/2024 12:47 PM
184	A lot of build up. Condos and McMansions	2/16/2024 11:32 AM
185	More development on more challenged land. Less funds coming back for the state. Unfunded mandates.	2/16/2024 11:20 AM
186	Spending money on non-essential things/services. School spending is to high.	2/16/2024 11:13 AM
187	A lot of developing.	2/16/2024 11:12 AM
188	there are more businesses that seem to be coming to the area which is good for the economy	2/16/2024 11:09 AM
189	Too many tear downs of buildings on 5,000 sf lots to McMansions	2/16/2024 11:02 AM
190	More families have moved in from outside Seacoast area.	2/16/2024 10:25 AM
191	People move to Rye because they see everything they want in a community and once here they want to change it to mirror what they left. Rye natives can't afford to live in their community any longer and are being forced out.	2/16/2024 9:25 AM
192	it seems that the town and people in the town are trying to restrict access to the area of rye, including beaches via parking. Specifically taking away parking near Jenness beach. Everyone should have the right to access the beach and be able to park in a reasonable location.	2/16/2024 9:07 AM
193	Increased traffic.	2/16/2024 8:19 AM
194	It has grown for sure. Water levels have been a significant increase since we moved in 10 years ago. Noticeably stronger storms and wind. New homes should be built for higher water and stronger storms.	2/16/2024 8:03 AM
195	Building on unbuildable lots like Long John ruining quality of life for neighborhoods	2/16/2024 8:03 AM
196	Loss of rural areas	2/15/2024 11:36 PM
197	Many more people of self interest. Many more cars. More traffic. More self absorbed people.	2/15/2024 11:32 PM

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198	Get rid of the recycling center. No reason to have this in our town considering this is on higher ground near our drinking water. When it rains there is runoff. We could easily have trash pickup.	2/15/2024 11:04 PM
199	Greater affluence/increased tax base = more resources to support town initiatives Risk of over development impacting small town feel	2/15/2024 10:41 PM
200	It's gotten soft. Bidens America	2/15/2024 10:22 PM
201	New to Rye	2/15/2024 10:21 PM
202	Not here 10 yrs ago. No answer	2/15/2024 9:05 PM

Q18 In your opinion, what defines Rye's semi-rural, small-town character? This may include certain areas of town, buildings, open space properties, destinations, and other attributes related to the community's character, identity, and land use pattern.

Answered: 206 Skipped: 114

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Low density and privately owned open space.	3/15/2024 9:27 PM
2	I appreciate the library, the beach, and the openness of the town administrative offices. You always recognize someone when visiting these locations.	3/15/2024 5:33 PM
3	Rye is just fine so stop trying to change it. There is nothing wrong with the center of town. Wasting tax dollars to award some foolish idea is shameful	3/15/2024 1:33 PM
4	The limit of commercial property here and what commercial property that is here is small and local. Bigger commercial businesses should be limited to Rt 1	3/15/2024 1:07 PM
5	The classic NE center of town, the diversity of almost only single family housing throughout most of town, the absence of big box apartments/condos, commercial and business restrictions from all but specific spots, and at least moderate woods and other open areas. Of course beach front in summer is fun, but not so rural!	3/15/2024 11:18 AM
6	Open spaces. The look of traditional houses. But I don't think we can legislate "character". We must adapt.	3/15/2024 10:13 AM
7	Open space, farms, historic homes and buildings	3/15/2024 8:50 AM
8	conservation land, Goss farm. Town Forest. Library Common, Parsons field. Historic homes. Town Hall	3/15/2024 7:53 AM
9	The center of Rye is still quaint and "old New England-like." Parsons Field and the woods are treasures. The Recreation woods are wonderful. Odiorne Park, Rye Harbor and the beaches are great assets.	3/14/2024 8:30 PM
10	Open spaces and the abundance of trees.	3/14/2024 8:25 PM
11	Open space and conservation land	3/14/2024 7:45 PM
12	Forests, fields, historic buildings, connected farmhouses, barns, formal and informal gardens, outbuildings, stonewalls, limited sidewalks	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
13	Significant amount of undeveloped forests and conservation land; limited and small home developments; local small business versus national business chains.	3/14/2024 6:52 PM
14	Keeping things the way they are. We don't need to change the downtown to be like other towns. Our town is what it is. Those that don't like it should move.	3/14/2024 6:09 PM
15	The lack of any meaningful business in town save for the activity at the beach and on Rt. 1.	3/14/2024 5:38 PM
16	?	3/14/2024 5:34 PM
17	The small town character exists only in name, due to reckless drivers and builders who take down house & build bigger ones in their place. Our roads are crowded with construction trucks and there is year-round noise pollution. What percentage of construction waste goes into our stream, brooks & ponds & eventually flows to the ocean?	3/14/2024 4:27 PM
18	beautiful to drive around and through	3/14/2024 3:49 PM
19	Open land, rural infrastructure, historic buildings and homes.	3/14/2024 3:32 PM
20	it is a beautiful natural, quiet area with ocean access. I dont think we have maximized the	3/14/2024 2:32 PM

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	beauty of the place but perhaps that is a decision not to attract more people.	
21	Housing spaced out and on larger lots of land is paramount as there are still lots of undeveloped land in parts of town. As a historic colonial town, I feel at times the Colonial, Georgian, or historic Cape style homes fall into the background of the newer larger versions built in more recent years. Similar to how the 1950's and 60's modern homes look dated now because of the trendy building materials used then, there are certain styles of homes on trend now (black windows on a white "farm" house) that will also dated in just a matter of years. Unfortunately historic towns can't dictate on every aspect of every new house or renovation, but classic styles and traditional building materials will always keep the character of the town in check.	3/14/2024 2:28 PM
22	Rye resident only beach parking areas, rye rec and trails	3/14/2024 2:20 PM
23	We must encourage zoning changes that preserve open space . New and fewer if any multi unit construction and only along route 1 and limited there to low income units .	3/14/2024 2:04 PM
24	No sidewalks. We don't need them and they turn us into something we are not. Also, leave the town center alone!	3/14/2024 1:48 PM
25	Open spaces, Parsons Field and Woods, The Library and old town center.	3/13/2024 7:50 PM
26	private residential real estate - should be kept in defined home residential not commercial with a huge industrial garage - sheds have boat yards - boats zillions of lobster traps boats parked in yard -	3/13/2024 2:31 PM
27	It's an overall feeling of low density: plenty of conservation and unbuildable land, few commercial areas and none that are really built up, and the highest density housing is near route 1.	3/13/2024 11:57 AM
28	The open space with views of woods, fields, ocean, and stone walls is precious.	3/13/2024 11:07 AM
29	Town Center, historic homes, fields and forests along roads (need to be persevered at all costs even if to do so back areas get clustered developments), of course the coast and marshes	3/13/2024 11:06 AM
30	center of town, leave it alone with no improvements except sidewalk	3/13/2024 10:43 AM
31	I love the beaches and the rye rec trails, small town, historic feel in the town buildings	3/13/2024 6:51 AM
32	Open spaces, mostly large lots I, conservation land	3/12/2024 8:53 PM
33	It's the people, but that is changing. The people decide what we look like as a town and how we behave or grow.	3/12/2024 8:52 PM
34	1)"small-town character" is quintessentially the center of town. But talking with residents in other areas of Rye, they feel too far separated from that and not part of the "community" 2) "semi-rural" is the open spaces and wooded areas. Not just the town forest, but the spaces as one drives down past on the road, the horse barns and fields, the wetlands, the old farm houses.	3/12/2024 8:35 PM
35	Lack of streetlights, sidewalks etc. it lends a small town appeal	3/12/2024 7:04 PM
36	This town is hardly semi-rural. As for a small town character...questionable.	3/12/2024 4:38 PM
37	Small neighborhoods, community based activities, elimination of big businesses	3/12/2024 2:02 PM
38	Mix of single family homes, farms, and open space.	3/12/2024 7:19 AM
39	Farms, open spaces, beaches, and the marsh	3/11/2024 10:50 PM
40	Library/ Center of Town, Beaches, Town Forest/Parsons. Events such as Wedgwood, Tree Lighting, 4th of July, sporting events New England architecture and charm	3/11/2024 10:01 PM
41	open space, community events,	3/11/2024 8:42 PM
42	Locals who know one another and look out for one another, and who do what is right and for the common good, instead of just what is right for their own wallets.	3/11/2024 8:32 PM
43	preserving as many of the open spaces that remain as possible (library, etc)	3/11/2024 7:27 PM
44	Open spaces, historical sites and architecture, the harbor and miles of coastline.	3/11/2024 6:35 PM

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45	I think traditional houses and open space are the two major ones	3/11/2024 4:49 PM
46	From Washington Road southward including the center of Town	3/11/2024 4:46 PM
47	Local beaches and being able to bike to them is important, and rye town woods are a treasure.	3/11/2024 4:09 PM
48	Historic buildings and sites; well-maintained residences for the most part; lots of open space and access to the seaside; plenty of loyalty among its residents to one another and to community resources, restaurants, etc.	3/11/2024 1:55 PM
49	Open space, large lots, remnants of farm land, preservation of historic and cultural gems.	3/11/2024 11:27 AM
50	Historical buildings, open spaces, etc. fostered a small town feel. That character has been declining over the past ten years.	3/11/2024 10:16 AM
51	Semi-rural is a term Rye should have left in the 20th century. It's just a flex for people who can afford or inherited multiple acres of land. Saying you want Rye to remain semi-rural comes off as so elitist.	3/10/2024 11:17 PM
52	Presence of farm land. The fact that the shore doesn't look like Hampton Beach. Growing summer daytime beach crowds are a concern.	3/10/2024 5:55 PM
53	friendly people, old barns, chickens in the yard, eggs for sale road side, ocean side cottages, small local restaurants.	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
54	Larger lots, architectural covenants.	3/10/2024 4:45 PM
55	lack of commercial store frontage, open space, historic buildings	3/10/2024 4:37 PM
56	stonewalls, old trees, some old structures in decline	3/10/2024 4:31 PM
57	little commercial development	3/10/2024 4:22 PM
58	historic (317 built before 1905) homes open spaces	3/10/2024 4:15 PM
59	farms, barns, low density housing, landscapes	3/10/2024 4:03 PM
60	New England feel - stonewalls, farming, large lots, historic homes, but lot size needs to be adjusted for detached ADU housing so grown children can afford to live here.	3/10/2024 3:52 PM
61	open space diversity of housing alternatives	3/10/2024 3:42 PM
62	I see this as out quaint town hall, cemetery, library, as well as our wetlands and beaches. but I think that "semi-rural" is some times used as code for "we don't want development", and I'd like to see us engage in thoughtful planning to increase the amount and diversity of housing options in Rye. (and not just along Rt 1). Eg. cottage communities, multi-family housing, ADUs, etc.	3/10/2024 3:35 PM
63	Semi-rural for me means that we should protect existing open fields and large tracks of wooded areas as well as the coast not becoming Hampton Beach. However all coastal homes need to go up with the ocean rising.	3/10/2024 12:05 PM
64	Lack of congestion, being impacted by the "Big" developments. Tear downs and larger houses making it feel even more of an exclusive community. Homes that are too big for the property exacerbate that feel.	3/10/2024 9:53 AM
65	The historic sites and museums of Rye. The town should educate new comers of the importance of keeping Rye protected from interest groups who don't care about our town.	3/10/2024 9:04 AM
66	1 acre zoning, open/undeveloped spaces	3/9/2024 10:15 PM
67	The ocean, marshes, harbor and community	3/9/2024 8:43 PM
68	The town center is a big defining point for me. Also, the open fields. I like having very few commercial properties, as well, but do enjoy the ones that we do have.	3/9/2024 5:43 PM
69	Charming small coastal town	3/9/2024 4:02 PM
70	Friendly, service oriented town employees is the most important thing. They set the tone. Larger lot sizes in most of the town. Town Center with library, town hall, school, place of worship included. Open spaces. Ability to safely walk and bike around town (keep speeding under control — PD does great job overall on this). Resident beach parking.	3/9/2024 2:02 PM

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71	Open space, low building heights, keeping commercial development on route 1	3/9/2024 1:58 PM
72	open space, multi family buildings that fit the character of the area	3/9/2024 1:26 PM
73	Older looking buildings in the down town area which is not congested. Open beaches with access for all.	3/9/2024 12:05 PM
74	I think it is just that the size of new homes seem to create a sense of crowding. But I like how much land is protected and definitely want to conserve every bit of wetland/marsh.	3/9/2024 12:01 PM
75	Land use and regulations where the recent loosening has caused the town to lose this character with overbuilding and allowing massive rebuilding of homes.	3/9/2024 11:59 AM
76	the coast line, the open space, the landscape, the waterways	3/9/2024 11:38 AM
77	Growing up here there were very few apartments/condominiums, I think we need to limit future projects.	3/9/2024 10:13 AM
78	Wooded areas, marsh land, beaches, lack of strip malls, few condos, not over built like Hampton....yet.	3/8/2024 12:48 PM
79	First and foremost the people and our more simple ways of life. Those of us who have lived here over 45 years know each other both through the schools and churches. It used to be simpler but life in general has changed and so we all have made lots of adjustments. It is wonderful having the beaches, Parsons' field, town walking trails, etc. I see no need for some big library investment and think forward to paying for it and then having to maintain it.	3/8/2024 10:34 AM
80	We're fortunate to have public beaches, conservation areas available for public use and recreational areas.	3/8/2024 10:08 AM
81	open space in many places and few large buildings or condos, the exception is route 1 which is acceptable.	3/8/2024 10:05 AM
82	open land, farms, horses, preserved conservation land and protected watersheds, reduced traffic speed, historic homes and town offices	3/7/2024 11:33 PM
83	Keep open spaces and forests. No more multi condos!!!	3/7/2024 11:15 PM
84	Open spaces, no street lights or sidewalks, Older stock of homes maintains character	3/7/2024 10:42 PM
85	Housing on large land lots (over 2 acres), farms, conservation land not touchable by town changes, no new developments, everyone knows each other.	3/7/2024 10:19 PM
86	The preservation of Ryes history and what it was built on. Keep the history of Rye.	3/7/2024 10:13 PM
87	the fact it's all houses, little to no businesses. We have a vibrant seafront which is our "thing" but otherwise we are a sleepy "old" town. OLD meaning most of the involved members are of retirement age and act accordingly	3/7/2024 8:32 PM
88	Open spaces fields	3/7/2024 6:33 PM
89	The ocean and not too many commercial properties.	3/7/2024 12:48 PM
90	Open lands	3/7/2024 12:11 PM
91	historic homes and barns, open spaces, fields, gardens, the beautiful beaches, Odiome science center, Rye Woods, the recreational fields, and lots of space between homes.	3/6/2024 7:03 PM
92	Our well-documented desire to remain a single-family zoned village type of town.	3/6/2024 3:01 PM
93	The Rye Recreation area, the Town Library, Congregational Church, Parsons Field and Town Forest all help to define the semi rural small town character as each are places for all to gather during most months of the year.	3/6/2024 2:51 PM
94	The various old town buildings, winding roads and random businesses.	3/6/2024 2:25 PM
95	Open space.	3/6/2024 1:39 PM
96	open spaces	3/6/2024 12:55 PM
97	large building lots! single family homes! no congestion!	3/6/2024 12:39 PM
98	town center, library but lets not go overboard - you cant conserve everything and not allow one	3/6/2024 12:26 PM

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growth, need houses etc. I was against the purchase of the property neat Brokett people can fish etc. we have plenty go conservation property already. you've got to allow new people in to build, being new families, etc.

99	town hall museum town forest RCC lands and path more spaced out housing	3/6/2024 12:15 PM
100	All of the community land. Open space between homes and buildings really help it feel like your much further away from things than you are.	3/6/2024 12:04 PM
101	open fields. the town forest. the center of town. the marshes - barns. the number of people in town in the off season. kinds riding their bikes to school people walking dogs. no stop lights. limited light pollution. town deliberative session.	3/6/2024 11:41 AM
102	What would Rye be without the ocean and the beaches?	3/6/2024 11:39 AM
103	conservation land, trails historical markers Jenness Beach "quaintness" common roots	3/6/2024 11:25 AM
104	it has open space. love the librarians because you get to know them personally.	3/6/2024 11:17 AM
105	The layout of the roads and the diversity of buildings along them.	3/6/2024 10:53 AM
106	Good police, fire, DPW, small town government. Nice town buildings and recreation areas.	3/6/2024 9:34 AM
107	Too many gigantic, out of character buildings.	3/6/2024 6:03 AM
108	Lack of businesses	3/6/2024 5:39 AM
109	The historic district is so wonderful, the open space/farm land, the horse farms, the wetlands, the forests, the beautiful coast line.	3/5/2024 7:00 PM
110	no national chain stores or restaurants	3/5/2024 5:46 PM
111	That it was semi-rural and had small town character. I think it is losing its definition.	3/5/2024 5:15 PM
112	Town center, local business, ability to gather centrally.	3/5/2024 5:08 PM
113	church, library, Parsons Field, trees on each street, fields and marshes	3/5/2024 5:01 PM
114	the 25% public/conservation land is good. we need more so keep a balance between the natural and human world. that balance helps define "semi-rural"	3/5/2024 4:56 PM
115	open space defines the semi rural feel.	3/5/2024 4:45 PM
116	The beach and Ordiornes. Not much great outdoor space utilized. More sidewalks a d pathways for kids and adults to travel and bike.	3/4/2024 6:16 PM
117	Barns, hayfields, woodlots, open space. Large lot sizes.	3/4/2024 3:55 PM
118	Too many outer Townes moving in like Maas who want what they had in Mass.besches	3/4/2024 11:08 AM
119	Open, green space, simple and quiet city center, non commercial	3/3/2024 11:27 PM
120	No chains, open spaces, small shops	3/3/2024 9:40 PM
121	Open space	3/3/2024 9:02 PM
122	The older homes, town hall. Parsons field, Congregation Church, the cemetery and the schools keeps the identity of the town.	3/3/2024 7:57 PM
123	It has long lost that character	3/3/2024 7:19 PM
124	I think this is silly - are we keeping "small-town character" by approving huge houses on the beach and in the wetlands? What does "semi-rural" mean? These are just words people use to justify certain policies.	3/3/2024 5:45 PM
125	Open space, preservation of historic homes and structures such as our Town Hall	3/3/2024 5:04 PM
126	Planing and keeping Trees and no sidewalks allows for most of the town to remain looking rural. However, the lack of sidewalks around the town center forces a lot of residents to drive instead of walking.	3/3/2024 10:47 AM
127	Not sure after 2 years here other than Rye Beach the character doesn't carry beyond that point.	3/3/2024 10:30 AM

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128	Lot size.	3/3/2024 8:32 AM
129	Semi-rural is the existing farms, fields, woods, and marshes. The center of town, from the jr. high school to the monument at Washington and Central Roads has the small-town characteristics. What's missing in the center of town is a small general store and a gazebo.	3/2/2024 3:01 PM
130	Beaches, Parks and Recreation - nice to have a small town feel with the Library at its center	3/2/2024 9:37 AM
131	Generous lot size regulations	3/2/2024 9:30 AM
132	the town has character that most in NH do not, small quaint, not over crowded and not over built with homes.	3/2/2024 9:03 AM
133	The old farms, those that have not been developed. Stone walls, woodlands, The proposed Common.	3/2/2024 8:15 AM
134	Open spaces, nice neighborhoods , sea coast community feel	3/1/2024 1:48 PM
135	Unknown.	2/29/2024 5:21 PM
136	certain areas of town, buildings, open space properties, seacoast	2/28/2024 11:56 AM
137	Relatively low building density, town and state beaches and parks, Parson's field, town forest, public library	2/26/2024 10:52 AM
138	Our beaches, woods, trails, the neighborhoods, places where people convene and connect.	2/26/2024 7:32 AM
139	tree lined roads unique towncenter rye is rye	2/25/2024 10:21 PM
140	Town center small local business	2/25/2024 7:25 AM
141	Town hall, library, recreation fields, small businesses.	2/23/2024 3:39 PM
142	The library, town hall, small businesses such as the old Philbrick's (common roots), summer sessions, the harbor, meandering traffic as opposed to high speed, reckless drivers.	2/22/2024 5:51 PM
143	Low population, beautiful outdoor spaces, good neighborhoods. Town Center and the Library.	2/22/2024 4:30 PM
144	nothing really. if we had a 'quaint' town center in addition to our beaches and quiet streets, we'd really have a semi-rural small-town feel.	2/22/2024 3:44 PM
145	To own property and be able to enjoy it without having to go through hell with regulations when trying to maintain their property	2/22/2024 1:13 PM
146	It's identity and people, it's great to add to the community and bring new in. But What used to be a quant coastal community has become mansions and vacation homes much of the charm is eroding away.	2/22/2024 9:26 AM
147	Well spaced housing! I enjoy places such as Central and Washington Roads where houses are sufficiently spaced out. Occasional open fields are a huge plus. Keep developments closer to Rt 1.	2/22/2024 9:03 AM
148	The semi-rural character has not been lost IMO. I would consider the open spaces to be the defining attribute to semi-rural, as well as the lack of commercial activity.	2/22/2024 8:56 AM
149	There has been a gradual loss of Rye's semi-rural/ small-town character. LDR/RZO has not been designed to protect those features. Despite the Vision from the Master Plan to protect Rye's semi-rural character, there has been a lack of implementation/efforts in that regard. Land use pattern has been detrimental to Rye's semi-rural character: tear downs, cookie cutter developments, density. Rye does not look semi-rural as a whole, only portions of it, such as parts of Washington Road. Perhaps Rye is certainly on its way to no longer being "semi-rural."	2/21/2024 6:54 PM
150	center of town, Parson's Field, Odiorne Point, town forest, conservation lands, beaches, schools	2/21/2024 6:22 PM
151	The beach. Antique architecture.	2/21/2024 9:36 AM
152	Beautiful homes and gardens , no sidewalks,	2/20/2024 9:21 PM
153	Farmland, low density housing	2/20/2024 2:11 PM
154	The Town center gives the appeal of a small town character. The beach road is a huge asset to	2/20/2024 9:34 AM

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the community and the visiting public. Route 1 should be addressed as many parts look down right shameful and it's probably the #1 road where travelers get their 1st impression of the town of Rye.

155	The beaches and forests	2/19/2024 8:55 PM
156	The older homes with some character, dive shop, marsh areas, Town Hall, church and the surrounding homes.	2/19/2024 3:33 PM
157	Lots of woodlands, marshes, fields, farms and original stone walls. Preserving our classic New England architecture.	2/19/2024 2:53 PM
158	Roadways, open spaces, mature trees, Parsons field, trails, beaches.	2/19/2024 12:17 PM
159	The people care about each other.	2/19/2024 9:58 AM
160	Open fields, woodlands, old homes, quiet, well-kept properties, historic center of town. I don't want all that to change!	2/19/2024 9:17 AM
161	The beach, the schools and the library.	2/19/2024 8:38 AM
162	The strain put on small business due to being pre-existing & non conforming has made it difficult to update & promote small business that can help support the community.	2/18/2024 9:18 PM
163	Beautiful beaches. Several rural farms with animals and seasonal fruit ... small town rep around the schools but would be great if that could expand	2/18/2024 8:30 PM
164	Single-family homes with decent size parcels, conservation land, small town field, not a bunch of track houses and condos.	2/17/2024 10:08 PM
165	small town and rural yes. The increased demand for housing has added to the creation of many subdivisions that are changing the character from rural to suburban. allowing more housing opportunities on lots would be a great start.	2/17/2024 8:53 PM
166	Open space	2/17/2024 8:41 PM
167	Limited buildings. Protected land, forest, fields, etc. Parson's Field. Town Hall Building, access to beach. All part of Rye. I like that it is rural and has limited development.	2/17/2024 7:22 PM
168	Unique seaside town with open spaces and old housing stock.	2/17/2024 6:45 PM
169	Keep semi rural.	2/17/2024 5:47 PM
170	No franchise stores or restaurants, which is a good thing	2/17/2024 4:55 PM
171	Open spaces,	2/17/2024 4:18 PM
172	Town forest, conserved tracts	2/17/2024 3:17 PM
173	A rustic feel to the center of town and the historic district. Not a log of condos and apartments. Private houses along 1A instead of hotels and condos.	2/17/2024 3:09 PM
174	Our schools, Rye Recreation, The library, Parsons field,	2/17/2024 11:32 AM
175	We're a beach town and the beaches are huge attractions for outta towners	2/17/2024 11:10 AM
176	Open space and access to beach	2/17/2024 11:00 AM
177	Semi rural means no high rise buildings, substantive open space, maintaining barns/horse farms/gardens---lucky we have nature helping us here as 66% (2/3rds) of Rye is comprised of wetlands and is not buildable We are also blessed to have Odiome Point and the Rye Harbor State parks which offer the public views and access to the ocean---these are obviously not buildable and add to the open are that we have. These geographic areas further restrict population growth and help maintain the small town character that we have. The geography of Rye restricts much further population growth and I could never see Rye's population ever exceed 7,000	2/17/2024 10:43 AM
178	Limit parking to one side of ocean boulevard	2/17/2024 8:17 AM
179	Limited town center, no streetlights.	2/17/2024 7:52 AM
180	Little light pollution, rural character, open space, Goss Farm, our beaches, our town center,	2/16/2024 8:00 PM

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	Parson's field, town trails, Central Cemetery.	
181	No more development.	2/16/2024 5:39 PM
182	compact town center, historic buildings, town forest, stone walls, meandering streets.	2/16/2024 3:52 PM
183	Open spaces	2/16/2024 3:20 PM
184	we need more of a community with regular summer events and getting people involved in the community	2/16/2024 2:44 PM
185	Open space, limited commercial use and restricted beach parking.	2/16/2024 1:56 PM
186	Lot size, restricted commercial use / areas, our awesome conservation land (let's buy more!), small Blue Ribbon school system	2/16/2024 1:21 PM
187	The small town character is almost completely lost. WE have lost the little mom and pop stores, the ocean front stores that sold ice cream, suntan lotion and bathing suits, we lost the coffee shops. We have turned into a bedroom community for Portsmouth, Boston, Manchester and other. If you run out of milk you have to drive to Portsmouth. Its small town character is gone. There is no town center. The people on Ocean Blvd don't want restaurants, businesses or anything now that they have moved here. Even the access to the beach has been taken away by recent purchases of homes along the seacoast blocking beach access.	2/16/2024 12:47 PM
188	The historic nature of the town. And keeping it that way.	2/16/2024 11:32 AM
189	Open fields. Historic homes and buildings. Small businesses.	2/16/2024 11:20 AM
190	Fiscal conservatism. Focus on essential services.	2/16/2024 11:13 AM
191	Keep things as they are and focus on what the community really wants and needs and develop a long range plan around our existing resources.	2/16/2024 11:12 AM
192	The off season walking on the beach with pets and the libraries offerings	2/16/2024 11:09 AM
193	Parsons field, town hall, open fields	2/16/2024 11:02 AM
194	Town center, undeveloped land with wildlife, history, great schools, and beaches. Also that everyone knows each other and watches out for each other, especially in the family/parent/school community.	2/16/2024 10:25 AM
195	The character of Rye has changed dramatically over the past 10-15 years. Where once there were open fields and wildlife, there are enormous houses. The small town charm is gone. we once knew our neighbors, now we don't.	2/16/2024 9:25 AM
196	Rye has great access to conservation land and rivers for hiking fishing and hunting. This is amazing to have such a populated location. Not to mention access to the beach.	2/16/2024 9:07 AM
197	Lack of commercial and business land use is the biggest factor.	2/16/2024 8:19 AM
198	Love Rye and feel at home here. I love how we have farms and trees so close to water. Our beaches are beautiful. I don't like the loud motorcycles in summer wish they could control decibel levels through town. Our town center is cute. Sidewalk would be nice to walk through it. Our library is stellar.	2/16/2024 8:03 AM
199	The people shape the character of the town. Regulations are required to maintain beauty and character so developers don't overstep boundaries	2/16/2024 8:03 AM
200	Love the character of rye, farms , town center all keep that small town feel.	2/15/2024 11:36 PM
201	This is not a town. It is a community. There is no downtown or shopping commerce area.	2/15/2024 11:32 PM
202	Population size.	2/15/2024 11:04 PM
203	Town Center; access to conserved lands/open space; historic buildings; access to ocean/beaches	2/15/2024 10:41 PM
204	Marshes and farmer philbrick	2/15/2024 10:22 PM
205	Open space. Conservation space. Historic buildings.	2/15/2024 10:21 PM
206	Open space, not crowded. Lots of conservation land. Not too many houses and apartments	2/15/2024 9:05 PM

Q19 What aspects of this character need to be retained as development and redevelopment continues? Examples may include the village center, conservation land, beaches, etc.

Answered: 197 Skipped: 123

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1	Private conservation easements.	3/15/2024 9:27 PM
2	The above mentioned assets need to be retained.	3/15/2024 5:33 PM
3	Just leave it alone. Change is not always better. The center of town is suppose to be historic so, again, leave it alone.	3/15/2024 1:33 PM
4	I don't think we should over build on older properties. We do not need to add multi level housing building to every square inch of space available. Those are fine on Rt 1 but not anywhere else in town	3/15/2024 1:07 PM
5	Leave the Town Center ALONE!	3/15/2024 12:57 PM
6	See above: Beah access, classic town center, mostly single family residence.	3/15/2024 11:18 AM
7	Conservation land, relying on private, not town, resources. Village center would be nice but again, I'm not sure this should be imposed.	3/15/2024 10:13 AM
8	Village center, conservatin land, beaches	3/15/2024 8:50 AM
9	village center needs improvement and design	3/15/2024 7:53 AM
10	We should not change the town center except to use the library land as a community gathering spot. We should have development in our town forests. Beach road parking should not be free. We should install parking meters and use the revenue to help maintain the beaches.	3/14/2024 8:30 PM
11	Limit parking to the beaches in the summer. The beaches are too crowded.	3/14/2024 8:25 PM
12	Open fields, farms, conservation land and town center,	3/14/2024 7:45 PM
13	All mentioned in #18	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
14	Undeveloped forests and conservation land; public beaches; limited and small home developments; local small business versus national business chains.	3/14/2024 6:52 PM
15	Keep the center of town the way it is. Coffee shops and retail have previously failed and left, why introduce them again. We are a historic sleeper town, leave it alone.	3/14/2024 6:09 PM
16	It is good to keep large scale business out of the main town area thus keeping the rural vibe. In my view, the Town has done an excellent job of ensuring that development is done within the ordinances/regulations and not just rubber stamping requests for development from the developers. Continuing this level of diligence is critical to the character of the Town.	3/14/2024 5:38 PM
17	?	3/14/2024 5:34 PM
18	Appropriate development of the common by the library for community use & 25 mph thru the center.	3/14/2024 4:27 PM
19	as much as what we have now	3/14/2024 3:32 PM
20	I dont like "retained" it implies that some part of it are going to disrepair an I dont this they should	3/14/2024 2:32 PM
21	Better walkability in the center of town, maybe from the cemetery to the junior high in order to keep all the towns offices, library, and school accessible. Sidewalks and street lamps in the historic district. Physically build them out into the driving lanes to slow traffic down in the center of town. The beaches need to be retained and kept clean. Even as a dog owner and	3/14/2024 2:28 PM

parent to a young child who uses the beaches frequently with and without our dog, I would be fine with not allowing dogs on the town beaches. From a sanitary perspective, having dogs urinating in the sand where children play is not acceptable. There are other issues there as well, but that resonates with a lot of families in town. The beach elevation needs to be maintained after storms, and never allow sand to be brought in from out of town like the state has in the past. The beach elevation being maintained will extend the use of beaches for many more generations.

22	More commercial in town center, more flexibility in housing in town center, greater emphasis on rec area	3/14/2024 2:20 PM
23	No expansion in the downtown except for a possible small cafe , open space retention . No increased beach activity except for higher parking fines . Higher charges for private beach activities	3/14/2024 2:04 PM
24	More conservation. Improvements to the Library Common. More beach parking for residents. Continue to make improvements to the village center.	3/13/2024 7:50 PM
25	Village Center needs a nice public building to add to Town Hall (? What that needs) - (Town has "mash" mess of real estate) except for fire and police station - town center needs a 'meeting room' large enough to house community people.	3/13/2024 2:31 PM
26	I think what keeps the overall feel of low density is not that we shouldn't allow something to get built up, whether it's town homes or smaller houses on smaller lots, or even a multi-story commercial building, it's that this stuff isn't wall-to-wall on both sides of the road everywhere you go. We should take a "portfolio approach" where we can allow some of this development, but it's in the context of what's around it. Not sure how that works with actually writing non-subjective zoning ordinances though!	3/13/2024 11:57 AM
27	The Center of Town needs attention. It is not spotlighted like it should be. The cemetery is beautiful. Need some historical markers.	3/13/2024 11:07 AM
28	Town Center, historic homes, fields and forests along roads (need to be persevered at all costs even if to do so back areas get clustered developments), of course the coast and marshes	3/13/2024 11:06 AM
29	center of town	3/13/2024 10:43 AM
30	Conservation land and beach's	3/13/2024 6:51 AM
31	Land conservation. How can we expect to retain "Rye character" with all this push for more housing??!!	3/13/2024 6:30 AM
32	All of it	3/12/2024 8:53 PM
33	Stop trying to be everything to everybody. We are a small town and don't have or need the same amenities as a larger city.	3/12/2024 8:52 PM
34	1) History needs to be retained, it is one of the important visual characteristics of the town 2) Natural Resources; fields, forest, wetlands, beaches, need to be retained as they are also important to the visual and physical character of Rye. 3) it would be nice to have a local store that the basics can be purchased (Rye General Store/ Petey's Red Roof Market), in more than one part of town.	3/12/2024 8:35 PM
35	What village center? Beach conservation and the town forest need to be carefully maintained and cared for	3/12/2024 4:38 PM
36	creating a village center that is welcoming to all ages, land conservation instead of development, public access to beaches	3/12/2024 2:02 PM
37	Focus on the village center.	3/12/2024 7:19 AM
38	Farms, open spaces, beaches, and the marsh	3/11/2024 10:50 PM
39	Town center, conservation land, local/resident beaches, Rye Harbor. Eco Friendly building with New England charm.	3/11/2024 10:01 PM
40	More conservation land to limit buildable land is fine, but we need to encourage participation and recognition of locals, and be wary of non-locals in positions of power.	3/11/2024 8:32 PM
41	Create a true town center and protect our coastline - harbor	3/11/2024 6:35 PM

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42	Sticking to the zoning, preserving open space and protecting sensitive ecological areas	3/11/2024 4:49 PM
43	Maybe some sort of exemptions on older homes to stay in place a a general 'Character Overlay District' should be developed to protect those aspects.	3/11/2024 4:46 PM
44	The library is a wonderful place and they do so much for our children of ALL ages. The town should build on that sense of community.	3/11/2024 2:25 PM
45	Within reason, to avoid over building, especially conversion of historically single home, private properties to condominium complexes or other types of dense housing; maintenance of conservation spaces and seaside access	3/11/2024 1:55 PM
46	All of the above and in previous answer.	3/11/2024 11:27 AM
47	Village center, beaches, marshes, open/green spaces, less congestion and development.	3/11/2024 10:16 AM
48	I have no insights, but would question how this committee will exercise "preservation"?	3/10/2024 5:55 PM
49	save: town forest, parsons field (needs better stage for summer entertainment) beach access (correct some of the drops from roads to sand)	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
50	We have good beaches, conservation lands are well spread around town but could often use better walking trails, and the town center is currently a desert for anything but speeding cars to go through. Develop spaces in the town center where people want to go to hang out, cycle or walk to, take part in a program or event...and slow down the cars.	3/10/2024 4:52 PM
51	Village center and enhancement. Conservation land, and beaches.	3/10/2024 4:45 PM
52	same as above	3/10/2024 4:37 PM
53	none necessarily	3/10/2024 4:31 PM
54	create a cohesive town center, maintain town forest access and beach access	3/10/2024 4:22 PM
55	village center beaches open space ZBA needs to follow the state statue and not grant 95% of petitions it deems	3/10/2024 4:15 PM
56	farms, conservation land make the town center more lively and connector - coffee shop, market	3/10/2024 4:03 PM
57	Village Center - follow through with the traffic Charette - define downtown sewer from Jr High to Town Hall, redesign road intersection Wallis/Washington and Central/Washington split. Need general store where Tate & Foss building is	3/10/2024 3:52 PM
58	conservation land beaches and beach access	3/10/2024 3:42 PM
59	see above - town center, conservation land, beaches, But I'd love to see more in town center - cafe, sidewalks, gathering spaces.	3/10/2024 3:35 PM
60	The library is doing an excellent job with the village center. Sidewalks will also improve the center.	3/10/2024 12:05 PM
61	Space between dwellings. Don't let ADU and DADU make it feel like housing is being "stuffed in". Plan NH got sidelined by the Select Board - so what is the "vision or possibility" for a village center? Strategic Conservation. N. Hampton learned that developments cost the community more than conservation land. Take the Benchmark and Webster at Rye Expansions - these may force us to 3 ambulances and more staff. Medicare ambulance runs cost us more.	3/10/2024 9:53 AM
62	We should retained all aspect of the town being rural. Protect the town from over developing. Keep it as rural as possible.	3/10/2024 9:04 AM
63	retained - 1 acre zoning, undeveloped spaces Continue to put land in conservation	3/9/2024 10:15 PM
64	Town center focused on community , high quality schools to attract families, thoughtful planning and action to protect natural resources	3/9/2024 8:43 PM
65	The village center and conservation land. Also, no large developments being allowed.	3/9/2024 5:43 PM
66	Conservation land and beaches	3/9/2024 4:02 PM
67	All of it.	3/9/2024 2:02 PM

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68	Conserving more land, building out trail networks	3/9/2024 1:58 PM
69	conservation land	3/9/2024 1:26 PM
70	The village center and open access with parking must be maintained.	3/9/2024 12:05 PM
71	Everything you just mentioned in the examples (beaches, conservation land, village center (needs a gathering spot like we were going to get with that "coffee shop") I love our forest and think we should not allow coyote trapping or other impacts on wildlife...let them all live along with the deer, bunnies, foxes, eagles...etc. It is the nature elements that make this semi-rural. Nobody wants to farm it seems but could we offer a plan with UNH to use some land for farm animal grazing?	3/9/2024 12:01 PM
72	It all needs to be retained as it is all part of what makes the area special.	3/9/2024 11:59 AM
73	as many of them as possible with the incorporation of smart housing options	3/9/2024 11:38 AM
74	Limit parking along town beaches. Some of the cars with beach stickers leave their vehicles in one spot all day, previously this was not an issue, but with development and no additional parking this can create problems on weekends.	3/9/2024 10:13 AM
75	All of those	3/8/2024 12:48 PM
76	The beaches, the schools with freedom of the students to learn and grow in this "safe" environment.	3/8/2024 10:34 AM
77	As Rye continues to promote development, the town has a responsibility to preserve wildlife corridors and habitats	3/8/2024 10:08 AM
78	open spaces and beaches	3/8/2024 10:05 AM
79	Keep Rye a small Seacoast town	3/8/2024 9:44 AM
80	all of it--say no to development and create pathways/options for homeowners to consider conservation and donation of their land, work with the US department of Agriculture, SELT, RCC-education	3/7/2024 11:33 PM
81	Please no more big developments	3/7/2024 11:15 PM
82	All the above, with gentle development. Conservation needs to be managed, allowing community needs such as water, sewer, and telecommunications as limited development options	3/7/2024 10:42 PM
83	Housing on large land lots (over 2 acres), farms, conservation land not touchable by town changes, no new developments, everyone knows each other.	3/7/2024 10:19 PM
84	Center of town.	3/7/2024 10:13 PM
85	Just keeping the town as primarily single family homes	3/7/2024 8:32 PM
86	Increase conservation land esp fields and forests. If possible more effective development along Route 1	3/7/2024 6:33 PM
87	Beaches to always have top priority.	3/7/2024 12:48 PM
88	Allow small businesses to have tax breaks	3/7/2024 12:11 PM
89	definitely conservation land and beaches, historic homes and historic barns (or managing new builds to complement these homes and styles).	3/6/2024 7:03 PM
90	All in all, development appears to be going in accord to the desires of the citizenry.	3/6/2024 3:01 PM
91	Old buildings used for town government should be retained, but most other buildings, such as those at the Elwyn traffic circle, should be redeveloped into modern commercial spaces like the Atlantic Grill.	3/6/2024 2:25 PM
92	Village Center with some services would be nice. Well thought out tracts of connected conservation land.	3/6/2024 1:39 PM
93	it is very important to protect Rye's natural resources! limit development, maintain land conservation and control traffic by enforcing speed limits.	3/6/2024 12:55 PM

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94	all of it! dont change a thing! there is a reason people want to live here.	3/6/2024 12:39 PM
95	town center, library	3/6/2024 12:26 PM
96	conservation land a village center less dense housing	3/6/2024 12:15 PM
97	Conservation land is key. Improving a vibrant village center might do well to increase appeal.	3/6/2024 12:04 PM
98	preserve open fields, the town forests, center of town, marshes, limit development. Bike lanes and sidewalks so that people can continue to walk and ride bikes. Provide tax incentives for preservation of existing homes and barns.	3/6/2024 11:41 AM
99	Beaches, conservation land, Rye center are all important and urban sprawl is not a good growth plan for Rye.	3/6/2024 11:39 AM
100	town center as historic center conservation land maintained and cared for	3/6/2024 11:25 AM
101	open lots that are fields or buildable should be conserved so they are not sold for housing wetlands aren to the only thing we need to protect.	3/6/2024 11:17 AM
102	It I difficult to dictate home size and style, but bulldozing historical homes in general, does not help the character of the town. I am not sure how this issue can be addressed.	3/6/2024 10:53 AM
103	Do we really need \$1 million library budget? Has conservation gone a little too far? Do we need porta potties at the beaches when there are three state parks available for public use? Do we need trash cans, overflowing at the beaches when carry in and carried out works? Do we always have to be looking for a problem to fix?	3/6/2024 9:34 AM
104	Conservation land	3/6/2024 6:03 AM
105	Village center	3/5/2024 8:40 PM
106	The look and feel of homes, the beaches need to be protected, the village center and conservation land and forests.	3/5/2024 7:00 PM
107	Having a village center and enforcing parking restrictions in the summer	3/5/2024 5:46 PM
108	Stop development	3/5/2024 5:15 PM
109	Town center needs to be built up. The library common is a great asset and should be made to look beautiful and function for all ages to use.	3/5/2024 5:08 PM
110	conservation land, town center, beaches!!, Parsons & Rye woods, narrow roads	3/5/2024 5:01 PM
111	more publicity on easements so people know they can make food money by telling development tightts on their land.	3/5/2024 4:56 PM
112	open space should be conserved as much as possible.	3/5/2024 4:45 PM
113	Conservation land! Not much hope for village center with no side walks, traffic from Lang Road and school a d summer speeding.	3/4/2024 6:16 PM
114	All the above	3/4/2024 3:55 PM
115	Beaches. No dogs should ever be allowed	3/4/2024 11:08 AM
116	Development needs to be minimized	3/3/2024 11:27 PM
117	Beaches	3/3/2024 9:40 PM
118	Development must be controlled. Condominiums and apt buildings should be limited. Large buildings on the seacoast needs to be limited.	3/3/2024 7:57 PM
119	Stop or put a moratorium on over development.	3/3/2024 7:19 PM
120	Open land maintained	3/3/2024 5:49 PM
121	I think the conservation efforts are great and maintaining natural resource is paramount. Do we have a town center?	3/3/2024 5:45 PM
122	Preserving open space is critical	3/3/2024 5:04 PM
123	All of the above.	3/3/2024 10:47 AM

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124	All of the above need to be addressed.	3/3/2024 10:30 AM
125	Lot coverage rules enforced.	3/3/2024 8:32 AM
126	The historical district should stay where it is. If someone wants to have their property put on the historical list, they should be able to add it, but not forced into the historical district. The beaches should be kept clean and the land around the beaches should be a mix of residential (on the beach side) and commercial across the blvd. from the beaches. Not all conservation land should be used by the public. Only where it is safe for the environment to walk.	3/2/2024 3:01 PM
127	I think we need to find a section of conservation land to bring in younger family developments	3/2/2024 9:37 AM
128	Lot size regulation to maintain open space	3/2/2024 9:30 AM
129	there is no village center where residents can congregate which it would be nice to have one, outside of that keeping the beaches and conservation lands intact, no housing complexes that ruin the feel of a small town	3/2/2024 9:03 AM
130	Create a village center. There is none. Allow the shoreline to protect itself.	3/2/2024 8:15 AM
131	Village center, conservation land and beaches, harbor maintained	3/1/2024 1:48 PM
132	Unknown.	2/29/2024 5:21 PM
133	village center, conservation land, beaches	2/28/2024 11:56 AM
134	All of the above. Noise mitigation for summer motorcycle traffic should be improved	2/26/2024 10:52 AM
135	Beach, conservation land, forests, marshes.	2/26/2024 7:32 AM
136	village find just the way it is/to much conservation land-cost to maintain and no tax revenue	2/25/2024 10:21 PM
137	All	2/25/2024 7:25 AM
138	Small businesses, create more of a town center, make it easier for businesses to come to town. We can't even get a gallon of milk at a store in our own town.	2/23/2024 3:39 PM
139	I don't feel that we have a small town character - there is no town center or sense of community. We are a sub-run of Portsmouth.	2/23/2024 7:42 AM
140	Village center, more commercial operations, beaches, etc.	2/22/2024 5:51 PM
141	Village Center, but Village Center should be improved.	2/22/2024 4:30 PM
142	village center!!!!	2/22/2024 3:44 PM
143	Rye Center is in historic district, therefore, don't modernize it. There are very few pedestrians so don't need sidewalks. You narrow the road then you create other hazards, such as plowing snow, etc. We already have 25% of the Town in Conservation. Again, enough is enough. Becoming a very expensive Commission	2/22/2024 1:13 PM
144	Conserve land and historic homes and sites, should be more effort put into preserving homes rather than so much demolition.	2/22/2024 9:26 AM
145	Pockets of "semi-rural character" are what appear to be left. The Built-Out analysis is certainly not providing the right scenario for Rye in terms of protecting its "semi-rural character." I felt Rye did not want "to pave paradise" yet "backland development" is what is being proposed (no access via existing roads).	2/21/2024 6:54 PM
146	all of the above	2/21/2024 6:22 PM
147	Of course the towns' conservation land & beaches need to stay in tact. business ventures should not be allowed on town beaches. There truly is not much land left to develop. Rye is a mature town & we don't have the luxury to create a town center (& for what purpose?)	2/20/2024 2:11 PM
148	Village Center could become more interactive. Some small portion of Route 1 land could be carved out for the right housing project ? Would hate to see a small portion of conservation land used for development but maybe only option.	2/20/2024 9:34 AM
149	Beaches, forests, land.	2/19/2024 8:55 PM
150	Yes to all your examples	2/19/2024 4:48 PM

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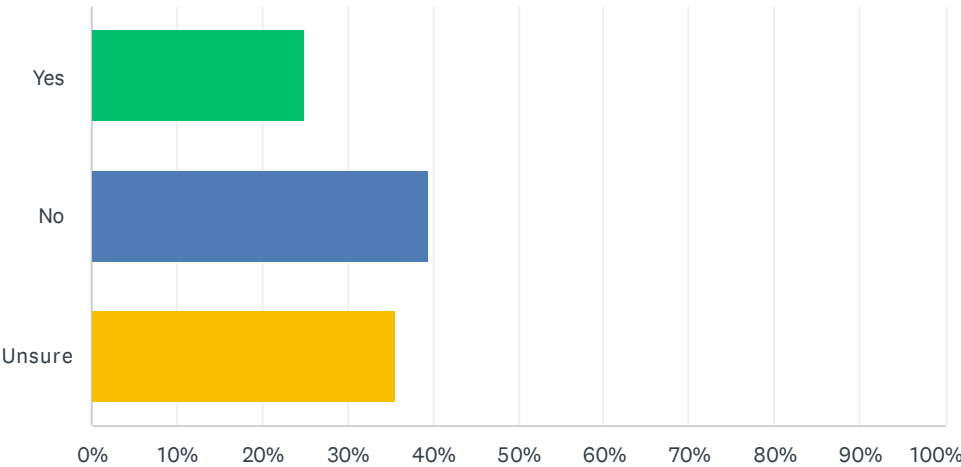
151	Village Center is fine as is We need to stop further non needed development Affordable housing is needed	2/19/2024 3:33 PM
152	As much as we as a town can enforce.	2/19/2024 2:53 PM
153	Village center, beaches, private homes/reasonable size yards. Mix of residential and commercial space should be evaluated. There are opportunities for growth while preserving the character.	2/19/2024 12:17 PM
154	Beaches	2/19/2024 9:58 AM
155	The 3 mentioned in the question-	2/19/2024 9:17 AM
156	We must invest in our town center from the cemetery to Rye Junior High school as a phase 1. Phase 2 should be from Rye Junior High to Rye Elementary School and expand to the beaches in phase 3. Walking lanes, biking lanes, safety and reinvestment.	2/19/2024 8:38 AM
157	The beaches should be free of business being run on them. There is no village center other than the library & no land left to create a village center there.	2/18/2024 9:18 PM
158	In order to keep the character (a) don't build walls to combat climate change – sorry but property owners are responsible for their property (b) to be a village center, we need a commercial shop (c) keep Rye harbor a fishing harbor	2/18/2024 8:30 PM
159	All of the above	2/18/2024 11:17 AM
160	All of the small town charm of Rye needs to be retained. Leave it alone and stop trying to develop. There's no need.	2/17/2024 10:08 PM
161	Parsons Field, town forest, Rye Harbor, Goss Farm	2/17/2024 8:41 PM
162	Limited buildings. Protected land, forest, fields, etc. Parson's Field. Town Hall Building, access to beach. All part of Rye. I like that it is rural and has limited development.	2/17/2024 7:22 PM
163	Clean beaches, clean forests, clean roadsides.	2/17/2024 6:45 PM
164	Conservation.	2/17/2024 5:47 PM
165	More common areas and sidewalks	2/17/2024 4:55 PM
166	Open spaces, trails, beaches	2/17/2024 4:18 PM
167	Open land	2/17/2024 3:17 PM
168	Village center, beaches, wetlands, conservation land, not a lot of condos and apartments and hotels.	2/17/2024 3:09 PM
169	Beaches, expansion with the library and rye recreation	2/17/2024 11:32 AM
170	Restrict access to the beaches	2/17/2024 11:10 AM
171	Obviously beaches, Village Center, Conservation land, and wetlands/marshes must be retained and protected	2/17/2024 10:43 AM
172	Beaches	2/17/2024 8:17 AM
173	Beaches, no more conservation land	2/17/2024 5:29 AM
174	All. We do not need development or redevelopment. Look at the disaster of Portsmouth.	2/16/2024 8:00 PM
175	Village center, conservation land, beaches, clean drinking and swimming water	2/16/2024 5:39 PM
176	All of the above.	2/16/2024 3:52 PM
177	Beaches need to be maintained	2/16/2024 3:20 PM
178	All of the above. Keep commercial development on route one	2/16/2024 1:56 PM
179	Conservation land & I think we can improve our beaches by charging for parking and charging for commercial use.	2/16/2024 1:21 PM
180	What little businesses we have left we should unite to save. Allow for small businesses and shops. Protect the beach access that is left from being someone's driveway.	2/16/2024 12:47 PM

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181	See answer above. Condo complexes are making things uglier and worse re: beach stickers, water usage, etc.	2/16/2024 11:32 AM
182	all of the above	2/16/2024 11:20 AM
183	Open land. Large building lots.	2/16/2024 11:13 AM
184	Keeping the beach accessible to all who live in town. Perhaps more permitted parking?? but unsure if this is a bad idea	2/16/2024 11:09 AM
185	Allow cluster development where larger tracts of land can be preserved and construct on smaller footpring	2/16/2024 11:02 AM
186	All of it	2/16/2024 10:25 AM
187	Stop spending money on things people think they want and focus on needs. Parsons Field as it is has always been more than enough for the residents of Rye.	2/16/2024 9:25 AM
188	I think the town has done a good job acquiring conservation land, but I don't think they've done a great job by restricting activities, such as hunting on conservation land. Conservation land should be accessible to everyone for all safe activities.	2/16/2024 9:07 AM
189	Always a fan of conservation but it's limited in power. If town really wants to conserve provide more money so they can buy out lots to be built instead they don't have enough money and often outbid. Water levels too high though so more control of watersheds.	2/16/2024 8:03 AM
190	Beaches should be a focus for the town. Fields and safe roads	2/16/2024 8:03 AM
191	Village center but would be great to have a walkable area w small shops and cafes. Keep conservation land. Preserve beach access	2/15/2024 11:36 PM
192	Beaches need to be aesthetically improved, nice stone walls, beach cleanup. Our roadways too. They need aesthetic sand covered gravel on edges rather than freehand extra asphalt. Keep the riff raff off the heavily traveled roads too.	2/15/2024 11:32 PM
193	Beaches	2/15/2024 11:04 PM
194	Improve the Town Center to make it a more vibrant and welcoming	2/15/2024 10:41 PM
195	Hunting	2/15/2024 10:22 PM
196	Village center. Increase small businesses that support community.	2/15/2024 10:21 PM
197	Conservation land No need for additional housing	2/15/2024 9:05 PM

Q20 Do you feel that Rye’s existing zoning is effectively guiding development activity in town?

Answered: 244 Skipped: 76



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	25.00%	61
No	39.34%	96
Unsure	35.66%	87
TOTAL		244

Q21 If not, do you have any improvements you would suggest?

Answered: 127 Skipped: 193

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Reduce complex regulations and committee oversight.	3/15/2024 9:27 PM
2	It seems zoning rules can be overcome with deep enough pockets and attorney representation.	3/15/2024 5:33 PM
3	Too complicated	3/15/2024 1:33 PM
4	Really take a look at all the zoning elements so we don't get stuck having to approve a larger entity than this town can manage. Continue to work through the language to protect Rye's current character	3/15/2024 1:07 PM
5	I suspect the zoning is effective, but am not well informed.	3/15/2024 10:13 AM
6	Building dept and zoning are out of control in Rye. Lots of contractors now refuse to work in Rye due to the extreme overreach of this department.	3/15/2024 10:12 AM
7	Let landowners build a house or in law apt or expand without an act of congress	3/15/2024 10:12 AM
8	No change to ADUs.	3/15/2024 7:53 AM
9	I don't like the developments that make exceptions to existing zoning. We should require a certain amount of open space for any development.	3/14/2024 8:30 PM
10	Our zoning isn't bad- it's just not enforced- zba must grant 99% of variances	3/14/2024 7:45 PM
11	Actual skilled building inspectors who don't make residents jump through hoops to cover for the inefficiencies of the individuals who cannot properly function in their jobs.	3/14/2024 6:09 PM
12	Allow ADU Put in sewer for all Rye residents Every time it rains the feckless Content on the ocean is an issue and the water is not safe for swimming or use	3/14/2024 5:34 PM
13	Too many variances that impact the wetlands	3/14/2024 4:27 PM
14	too many exceptions granted. People with people know is harmful to the environment. Educate decision makers on what the future holds for their area of the country and how they should use the power derived from the citizens to make the decisions in the public interest.	3/14/2024 2:32 PM
15	It is, however a lot of new money is moving into town and willing to spend even more to get what they want and skirt the rules that everyone else has to follow. This type of change in town is not great.	3/14/2024 2:28 PM
16	Move to form based zoning and allow for detached adu's	3/14/2024 2:20 PM
17	Tighter zoning to limit future construction especially new construction .	3/14/2024 2:04 PM
18	Stop granting variances that allow building in sensitive areas.	3/13/2024 7:50 PM
19	too many million dollar homes going up	3/13/2024 5:52 PM
20	I had a hard time with the town being an advocate to following the zoning rules next door maintaining dog rules - the neighborhood and town assessor became split	3/13/2024 2:31 PM
21	We need to allow smaller single-family homes on smaller lots.	3/13/2024 11:57 AM
22	Leaders do not understand (at least as I do) what is meant by the "public interest."	3/13/2024 11:07 AM
23	Eliminate large single lot developments. Berm and shield with adequate size trees what is seen from roads in developments. Recently saw this in action near Aspen CO and it is highly effective. Also cuts noise and issues for homes , Require 3D modeling for all sensitive view area developments. Tighten the definition of "impervious". Permeable pavers are used as a way to expand and are not effectively pervious, discount what is claimed by at least 50% for such driveways. Architectural and street side landscaping basic requirements. For example	3/13/2024 11:06 AM

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native plant swales street side to capture run off. Require storm water management plan for all new homes and not just the usual "phony" calculations.

24	reduce the amount of building and stop building on wet lands	3/13/2024 10:43 AM
25	Too much push for more housing.	3/13/2024 6:30 AM
26	Too many large houses on small pieces of land are being allowed	3/12/2024 8:53 PM
27	The zoning board seems to approve most request for variances. If a property needs more than a few variances then maybe it should not be approved. The zoning ordinances are there to protect and if variances are given that negates the ordinance.	3/12/2024 8:52 PM
28	1) looking at zoning within the the BIG picture of the community, not just the individual lot. 2) wetlands are wetlands - not to be built over or within their buffer zone.	3/12/2024 8:35 PM
29	Too lenient.	3/12/2024 8:22 PM
30	It seems that a lot seems to get approved regardless of variances, etc. is this accurate? or realistic?	3/12/2024 7:04 PM
31	Stop unnecessary development along Route 1 and 1A.	3/12/2024 4:38 PM
32	stop the exceptions	3/12/2024 2:02 PM
33	Allow for more flexible zoning.	3/12/2024 7:19 AM
34	Construction should be kept further from the marshland and wetland areas.	3/11/2024 10:50 PM
35	Reduce the size of houses on small lots or increase lot size to fit larger homes. No clear-cutting for development. Consider infrastructure- water, public safety, schools when developing.	3/11/2024 10:01 PM
36	Limit/prevent condo development.	3/11/2024 8:32 PM
37	Incentives to attract public gathering places such as a Pub and or Coffee House to town center.	3/11/2024 6:35 PM
38	The possibility for cluster housing, multiple units in some of the larger historic buildings and in general being more creative with development opportunities.	3/11/2024 11:27 AM
39	Acreage requirement for size of house. For example, 2+ acres required for a single family dwelling	3/11/2024 10:16 AM
40	Allow more dense housing. Get rid of ridiculous zoning restrictions preventing people from expanding their existing homes.	3/10/2024 11:17 PM
41	None.	3/10/2024 5:55 PM
42	I know the 2 acre lot size helps control density but it also leverages developers looking to put up big houses and with massive square footage and huge amenities that can only be afforded by certain people.	3/10/2024 4:52 PM
43	limiting town home structure or identical type developments	3/10/2024 4:37 PM
44	ZBA training	3/10/2024 4:31 PM
45	allow more development n smaller parcels of land requiring a min of 1 acre is too cost prohibitive to any new housing <\$2m	3/10/2024 4:22 PM
46	yes - change setbacks, etc, to reduce them to ZBA yes - get ZBA to follow the state right not grant almost all petitions it deems because current favorable redesign rely serve to encourage all variance applications	3/10/2024 4:15 PM
47	good with wetland regulations need high densities smaller lot sizes detached ADUs	3/10/2024 4:03 PM
48	prohibiting development! Need ADU housing allowed (detached)	3/10/2024 3:52 PM
49	it seems as though we are resistant to diverse housing but this is essential to the long term health and vibrancy of our community. I dont know how much our existing zoning plays into this (minimum acreage, ADU restrictions, ETC?)	3/10/2024 3:35 PM
50	Zoning needs to be strengthened so that the ZBA can stand firm and not worry about being	3/10/2024 12:05 PM

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sued. From the land use person in Eliot Maine she states they rarely give out variances. Science from the NRI and Master Plan need to be implemented and consistently updated as the climate impacts increase in frequency. The FEMA maps are now considered old.

51	Too much is too much. An infinite amount of money should not be allowed to be spent to make a property "acceptable" for development. Volume/intensity of waivers/variances should prevent development, as it indicates too much is being forced. Monitoring cost for RCC and other conditions need be tied back to each property as an incremental revenue stream. Parsons' Creek Watershed and other areas with too many leech fields have to be managed. Build Out analysis does not include what the land/water can support. Where can we not handle more use in an area?	3/10/2024 9:53 AM
52	Limit the number of variances or exception in development. Example - Sea Glass Lane is not what was originally intended.	3/9/2024 10:15 PM
53	Slow down town development	3/9/2024 4:02 PM
54	Let's make Foyes Corner area an accessible place for services for residents. Sandwich shop. Small market etc. Probably already zoned that way but anything we can do to promote more services in rye would be great. Not large scale though.	3/9/2024 2:02 PM
55	bike infrastructure (how about a bike path through the woods from town center to the beach?)	3/9/2024 1:26 PM
56	I am not an expert on this but I think we should tighten up building/land ratios (more land/less building); septic/leech field requirements as this seems to cause pollution.	3/9/2024 12:01 PM
57	Stop approving more construction of additional housing units. Get rid of short term rentals to open up housing for new residents. Limit approvals of rebuilding with bigger footprints.	3/9/2024 11:59 AM
58	allow flexible residential design zoning (open space/ cluster developments) in certain areas (1/4 & 1/2 acre zones)	3/9/2024 11:38 AM
59	Cap buildup and watch for conflict of interests with members.	3/8/2024 12:48 PM
60	wetlands need to be protected but in a fair way. Seems that some people are able to building permits and others have more difficulty.	3/8/2024 10:34 AM
61	Since development is inevitable, we have to take to steps now to make sure we have potable water available for all residents. If the water supply is compromised, no one is happy	3/8/2024 10:08 AM
62	There should not be any development along Route 1 since it is less than a mile from the Coakley Landfill. The toxic chemicals--PFAS, 1/4 dioxane are NOT contained and continue to reek havoc on the Berry Brook Watershed (Bailey Brook Subwatershed) into Rye---interact with NHDES to enforce regulations to prevent development--public health perspective; Ryes natural resources need to be protected at all costs.	3/7/2024 11:33 PM
63	Lans use, housing sizes, stricter ZBA	3/7/2024 6:33 PM
64	It seems if you are loud enough or have a lawyer long enough you can achieve what you would like for development in Rye.	3/7/2024 12:48 PM
65	Hard to prevent special influences from affecting the zoning decisions. Some people follow the rules....others seem exempt for unknown to me reasons.	3/7/2024 12:11 PM
66	I'd like to see new buildings be reviewed for architectural design to ensure we continue the historic feel and character of our town. One "barn" was built in a beautiful area that mars the beauty of Rye because it looks like an enormous commercial garage.	3/6/2024 7:03 PM
67	Facilities like the Atlantic Grill are a major win for the town and should be encouraged.	3/6/2024 2:25 PM
68	But there are many exceptions to the rules which is frustrating for those who drew up the ordinances.	3/6/2024 1:39 PM
69	stricter enforcement of wetland regulations. building/zoning rules for single family housing only.	3/6/2024 12:39 PM
70	improve allowances (to be more stringent) in wetlands and flood zones	3/6/2024 12:15 PM
71	we need to of everything we can to keep development to a level that can be supported by our infrastructure. We need to enhance out mixed use on Rt 1 we ned to insist on sidewalks and new development.	3/6/2024 11:41 AM

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72	Further protect our aquifers by realistic restrictions on development. Resist use intensification due to adding multiunit developments where no municipal sewer is available. We need to start considering water demands in anticipation of future drought years.	3/6/2024 10:53 AM
73	Fewer approved variances for projects encroaching on set backs, impacts to wetlands, etc.	3/6/2024 6:03 AM
74	Again, rewrite the zoning laws	3/5/2024 5:15 PM
75	allocate more land for sustainable agriculture to enhance the community's self-reliance in the event of global supply shocks.	3/5/2024 5:08 PM
76	Permit process is so cumbersome and limited resources make it a lengthy and drawn out process.	3/5/2024 5:08 PM
77	study other towns that have voted in more effective zoning that will still building on marginal land and cut down on granting variances	3/5/2024 4:56 PM
78	limiting rebuilding to existing footprint. requiring updated septic systems with nitrogen limiting devises.	3/5/2024 4:45 PM
79	More help for elderly, free transportation. Housing and events	3/4/2024 6:16 PM
80	Zoning should not allow small cottages to be torn down and replaced with 40 ft height condominiums. Zoning needs to be more restrictive.	3/3/2024 7:57 PM
81	See 20.	3/3/2024 7:19 PM
82	Strict enforcement	3/3/2024 5:49 PM
83	strict adherence of Rye's zoning ordinance by the ZBA and Planning Board in their review of building applications	3/3/2024 5:04 PM
84	stop developing wide underdeveloped land.	3/2/2024 3:17 PM
85	The planning board has always sided with the developers. The remaining land in town is getting less desirable for developments. That being said, single families should be able to purchase land to build, with less regimented rules and restrictions than for developers.	3/2/2024 3:01 PM
86	#1. You can not get anyone in a timely manner to even address adding an addition, provide an over all view of what has to be done to even add a driveway ! The building approval process is broken.	3/2/2024 9:37 AM
87	Stop kowtowing to opportunistic developers and the polluters who buy their homes and poison their lawns.	3/2/2024 8:15 AM
88	Cannot give variances every time some developer wants to build. Zoning laws exist for a reason.	3/1/2024 1:48 PM
89	No	2/29/2024 5:21 PM
90	In general, the thresh hold for obtaining zoning variances is lower than it should be. Zoning ordinances should be more vigorously applied	2/26/2024 10:52 AM
91	Only suggestion is two families and not to become further restrictive.	2/23/2024 3:39 PM
92	Restrict variances granted.	2/22/2024 7:30 PM
93	The ability to have two family houses and short term rentals is imperative to creating revenue and commerce. It brings life to the community and two families are the only option for affordable housing.	2/22/2024 5:51 PM
94	Too many non elected officials have control over development.	2/22/2024 4:30 PM
95	All of the area between RJH and the town hall should be rezoned to commercial; paving the way for small stores and restaurants. we would need to provide parking and sidewalks. The rest will happen naturally.	2/22/2024 3:44 PM
96	Friendly zoning. The ADU option is an ok one but there should be more availability of multi-family housing or to build a 2nd smaller home on the property if there is enough lot size	2/22/2024 3:05 PM
97	Re-evaluate existing zoning and also be sure there is consistent enforcement. Some appear to get things done with ease while others with similar projects take forever and have to jump	2/22/2024 9:26 AM

	through hoops.	
98	We see conflict every day. For example, save a Historic home, but make no provisions for the historic nature of the construction. Therefore home gets demolished.	2/22/2024 8:56 AM
99	The issue is that the Zoning Board of Adjustment is granting too many variances in like manner to the Planning Board granting too many waivers. The "existing zoning" is out of hand.	2/21/2024 6:54 PM
100	greater ability for town to push back against out-of-town developers who are buying family farms and developing -- without threat of getting sued.	2/21/2024 6:22 PM
101	The RCC should not influence the ZBA to condition applications.	2/21/2024 9:36 AM
102	enforce our zoning laws currently on books	2/20/2024 9:21 PM
103	smaller building lots would help! Obtaining Infrastructure funding from the feds would help to add a water treatment plant and maybe develop housing along route 1 (need to add a sewer line)	2/20/2024 9:34 AM
104	We can't do anything about knocking down and rebuilding The fiasco on Long John Road should not be allowed. Jack hammering as long as those people listened to it is unacceptable Someone didn't do their homework and the residents are the one who suffer not the builders nor the future homeowners. No one protects their rights There should be a stipulation on amount of time and hours noise such as that is permitted	2/19/2024 3:33 PM
105	There are places where businesses are mingled in with private homes.	2/19/2024 12:17 PM
106	Current zoning is lenient in some areas & bordering on absurd in others. Even when criteria has been met, boards feel the need to add more things that must be done to allow redevelopment of existing homes & buildings	2/18/2024 9:18 PM
107	Our regulations are difficult for people to navigate. So we need to figure a "clean slate" approach... ours are crazy. Lean towards ease of renovation and encouraging a town center.	2/18/2024 8:30 PM
108	The town of Rye needs to stay out of private property owners business.	2/17/2024 10:08 PM
109	Tiny homes and ADU's that are detached, would not affect the rural character... 1 driveway to one lot is the difference. these housing units would be no different than a small garage or barn on a lot.	2/17/2024 8:53 PM
110	Focus on septic systems and housing density.	2/17/2024 6:45 PM
111	Things need sidewalks, bike paths.	2/17/2024 5:47 PM
112	ZBA needs to learn how to deny variances without appealable errors. Any conditions imposed on variances should be monitored and enforced.	2/17/2024 3:17 PM
113	The town center is woefully lacking. The libraries proposed development plan would help significantly. But also a gathering place (ie coffee shop), would greatly improve the town center and community experience.	2/17/2024 11:00 AM
114	Limit parking to one side of Ocean Boulevard so bikes and pedestrians don't have to walk in the road	2/17/2024 8:17 AM
115	Encouraging small business, build a gas station, convenience store	2/17/2024 5:29 AM
116	I wish I did.	2/16/2024 5:39 PM
117	Need to find opportunities for more multifamily homes. Need to reduce reliance on previous pavers to achieve coverage requirements as they are not being maintained. Also some services such as coffee shop, small restaurants, stores should be encouraged on main thoroughfares (Sagamore, Wallis, Washington, Central) and/or near beaches, perhaps by being creative with parking requirements.	2/16/2024 3:52 PM
118	I like how the town is moving towards more protections of our water sources.	2/16/2024 1:21 PM
119	Rye needs mix development zoning. Right now it is either all or nothing and the developers are going all in for housing since that is the need right now. The problem is the housing is expensive and not everyone can afford it. Mixed zoning would bring in smaller businesses and allow for apartments.	2/16/2024 12:47 PM
120	I would propose less density on a property. There have been several large homes built that	2/16/2024 12:39 PM

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don't fit the character of the town or neighborhoods.

121	If housing is to be approved, how about some small-house communities - year round cottages for downsizers rather than condos. Spread things out a bit. Keep within historic appearance (capes).	2/16/2024 11:32 AM
122	Need to be more critical in order to protect Rye's character	2/16/2024 11:13 AM
123	Zone GRES limited space to build and ad on the existing houses. Even adding a shed can be a problem. This is due in part because lot coverage allowance for this zone is very limited even for a residential area.	2/16/2024 9:07 AM
124	Need to allow some development...high end resteraunts for example	2/15/2024 11:36 PM
125	Variance committee is overwhelmed with engineers, lawyers, builders. Make it clear that residents can submit ideas without expensive full design and engineering to gain traction of approval in steps. This is getting ridiculous and too time consuming per party!	2/15/2024 11:32 PM
126	Only multi million dollars homes are being built.	2/15/2024 11:04 PM
127	It seems like despite hoops of ZBA, pretty much everything gets approved	2/15/2024 10:41 PM

Q22 If you could change anything about Rye's transportation network (e.g. roads, sidewalks, bike infrastructure, connectivity, traffic congestion, safety, etc.), what would you change and why?

Answered: 224 Skipped: 96

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Wider roads and slower speeds.	3/15/2024 9:27 PM
2	I would add shoulders to roads to support walkers, bicycles, etc.	3/15/2024 5:33 PM
3	Nothing. We have managed up to now and will into the future	3/15/2024 1:33 PM
4	Please install a continuous sidewalk from Rye Junior High to the library. Lang road is a dangerous intersection. our students should be safe walking from school to the library. I believe this has been in the works for a while. I would like to see the town get it done.	3/15/2024 1:07 PM
5	wider roads and no sidewalks. Make it easier for bikes to be on the side off the road. Also, Leave the speed limit alone.	3/15/2024 12:57 PM
6	Big time: Make Jenness Beach area more bike friendly. The beach route is wonderful biking except for a couple miles where you take your life on your hands. There should not be parking on both sides in the busy area. Need a bike lane ideally.	3/15/2024 11:18 AM
7	Walkers and bikers need safety. Speed bumps to slow down traffic. The signs that compare your speed to the limit are ver good.	3/15/2024 10:13 AM
8	Outlaw entrance of loud motorcycles	3/15/2024 10:12 AM
9	Additional sidewalks and bikepaths	3/15/2024 8:50 AM
10	The speed zones should be re-evaluated and enforced, especially in the summer time.	3/14/2024 8:30 PM
11	Limit parking along Route 1A in the summer by possibly installing 1hour meters.	3/14/2024 8:25 PM
12	Get the TAP grant done and review urban/ rural residence zones for proper speed limits	3/14/2024 7:45 PM
13	Provide useable shoulders for pedestrians and cyclists wherever possible.	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
14	Create more bike trails in the woods; maintain 30 or 35 mph on local streets based on NH state law with no speed bumps.	3/14/2024 6:52 PM
15	Pave more frequently with thicker applications that don't just break up from the plows.	3/14/2024 6:09 PM
16	Why do we have to be in competition for the road It will take a tragedy,death to change the focus	3/14/2024 5:34 PM
17	Reduce the speed limits. More speed warning devices. Make roads safer for walkers & bikers.	3/14/2024 4:27 PM
18	better roads. I think we're below B	3/14/2024 3:49 PM
19	Bike lanes should be better marked but to make them safe would likely require that roads be wider. dont know enough about the transportation network but believe large sector are vulnerable	3/14/2024 2:32 PM
20	Sidewalks at the center of town would be nice to connect a lot of the town properties. Cars speeding, mostly seen at the Portsmouth and Rye town borders beyond the roundabout is out of control. Cars coming off of Ocean Blvd. and Pioneer and heading back into Portsmouth is almost like a racetrack, and can easily be seen from La Mulita any day of the week.	3/14/2024 2:28 PM
21	Add sidewalks	3/14/2024 2:20 PM
22	Better side of road bike paths . Fill in our current battered roads and keep our roads in good shape .possible lowering of speed limits and more enforcement.	3/14/2024 2:04 PM

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23	No sidewalks! Wider roads are fine for walking and biking. I find narrowing the roads makes it more dangerous.	3/14/2024 1:48 PM
24	Safer bike paths. More sidewalks. Reduced speed limits.	3/13/2024 7:50 PM
25	more cell towers! its unsafe for town to have dead spots	3/13/2024 5:52 PM
26	Maintenance is shoddy or nonexistent.	3/13/2024 3:39 PM
27	so far nothing change about ALL the above due to the police slamming the community citizens - therefore I would hire a Town Planner as we need bike space, sidewalks - perhaps a small round about at the end of Lang Rd. Trucks and motorcycles need to STOP speeding through town - of all places plus bolting down Washington Rd to Ocean Blvd. I traveled a lot for businesses - about transportation/connectivity with Portsmouth - Hampton - Ocean Blvd - there are nice electric buses - that millions of people use all over the country -	3/13/2024 2:31 PM
28	We should add a sidewalk with a bike lane between the two schools. It's for our kids' safety.	3/13/2024 11:57 AM
29	I am not a bike rider but I worry as a driver that they do not have enough room on the roadway. I don't know how to remedy.	3/13/2024 11:07 AM
30	Reduce speed limits on all "neighborhood" streets to 20-25mph. Continue narrowing of lanes to 10' as roads are repaved. See if a separated and paved bike lane is possible on Central. Consider speed tables on congested beach access roads. More beach access crosswalks (state issue). Reduce 1A travel lane widths and speeds in congested areas (Jenness and Wallis) and restrict parking stall widths to allow for more pedestrian and cyclist passage. Plan for connecting Rail Trail to center of Rye to the coast with a bike pedestrian trail potentially through some of the conservation lands	3/13/2024 11:06 AM
31	nothing	3/13/2024 10:43 AM
32	More sidewalks!! More shoulders So many people like to run and bike in rye and there is little room so share the road Concerns for safety!	3/13/2024 6:51 AM
33	Everything. There are nos sidewalks or traffic lights in town.	3/13/2024 6:30 AM
34	Sidewalks from the high school to the library	3/12/2024 8:53 PM
35	Improve the condition of the roads, many are deteriorating. The town takes the cheap way out to repair which leads to a future mess. Do it right the first time so it will last.	3/12/2024 8:52 PM
36	1) I don't ride a bike in Rye, I'm fearful of the cars. I know many people do, so a bit better bike lanes (without widening the road?) especially on 1a past Odiome Point. Or bike trails in the forested/natural areas. 2) Traffic safety between Wallis sands state park and Petey's is especially bad in the summer. With doors opening, children and families walking across the street to the beach and cyclist riding (sometimes 2 or more abreast) while cars are driving in 2 directions. My suggestion would be to not allow cyclists to bike there during certain hours in the summer.	3/12/2024 8:35 PM
37	Easy and safe walk/bike travel from RJH to the library.	3/12/2024 8:22 PM
38	Timely maintenance of roads. They are in disgraceful condition. Put some of the DPW employees to work doing road repair!	3/12/2024 4:38 PM
39	create bike and walking lanes on as many roads as possible. Rye is not a bike friendly town.	3/12/2024 2:02 PM
40	Add more sidewalks, bike trails, etc. Pedestrian connectivity is so important and Rye is lacking in this area.	3/12/2024 7:19 AM
41	Parking along both sides of Rte 1A near Jenness Ave is dangerous. One side should be for parking while the other side can then be used for walking & biking.	3/11/2024 10:50 PM
42	Lower speed limit/ add speed monitor on Washington from rte 1- center of town to Sagamore- specifically before and after school.	3/11/2024 10:01 PM
43	Nothing.	3/11/2024 8:42 PM
44	Widen narrow roads where possible. Improve/raise roads that connect 1A to the center of town/inland so there are safer and more routes to evacuate when flooding occurs	3/11/2024 8:32 PM
45	Try to make it more bike and pedestrian friendly (more sidewalks)	3/11/2024 6:35 PM

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46	I'm pretty satisfied with it. Perhaps make it easier to walk around the center of town ie: JH, Library, town hall	3/11/2024 4:49 PM
47	I would like to see an increase in taxes to repair and maintain the road system which has fallen into disrepair, that residents could be proud of. We appear to be the unwanted stepchild compared to other adjoining Towns.	3/11/2024 4:46 PM
48	Traffic on Ocean Blvd in the summer is very busy as people park and walk to Cable beach. It is hard driving or biking in that area. Maybe have parking on one side only (East side) to free up space and make t not so dangerous. Lower speed limit in that area too.	3/11/2024 4:09 PM
49	Lower the speed limit. Build sidewalks. Get rid of wonky intersections that have forks in the road.	3/11/2024 2:25 PM
50	Nothing, except continued enforcement of our already-reasonable speed limits. Not in favor of reduing speed limit to 30 mph universally	3/11/2024 1:55 PM
51	Add more trail connections, walk ways and sidewalks that connect to recreational amenities and existing trails.	3/11/2024 11:27 AM
52	Concerned about congestion as density increases. Also, please to fix the harbor road bridge. Seriously. People are getting into accidents on it because there's so much crap in the way. It's been 2 years - why is it not fixed?	3/11/2024 10:16 AM
53	Sidewalks and bike infrastructure. Rye sucks for biking. Our kids can't even safely bike to school or safely walk from the junior high to the library. No wonder most parents sit in long lines to pick up and drop off their kids.	3/10/2024 11:17 PM
54	Town seems to take no interest in maintaining the sidewalk on Cable Rd. - do we want to add more?? Roads need a lot of maintenance. Be careful with scarce transportation resources.	3/10/2024 5:55 PM
55	30 mph on all roads in Rye would help with speeding concerns sidewalks only in town center area from school to library or wave for teens	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
56	The TAP grant project to rework how cars, pedestrians, cyclists, and other use move through the town center needs to be done well and involve a lot of communication with residents. It's our one chance to "get something right" in Rye, something that reclaims and reinvents one of our best spaces for use in a way that makes life the way want to live it today work. The trolleys had their time, then the cars, now it's time to give it over for more varied uses and enjoyment.	3/10/2024 4:52 PM
57	Designated bike lanes	3/10/2024 4:45 PM
58	changes that would not affect the visual appeal of the town	3/10/2024 4:37 PM
59	enforce laws	3/10/2024 4:31 PM
60	better biking access and trails to schools and recreation areas (beaches, town forest)	3/10/2024 4:22 PM
61	more sidewalks, walkability, connectivity	3/10/2024 4:03 PM
62	allow beach parking on both sides of RT 1A by Pirates Cove Beach	3/10/2024 3:52 PM
63	add more trails and sidewalks	3/10/2024 3:42 PM
64	I's love to see sidewalks, at least in the center of town but ideally more comprehensively around town. Ive also heard that there used to be a trolley that would run from Rye to Portsmouth. As the parent of a 12 yr old, I think having something like that again would be wonderful. (to get to Connie bean gym, to downtown Portsmouth)	3/10/2024 3:35 PM
65	Actual bike lanes on Washington and Pioneer road. Enforcement of single file bike riding on 1A. It is getting even more dangerous with E-bikes.	3/10/2024 12:05 PM
66	There was once a sidewalk along 1A for, too bad it is long gone and I know this would be a state issue.	3/10/2024 11:39 AM
67	More sidewalks and bike infrastructure in the most heavily trafficed areas.	3/10/2024 9:59 AM
68	Master Plan must include a minimum road Quality commitment for the main Bike paths in Rye. Situations like Sagamore Rd. a few years ago is unacceptable for safety.	3/10/2024 9:53 AM
69	We should change nothing. We need to protect our beaches and tourists sites from excessive	3/10/2024 9:04 AM

amounts of people visiting the beaches during summer. We should make use of ocean road for paid parking.

70	Keep roads in good condition, then bikers/walkers & drivers can make the most of the infrastructure.	3/9/2024 10:15 PM
71	No parking on one side of route 1 to be used for pedestrians and bikers. Better shoulders for bikers and pedestrians These are major safety issues	3/9/2024 8:43 PM
72	I would like to see sidewalks along Washington and Sagamore Roads, and especially around our schools. I do like the new intersection between Lang Rd and Lafayette Rd - much safer! Also, I certainly hope that portions of Wallis Road will be REPAVED this year, and the whole width of the road and not just parts here and there. The potholes are ridiculous. I think that since this is a main roadway, that it should be paved more often. It has needed it for sometime now!	3/9/2024 5:43 PM
73	No changes	3/9/2024 4:02 PM
74	I would like to see sidewalks on Sagamore Rd between Foyes Corner and Portsmouth. Better bike lanes/wider shoulders for safely walking. Better cell coverage!	3/9/2024 2:02 PM
75	Better roads, less potholes	3/9/2024 1:58 PM
76	fix pot holes	3/9/2024 1:26 PM
77	Our roads are in terrible condition (where did all that federal money go?) We actually had the town truck on our road one day filling one pothole....left all the others unfilled - very odd. Work with Odiorne to allow bikers to use that pathway along RT1A -it is very, very unsafe for bikers to be on that portion of the road - hard for drivers to even see them on the corners...truly needs to be addressed.	3/9/2024 12:01 PM
78	Roads in our area are in serious disrepair and need to be addressed.	3/9/2024 11:59 AM
79	create a dedicated bike lane along Ocean Blvd	3/9/2024 11:38 AM
80	Being a seacoast community we have a lot of bicyclists and runners/walkers along our town roads. There seems to be a lot of attention given to cyclists riding single file (which they should). However there are a lot of walkers/runners on the right side of the road in the direction of traffic along with cyclists for that limited space. More attention should be given both in the schools and within the town that pedestrians should be on the left side of the road. It is only a matter of time before there is a collision where someone will get hurt.	3/9/2024 10:13 AM
81	I'd have cross walks at Wallis (yeah, I know state road, very dangerous though) and more sidewalks in places other than town center or just parks. It gets very dangerous in summer for residents to get around on bike or foot in warm months.	3/8/2024 12:48 PM
82	I would suggest widening the shoulders on the roads for walking and bike safety--for that reason.	3/8/2024 10:34 AM
83	Better signage for all roads, sidewalks in school zones and the town center would make sense	3/8/2024 10:08 AM
84	a few more sidewalks in town center	3/8/2024 10:05 AM
85	Increase monitoring of speeding on back cut through roads	3/8/2024 9:44 AM
86	Speed limits are not being enforced. (perhaps set too high) particularly on Pioneer Road, Long John, Washington, Route 1A. Pioneer Road is very dangerous to walk/bike on.	3/7/2024 11:33 PM
87	Side walks would be nice but expensive.	3/7/2024 11:15 PM
88	Works for now but may require some improvement for summer season, similar to what New Castle does. Can we change any rules seasonally? Would that be enforceable?	3/7/2024 10:42 PM
89	invest more in bike lanes, safe walking anywhere in town, and expansive forest/conservation land trail system	3/7/2024 10:19 PM
90	Need. New. Roads. The pot holes are out of control. The amount of foot traffic and bicycles has significantly increased, causing more motor vehicle complaints.	3/7/2024 10:13 PM
91	Bike infrastructure, sidewalks along 1A	3/7/2024 8:32 PM
92	ADD SIDEWALKS or widen roads. Kids need to bike, people need to walk and cars need to	3/7/2024 8:32 PM

navigate. It's a disaster if a car and a person walking OR a biker need to share the road.
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93	Bike lanes, reduce speed limit on Ocean Blvd at least in summer months	3/7/2024 6:33 PM
94	none	3/7/2024 2:20 PM
95	More sidewalks to the library from the schools.	3/7/2024 12:48 PM
96	Buses to and from surrounding towns.	3/7/2024 12:11 PM
97	I'd like to see sidewalks build up and down Washington Road and the larger roads of Rye.	3/6/2024 7:03 PM
98	Complete the redevelopment of the down-town. Explore more public transportation.	3/6/2024 3:01 PM
99	Unknown	3/6/2024 2:51 PM
100	More sidewalks and trails.	3/6/2024 2:25 PM
101	Add a sidewalk from the library to the beach on Wallis Road. Widen Pioneer Road from Foye's Corner to Brackett Road for bikers.	3/6/2024 1:39 PM
102	There should be a complete sidewalk from the junior high to the library and town hall. It's dangerous in the winter for students to walk from school without a complete sidewalk.	3/6/2024 1:35 PM
103	lower speed limits! 30 mph everywhere! (or slower) Its dumb and confusing to drivers to have the speeds changing as they drive down the same road!	3/6/2024 12:39 PM
104	I thin its pretty good already! I cycle a lot and find the toads to be cycling friendly. I am 100% in favor of sidewalk in the town center and I would also add a sidewalk on Lang Road because a lot of people walk in it to get into town and it is dangerous	3/6/2024 12:26 PM
105	sidewalks wot a 35 mile speed limit walking on roads is dangerous bike lanes to enjoy our great town	3/6/2024 12:15 PM
106	More sidewalks, especially towards the center of town where the municipal building and RJH are. More bike lanes and bike trails.	3/6/2024 12:04 PM
107	more sidewalks! lower speed limits and ticketed enforcement by Rye's Police Force. Bike Lanes! bike racks on the beach - T intersection on Washington and central wide shoulder on all roads	3/6/2024 11:41 AM
108	For safety reasons and to reduce congestion I would increase the number of no parking areas on route 1A north of Jenness Beach north of Locke Road to Rye Harbor	3/6/2024 11:39 AM
109	Sidewalks repaired and maintained (Cable Road, Central, Washington) 30 mph speedlimit - too many speeders	3/6/2024 11:25 AM
110	it is fine	3/6/2024 11:17 AM
111	A greater availability of side walks and bike lanes would be helpful. Sidewalks are traffic calming from what I understand.	3/6/2024 10:53 AM
112	Simply put fix the roads use the money that conservation in the town spends on legal fees.	3/6/2024 9:34 AM
113	Nothing, it's fine	3/6/2024 6:03 AM
114	Provide funding to pave roads sooner if needed.	3/6/2024 5:39 AM
115	No bike riders on Pioneer or Ocean. These roads are too curvy and crowded. I'm sure there are others too. We won't beat the congestion with all of the visitors we get, but we can control over building and multi unit structures. Bringing over crowding.	3/5/2024 7:00 PM
116	Building a safe bike line on rte. 1A and through the center of Rye	3/5/2024 5:46 PM
117	Stop building more homes and businesses	3/5/2024 5:15 PM
118	establish a better system of trails and greenways throughout town to encourage sage bicycle and foot traffic. would help reduce transportation emission and be cheaper than expanding roadways.	3/5/2024 5:08 PM
119	Sidewalks!!! Safe roads!!! Speeding is a huge problem. Citizens work to avoid accidents with speeding cars making it appear that there is not a speeding issue in town. Running and biking	3/5/2024 5:08 PM

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is always a near miss with a car. The number of DWI arrests seems far too low. Members leave Abenauqui loaded regularly and never get stopped.

120	SIDEWALKS to get to schools how do we not have these!	3/5/2024 5:01 PM
121	lower speed limit to 30mph and five more tickets. roads are unsafe for bikers walkers and runners	3/5/2024 4:56 PM
122	traffic stops! Rye police tolerate 10mph over speed limits and do not ticket residents 30 mph throughout town.	3/5/2024 4:45 PM
123	Sidewalks	3/4/2024 6:16 PM
124	Waterfront sidewalks Sidewalk snow clearing	3/4/2024 5:16 PM
125	Nothing	3/4/2024 3:55 PM
126	No sidewalks keep the speed down	3/4/2024 11:08 AM
127	Sidewalk and safety at beaches	3/3/2024 11:27 PM
128	More bike safe shoulders to road ways. Sagamore rd on way to RES is terrible for bikers on the sides.	3/3/2024 9:40 PM
129	More sidewalks	3/3/2024 9:02 PM
130	Speed on 1A needs to be lowered for safety, especially in the summer. Bikes should have bike routes in less congested area especially in the summer.	3/3/2024 7:57 PM
131	Not exactly infrastructure but lower speed limits! Lang Rd is a perfect example, why raise the limit from 20 in Portsmouth to,35 in Rye right at a straight away people are going easily 50: on this stretch on any given day.	3/3/2024 7:19 PM
132	Enforce speed limits and lower some.	3/3/2024 5:49 PM
133	Add sidewalks, add bike lanes and temporary speed tables in the summer and	3/3/2024 5:45 PM
134	Reduce Town wide speed limit to 30mph	3/3/2024 5:04 PM
135	Sidewalks in the Rye Beach precinct are wonderful and residents use them. Some folks park a car and then walk the neighborhoods. Wonder if there could be a designated parking area for residents who do not live in the precinct to use.	3/3/2024 10:47 AM
136	I would do two things at once, 1. maintain the roads better 2. Have bike designated roads which will help on reducing traffic. Roads were developed for cars not necessarily bikers. In truth some bikers are so bad they should only be on a bike path. They are a danger.	3/3/2024 10:30 AM
137	Speed enforcement is great. Keep it up. Cell tower would help!	3/3/2024 8:32 AM
138	solve the road water problems	3/2/2024 3:17 PM
139	The town roads should be upgraded to handle bicycle traffic safely. If a road can't be upgraded then bicycles should be restricted from using it. I know Pioneer Rd. is a state road, but no bicycle traffic should be allowed on that road. It's just not wide enough.	3/2/2024 3:01 PM
140	Closer networking with the Rye Beach Precinct as every side walk in Rye should be shoveled and or plowed during the winter- This isn't 1950 any more !	3/2/2024 9:37 AM
141	Sidewalks!	3/2/2024 9:30 AM
142	parts of Ocean Blvd, Jenness Beach area in particular, parking on the street causes congestion and makes it difficult to safely walk along the street to get to the beach	3/2/2024 9:03 AM
143	Rye used to be a good town to ride a bike in, now it's too dangerous. Can't even walk safely to school or from school to the library.	3/2/2024 8:15 AM
144	No bicyclist groups in Rye, our roads are not wide enough	3/1/2024 5:48 PM
145	Sidewalks would be nice Traffic on 1A due to parking on the road is terrible	3/1/2024 1:48 PM
146	Put Lang Rd back the way it was. We can't see to the right if a car is right there. Put a fork there so folks could bear right. With the crosswalk sign there now, it's too closed in.	3/1/2024 1:05 PM

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147	Unknown.	2/29/2024 5:21 PM
148	We don't take care of what we have. Require that all intersections be 90degrees for driving safety.	2/29/2024 5:15 PM
149	increase and improve sidewalks. Widen main roads to allow designated, safe bicycle paths. Repair badly damaged roads such as South Road and North Road which are very dangerous for bicycle riders	2/26/2024 10:52 AM
150	I worry about bikers and walkers in the summer months when it's so busy.	2/26/2024 7:32 AM
151	maintain roadways/level sides of roads for walkers-joggers-bicycles no side walks country setting	2/25/2024 10:21 PM
152	Roads are awful and unsafe for pedestrians. Speed way too fast. Not enough tickets issued. Ruins the town	2/25/2024 7:25 AM
153	Sidewalks!! You take your life in your hand going for a walk. High speed of cars.	2/23/2024 3:39 PM
154	Bike lanes, sidewalks, lighting during dusk/dawn at least on some key roadways. Pioneer needs to be widened, straightened, or have a safe bike path cut alongside somehow or detour bikes.	2/23/2024 7:42 AM
155	Pave the roads.	2/22/2024 7:30 PM
156	Sidewalks!! Eliminate high speed, reckless driving. It takes away from people's ability to partake in the beauty of the town. Running, walking and biking is almost impossible.	2/22/2024 5:51 PM
157	More sidewalks. It's dangerous for children. More sidewalks. More sidewalks. More sidewalks. More sidewalks	2/22/2024 4:30 PM
158	sidewalks sidewalks sidewalks with bike paths	2/22/2024 3:44 PM
159	a few more sidewalks in the high traffic areas for the kids would make sense	2/22/2024 3:05 PM
160	Change nothing! Leave our Town as "The Town of Rye, N.H". Every change one makes gets very costly and not necessarily for the better	2/22/2024 1:13 PM
161	More sidewalks and better maintenance if existing. This is a beach community and in the summer many people walk the roads and it can become dangerous.	2/22/2024 9:26 AM
162	Do NOT Change anything! Rye has avoided serious accidents and we DON'T need all these "changes".	2/22/2024 9:03 AM
163	More sidewalks or even shoulders. Route 1A is dangerous, but in off-season has the best shoulders.	2/22/2024 8:56 AM
164	More sidewalks, bike paths, public transportation - Coast bus. Enforce noise laws on motorcycles - install monitors that record noise violations and license plate number to issue tickets.	2/22/2024 7:30 AM
165	Reduce speeding and create ways to decrease car traffic. Improve safe walkability.	2/21/2024 6:54 PM
166	slower travel speeds for cars, increased shoulders/bike lanes for biking and running and walking with strollers. Remove right turn lane on Lang Road to Washington intersection.	2/21/2024 6:22 PM
167	Nothing it is fine as is.	2/20/2024 9:21 PM
168	Bike racks at the town beaches might be useful	2/20/2024 2:11 PM
169	I think the town definitely needs to look at the road. Infrastructure budgets. Creating more money for paving and road maintenance. As our Roads have Deteriorated over recent years due to development construction in new neighborhoods and Inflation, it cost a lot more money to pay the road than it used to.	2/20/2024 11:26 AM
170	Not sure - tough question as we do not have enough sidewalks, roads appear too narrow to add bike lanes and Rye Beach which has side walks dont maintain them in the winter which makes zero sense.	2/20/2024 9:34 AM
171	Sidewalk on sagamore rd.	2/19/2024 8:55 PM
172	More bike lanes. Could the Coastal bus service have stops in town?	2/19/2024 4:48 PM

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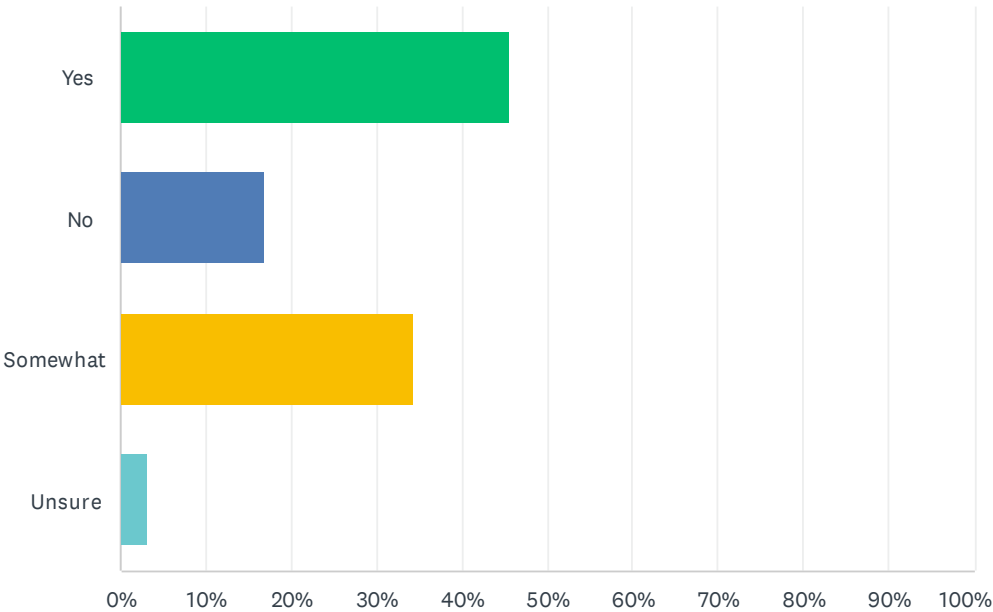
173	Congestion is a Summer issue it is what it is. Maybe giving tickets not warning might curtail speed issue As I recall the locals are just as guilty as tourists	2/19/2024 3:33 PM
174	sidwalks need to be added on the main roads, especially to the schools, crosswalks and slow down signs need to be added at both schools at both entrances	2/19/2024 3:21 PM
175	Road surfaces being maintained as a priority. In a perfect world Rye would have sidewalks on each high traveled roadway.	2/19/2024 2:53 PM
176	Bike paths around town (like Nantucket)! Connect schools and recreation. Address cell phone coverage (safety issue). Better plan for crowded summer beach days/parking.	2/19/2024 12:17 PM
177	Better bike lanes	2/19/2024 9:58 AM
178	sidwalks are desperately needed.	2/19/2024 8:38 AM
179	In a prefect situation roads would be wider with sidewalks & bike lanes. Not possible in the majority of the town. Travel during the summer with cars & bikes sharing the road is frustrating to drivers & dangerous for bikers	2/18/2024 9:18 PM
180	Pave the roads every 40 years whether they need it or not	2/18/2024 8:30 PM
181	More bike lanes	2/18/2024 2:30 PM
182	The main roads going in and out of Rye are a mess. Not sure why only one side of the roads gets attention.Better to pave both sides of the road simultaneously	2/18/2024 11:17 AM
183	The main roads and Rye should all have sidewalks. Putting a half sidewalk in the center of town literally makes no sense. Washington Central, Wallis and possibly Sagamore should all have sidewalks.	2/17/2024 10:08 PM
184	larger shoulders, paved, to allow for walking and biking. more traffic control on many of the larger roads, South, Washington, Sagamore and the like	2/17/2024 8:53 PM
185	Nothing, too expensive for the miles of roadway and number of residents.	2/17/2024 6:45 PM
186	Sidewalks on Elwyn, sagamore.	2/17/2024 5:47 PM
187	sidewalks - we need them	2/17/2024 4:55 PM
188	Add sidewalks and biking lanes	2/17/2024 3:17 PM
189	bike lanes. Also enforce the noise restrictions for motorcycles along 1A. Bicycles riding along 1A is extremely dangerous. The motorcycle noise from the souped up engines is abysmal. Rediculous.	2/17/2024 3:09 PM
190	Parsons field road fixing the pot holes.	2/17/2024 11:32 AM
191	Expand the sidewalk network exponentially.	2/17/2024 11:00 AM
192	Although not in Rye (but used by Rye residents to leave town) the reconfiguration that was made of Lang Rd and US 1 provided safe access for those going south on US 1. Again not in Rye but we need a reconfiguration of North Rd to US 1 in North Hampton so that access from Rye Beach can be made safe going onto US1 ---this is being considered in the NH DOT 10yr plan but needs Rye support In addition the NH DOT 10 year plan has funds for the addition of bike lanes along Wentworth Rd and from the Sagamore bridge to Odiome point	2/17/2024 10:43 AM
193	Sidewalks on Ocean Boulevard and bike lanes	2/17/2024 8:17 AM
194	Would love to see sidewalks put in on certain roads. Rye is beautiful, but heading to the beach down Wallis or washington would be so much safer with sidewalks. Reduce the speed limit on washington rd. Also put a few blinking crosswalks for Wallis sands beach (at end of Wallis rd) and one near state beach. Police the bikers more if possible, some groups are obnoxious and ride into the narrow road.	2/17/2024 7:52 AM
195	Sidewalks! Walking down Sagamore safely feels impossible and that is a common route to the beach. A sidewalk system is our number one need in my opinion	2/17/2024 7:19 AM
196	No more expensive sidewalks	2/17/2024 5:29 AM
197	I would leave town center as is, I would make all neighborhood streets around beaches No Parking, I would enforce our parking rules more vigorously with ticketing, raise ticket amounts.	2/16/2024 8:00 PM

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198	Town center and Lang Road - make it safer for our kids to traverse.	2/16/2024 5:39 PM
199	pave the last unpaved roads- no one should have to live on a pot-holed street in 2024, especially given the taxes paid, need sidewalks or walk/bike lanes in town center and along main roads.	2/16/2024 3:52 PM
200	Better paved roads	2/16/2024 3:20 PM
201	More side walks near beach. Less parking on residential road.	2/16/2024 1:56 PM
202	would love more sidewalks - increased walking/riding space on roads, one way parking on Rt. 1a, use the other side for walking/biking only	2/16/2024 1:21 PM
203	Speed. All roads in Rye should be 30mph. It is inconsistent. Close Dow Lane. There is no reason why access off Lafayette Road is needed, cars speed through Dow Lane.	2/16/2024 12:47 PM
204	I would change the traffic congestion, but I'm not sure that's possible.	2/16/2024 12:39 PM
205	SIDEWALKS throughout town - Grove, Central, Locke, Ocean. Make it safe to walk to the beach. Walk to town. Walk the dog.	2/16/2024 11:32 AM
206	Rye roads are ancient from colonel days and by nature narrow. Improvements have been made over the years to improve safety. Road conditions are at the whim of the weather and expense..	2/16/2024 11:20 AM
207	Maintain paved roads.	2/16/2024 11:13 AM
208	Bike racks at the beaches.	2/16/2024 11:12 AM
209	Better bike trails. Would it be possible to create a boardwalk style trail over the salt marshes that's environmentally friendly?	2/16/2024 11:10 AM
210	Bike and running lanes	2/16/2024 11:09 AM
211	improve pavement conditions, including shoulders (gravel or paved) so pedestrians and bikers are not in travel lanes	2/16/2024 11:02 AM
212	More walker and biker friendly. Safer slower drivers.	2/16/2024 10:25 AM
213	I know MA, CT and NY natives, now Rye residents will call for sidewalks, street lights and curbs - just like the towns they came from.	2/16/2024 9:25 AM
214	keep parking and beaches as accessible as possible.	2/16/2024 9:07 AM
215	I think a sidewalk from the junior high up to the library would greatly enhance safety, particularly when school is let out.	2/16/2024 8:19 AM
216	More sidewalks and bike lanes is critical. They often ride in groups and you can't get around them I know they widened roads near ocean but in central part of town would be nice.	2/16/2024 8:03 AM
217	Add bike walking paths on road sides and maintain roads like Wallis Road	2/16/2024 8:03 AM
218	Bike paths!!! Roads are dangerous. More sidewalks and paths to walk especially on 1a and near beaches	2/15/2024 11:36 PM
219	We have no sidewalks. Make that clear. More postings of speeding and give camera tickets. build the roads aesthetically like southwestern connecticut. Beach road should be aesthetically beautiful. Starbucks next to library. Etiquette required.	2/15/2024 11:32 PM
220	Wish we had more sidewalks. Very dangerous for kids riding their bikes.	2/15/2024 11:04 PM
221	More sidewalks in Town Center; slow down traffic; make more bike friendly	2/15/2024 10:41 PM
222	People going slow	2/15/2024 10:22 PM
223	Safer bike routes. Bike path like in Stowe Vermont. Connecting existing bike trails.	2/15/2024 10:21 PM
224	Nothing	2/15/2024 9:05 PM

Q23 In general, are you satisfied with Rye’s existing municipal facilities and services? Facilities including town-owned buildings and sites such as the library, town offices, athletic fields, etc. Services include those services provided by the town, including waste management, public safety, sewer, parks and recreation programming, etc.

Answered: 250 Skipped: 70



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	45.60%	114
No	16.80%	42
Somewhat	34.40%	86
Unsure	3.20%	8
TOTAL		250

Q24 Are there specific municipal facilities or services that you think need improvement in the coming years? If so, what kinds of improvements?

Answered: 164 Skipped: 156

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I'd love to see more beautification to the exterior of the recycling center. The flowers look great but could we do a bit more further up the road in both directions? The original town hall could also use some more work	3/15/2024 1:49 PM
2	Stop expanding and hiring more employees	3/15/2024 1:38 PM
3	Too many buildings! We only need one town hall. Stop growing the town government.	3/15/2024 12:58 PM
4	Cell service.	3/15/2024 10:17 AM
5	Town Hall needs upgrade but keeping historic character.	3/15/2024 7:54 AM
6	A COMMUNITY CENTER! The Rec Commission could operate out of it and the town could dump the trailers that are eye sores.	3/14/2024 8:36 PM
7	The recreation department shouldn't be working out of trailers. A community center could go well there. The library should be able to go ahead with making the library green more user friendly for community gatherings.	3/14/2024 8:34 PM
8	Upgrade rec facilities, dpw buildings and move the fuel island off our aquifer	3/14/2024 7:51 PM
9	Needed improvements have been identified - it is critical to properly plan for such improvements as to scope and cost(s).	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
10	Building permit process and requirements should be better defined.	3/14/2024 7:01 PM
11	We need an actual recreation center.	3/14/2024 6:10 PM
12	Water treatment is vital. We can not risk unsafe drinking water.	3/14/2024 5:50 PM
13	Sewer	3/14/2024 5:35 PM
14	Barrels, as appropriate, at beaches for trash, recycle & dog waste	3/14/2024 4:31 PM
15	Recreation fields and new building are required	3/14/2024 3:51 PM
16	Personnel have been polite and helpful especially Library, Police & Fire, Building Dept. Town is not keeping up the trees. first they are very difficult to find on the website. I tried to find the green trail that was prepped to start at an area behind the cemetery (I apologize I dont have my trail file handy), there are no begin that I could see. The trail was not maintained or marked at all.	3/14/2024 2:40 PM
17	The historic town hall should be renovated and incorporate something for the community. The 2nd floor used to be used for community purposes for kids after school, etc.	3/14/2024 2:34 PM
18	Rec building and sidewalks, sell old town hall to be redeveloped as mixed use.	3/14/2024 2:21 PM
19	We don't need 2 town halls and separate rec buildings! The size of this town does not warrant them.	3/14/2024 1:49 PM
20	Town Hall, Rye Rec Center	3/13/2024 7:52 PM
21	Recycling center and dump easily becomes congested.	3/13/2024 3:43 PM
22	Library (town owned? - town facility -) I question "town facility" and mostly how the town "take care" of their properties an the church (Rye Congregational) with clean up, trash removal. Most people feel and then re-buy. Not Rye! Rye Trades!? What happened was a bull dover in the middle of Rye destroying a number of structure, resulting in the "library conflict" and no morphing into a re structuring of land now being label "town center" and costing some	3/13/2024 2:51 PM

%160,000 at the same time as "town annex" was TRADED - another Town Administration Real Estate. mis-accountability!? Library: before COVID hosted a number of activities that one community usually found at a "community center" "senior center" "youth center", and used for various community meetings and socializing. these educational meetings seems to come from the group "FRIENDS" senior knitting, art, yoga, movies (popcorn) plus many other senior activities and some youth - disappeared! local coffers and various activities "went to unfriendly" the quiet library milieu or social surrounding became too noisy. various activities disappeared - now the senior group and youth group are clumped together at the Rye Congregational church, Rye Rec field. The Rye Rec is also a separated segment for youth. The Rye Rec is a modular temporary structure with an "out-house" that has existed for some 20 years - as I had my grandson enrolled there for summer activities. more and more seniors have existed to Portsmouth Senior Center - also participate in the Rockingham Senior Programs available to seniors - using the State of NH federal funds available to all seniors. Senior's have available a number of funded activities - see enclosed in packet concerning the "Rye Senior Community", Rye Senior Center, Rye Rec Building. The Library is NOT the Town Hall The Library is NOT a Senior Center The Library is NOT a Youth Center Odiorne State Park Public Recreation Area and remains of World War II Fort Dearborn science center. Odiorne Point State Park

23	The working conditions of town employees in the TEMPORARY TRAILERS at Rye Rec and our inability to agree to fix our beautiful town hall is shameful. We're spending almost a million to fix a bridge and we weren't willing to spend about that much on the Town Hall. I would never work in either of those buildings and I can't believe we expect town employees to do it.	3/13/2024 12:04 PM
24	Planning and Zoning. Recreation does a great job but we lack an indoor public facility and outdoor courts. The Transfer Station works well but along with the DPW truck facilities is a hazard to water supplies given its location and lack of treatment of runoff	3/13/2024 11:10 AM
25	none	3/13/2024 10:44 AM
26	Library, playgrounds. We need more public spacez	3/13/2024 6:31 AM
27	Athletic fields are lacking	3/12/2024 8:54 PM
28	I would like to see the town hall put to better use.	3/12/2024 8:49 PM
29	Hold property owners responsible for failed septic systems.	3/12/2024 8:23 PM
30	Water and wastewater. Roads and culverts.	3/12/2024 7:21 AM
31	Most of the services are terrific, but Rye is the only town without public tennis courts and pickleball courts. These activities would benefit all ages.	3/11/2024 10:52 PM
32	Reliable future proof water source and treatment facilities Designated bike lanes Five person selectman board	3/11/2024 6:53 PM
33	For such a small Town, the municipal offices seem very disjointed, a hodgepodge of locations and not thought threw well, perhaps a reflection of a dysfunctional leadership, and another reason influence groups have developed with the Town.	3/11/2024 4:52 PM
34	Energy efficiency	3/11/2024 4:50 PM
35	The recycle center accepting more plastics for recycling would be great.	3/11/2024 4:11 PM
36	Building department needs to create a better management system to handle code enforcement. Public water needs to be managed for sustainable, healthy drinking water.	3/11/2024 11:36 AM
37	Stop selling town-owned buildings to line the pockets of a privileged few.	3/11/2024 10:17 AM
38	The dump hours suck if you actually have a job and a weekend commitment that falls on a Saturday. Best of luck trying to throw out your trash the next weekend! And sewers in Parsons Creek would be nice so our kids are swimming in poop water all summer at Pirates Cove.	3/10/2024 11:20 PM
39	Well, the town hall saga didn't end well, but that is something still requiring solution.	3/10/2024 6:05 PM
40	The Rye Public Library has been, for good reason, discussing expansion for several years now. The pandemic disrupted that by way the massive increase in construction costs that followed. Trying to build anything in the way of municipal facilities will be a huge challenge going forward. It would be a good idea for the town to look at ALL its facilities and engage in a strategic planning effort to look at when and how we should be anticipating their renovation	3/10/2024 5:04 PM

and/or expansion...and present that to the public so no one is surprised when a warrant article appears to do something significant to one of those assets.

41	Rye Rec Dept needs new building with inside bathrooms! Rye needs a large meeting room - downstairs library is too small for large group	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
42	The rec fields	3/10/2024 4:47 PM
43	Rye Rec Library Common both under developed/utilized assets not used/planned/enhanced. library common/gathering place the town in the town center	3/10/2024 4:39 PM
44	Rye Transfer Station is a gem! we can make it even better by insisting our waste that cannot otherwise be recycle or composted go to a water to energy plant.	3/10/2024 4:33 PM
45	RPL Rye Rec. (that I know of)	3/10/2024 4:24 PM
46	athletic fields: add another softball field Rye Recreation building and bathroom update fields at Rye Recreation flood easily with rains outdoor structures would be nice to protect spectators from the elements at the fields sewer lines throughout Rye? need to be able to recycle all plastics. we're heavily restricted here.	3/10/2024 4:17 PM
47	add pickle ball courts at Rye Rec dont expand the library. Large building = larger maintenance and utility cost entire country should rethink the future of large libraries. Town provided weekly music in summer, North Hampton Band stand music on Thurs Night. Rye can start with 2 concerts a month in June, July, and August. At Parsons Field or library. Residents bring a picnic, kids run around kicking a ball = develops community.	3/10/2024 4:07 PM
48	need to update the drinking water treatment facility to address water quality and PFAs issues.	3/10/2024 3:43 PM
49	town offices are a little outdated - town hall updates	3/10/2024 3:36 PM
50	Rye doesn't take care of its buildings. Non-qualified people make decisions about building and renovating buildings. The new town annex is a great example. The safety building is another example.	3/10/2024 12:09 PM
51	1) Use the huge space above the apparatus bay. We paid \$40K. Move the current second floor rooms above the apparatus bay and reconfigure building for public access. Open up the conference room in the basement. 2) Build a new K-8 School at the Transfer Station, move the Transfer Station to the RES property. Figure out what to do with RES building and space - Maybe that becomes "Recreation Center" 3) Utilize Town Hall second floor for "Community" once those people are moved to Safety Building.	3/10/2024 10:04 AM
52	The beaches walls should not be of small rocks. We should improve that and repair and make the walls more resilient during storms.	3/10/2024 9:15 AM
53	Library - Great, out best community center. Town Offices - A mess. Keep the building and renovate to keep the historic charm. Athletic Fields - good. Recreation Programming - good Recreation Building - does not exist. There should be something better for a town like Rye.	3/9/2024 10:21 PM
54	Transparent water quality reports	3/9/2024 8:45 PM
55	I would like to see a larger initiative taken toward recycling of some items and also major improvements in the Swap Shop building. It is a great source and the structure needs a lot of work. I realize that the DPW staff don't like to bother with it, but it seems to be working well now. I would like to see more library programs and more local presenters.	3/9/2024 5:59 PM
56	The library needs a major renovation with a nicer more welcoming main entrance off the parking lot and a nice light filled meeting room off the back. Town needs to ensure that waste/septic is being disposed of properly near wetlands. Is it time for a sewer system in more parts of town — not just Rye Beach?? Need better parks and recs program for adults. Why do we have to go to Hampton or Portsmouth to play pickleball on town property?	3/9/2024 2:08 PM
57	Town hall needs work, expanded fields and trails for recreation	3/9/2024 1:59 PM
58	Improved water quality and taste (it used to be great). Town waste pick up and recycling.	3/9/2024 1:33 PM
59	No	3/9/2024 12:06 PM
60	I don't know about our recycling program - staff can be tough and our rules are incomprehensible.	3/9/2024 12:06 PM

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61	Not sure if this would be considered a service, but some of the roads in town are in desperate need of being repaved, especially South road between Central and the town line.	3/9/2024 10:17 AM
62	drinking water safety	3/8/2024 10:38 AM
63	I agree that the municipal buildings identified in the poster need upgrading, we definitely need better cell phone coverage.	3/8/2024 10:15 AM
64	a dream would be if Rye could have its own hazardous waste collection, with time sign up, and even if a fee that would be fine with me.	3/8/2024 10:07 AM
65	Too much to list--need a strategy that is energy and environmental forward, rid of salt, limit wasteful spending, sharing of resources ie town plowers, trucks, a pathway to support conservation efforts at all costs, better management/oversight of Rye's unlined landfills--Grove and Breakfast Hill, followup with Coakley Landfill Group and HB 494; comraderie for Rye's municipal volunteers	3/7/2024 11:51 PM
66	Infoor rec facity with pickleball/basketball/ rooms for classes such as yoga, strength training etc.	3/7/2024 11:18 PM
67	Swap shop hours could be extended to encourage more use. potential to recycle more plastics?	3/7/2024 10:45 PM
68	Safety building needs updates.	3/7/2024 10:14 PM
69	Town Hall	3/7/2024 6:42 PM
70	Paving is a major area of improvement. South Road from Rt 1 to central is terrible.	3/7/2024 8:42 AM
71	Recreation buildings: the building by baseball/softball fields was supposed to be temporary; we'd be better served in building a pretty building that reflects our town. The town hall is beautiful but probably should be rebuilt. Library is great.	3/6/2024 7:06 PM
72	Ongoing preservation and restoration of the Town Hall building.	3/6/2024 3:04 PM
73	The Rye Recreation area needs an upgrade to make it flow better for the sports and passive recreation participants. Those improvements are in the works with a new Master Plan.	3/6/2024 2:55 PM
74	No.	3/6/2024 2:28 PM
75	The library consistently smells like oil/exhaust and it is off-putting to people. It raises a lot of concerns. The heating system is definitely not environment-friendly. We should look at a new HVAC system that supports our desire to stop harming the environment.	3/6/2024 1:43 PM
76	Not really	3/6/2024 1:40 PM
77	Town Hall Neds interior restored (both levels) and made much more functional and voters need to find this!	3/6/2024 12:57 PM
78	please help to maintain the Rye transfer station and all of the recycling that occurs there. it is presently an excellent facility and its very busy.	3/6/2024 12:47 PM
79	restore town hall and create permanent office space for 2nd floor temp space.	3/6/2024 12:28 PM
80	public meeting space needs to be improved and have more comfortable seating	3/6/2024 12:16 PM
81	Maintenance, painting are vinyl siding would help the town hall. The dump will need attention for sure	3/6/2024 11:44 AM
82	town center improvements would enhance community gather opportunities and refine opportunities for library, RHS, AM, RTC, etc. to cooperate on activities	3/6/2024 11:27 AM
83	The Rye rec facilities need to be rebuilt/torn down	3/6/2024 11:18 AM
84	Curbside trash pickup should considered; it could even be fee or subsidy driven considering the town's older population. Any costs might be offset by less need of the transfer station.	3/6/2024 11:05 AM
85	The town has spent more time in money, preparing to build a structure rather than actually building the structure. Better advice may be given from an outside third-party.	3/6/2024 9:51 AM
86	None	3/6/2024 6:03 AM

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87	Senior services	3/6/2024 5:56 AM
88	Not that I can think of	3/5/2024 7:02 PM
89	Water system and town sewerage	3/5/2024 5:09 PM
90	waste management: should think of greater opportunity in recycling on reuse (trash to energy) athletic fields/other rec facilities not developed to encourage general public use.	3/5/2024 5:03 PM
91	Rye Water	3/5/2024 4:57 PM
92	we need sewers for Parsons Creek water district. more recreation for children (pump track, places to play)	3/5/2024 4:47 PM
93	recreation complex needs improvement/expansion	3/5/2024 4:39 PM
94	Water	3/4/2024 6:22 PM
95	Water treatment for RWD	3/4/2024 3:56 PM
96	Maybe a dog park like in Portsmouth. . Keep them off the beaches	3/4/2024 11:11 AM
97	Playgrounds, athletic fields	3/3/2024 9:42 PM
98	Water quality and ,onitoring.cracking down on all those who do not have proper sewer systems ar cleaning schedules a l g Stinky Creek. That has been going on for soooo long and the town does nothing!	3/3/2024 7:24 PM
99	Dump needs a better traffic pattern. It has not changed in years despite increased population.	3/3/2024 5:52 PM
100	Recreation needs to be updated	3/3/2024 5:46 PM
101	Provide financial resources to complete Town Hall restoration	3/3/2024 5:07 PM
102	Paving of roads was suspended during COVID. It needs to be a priority. They are dangerous for walking and biking.	3/3/2024 10:48 AM
103	The current town hall should be closed and used as the town museum with meetings, concerts and community plays held upstairs. The annex town hall should be expanded on to accommodate all the town offices and be the official town hall. It has better access for all ages. The fire station's area above the trucks should be finished off and made secured from truck exhaust. That way the space could be used for multiple functions. Not just wasted space.	3/2/2024 3:12 PM
104	Rec fields	3/2/2024 9:31 AM
105	Waste management, water treatment, create a town center	3/2/2024 8:20 AM
106	Build an indoor outdoor pool.	3/1/2024 1:07 PM
107	Unknown.	2/29/2024 5:21 PM
108	See comments on sewer system. We continue to ignore the pollution in the Parson Creek watershed. High water means compromised waste water systems	2/29/2024 5:19 PM
109	Town Hall - needs an elevator.	2/29/2024 9:02 AM
110	consideration for town trash collection. Facilites at the Rye Recreation could be improved with an enclosed space for pickle ball, possibly tennis court, better bathrooms facilities	2/26/2024 11:52 AM
111	Really excited about plans for the library pavilion and expanding Rye Recreation's facilities. Is there more we could be doing with Parsons Field?	2/26/2024 7:39 AM
112	Water system. Sewer needed	2/25/2024 7:26 AM
113	Need upgraded water system and town sewer. The ecoli problem last year will only get worse.	2/23/2024 3:40 PM
114	Water quality is in crisis	2/23/2024 7:45 AM
115	Town wide sewers to improve water quality. Road repaving.	2/22/2024 7:31 PM
116	Would have preferred to build a new town hall where the existing one is with the same historic look. The annex looks cheap. The library common should be developed as a useable space.	2/22/2024 5:57 PM

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Any additions to the library are welcome. They do a great job with programs for youth and are becoming an attraction. We absolutely should have town sewer. Too hard to police old septic systems and they are a hazard. The recycling center needs an uplift - looks awful and has become so loud.

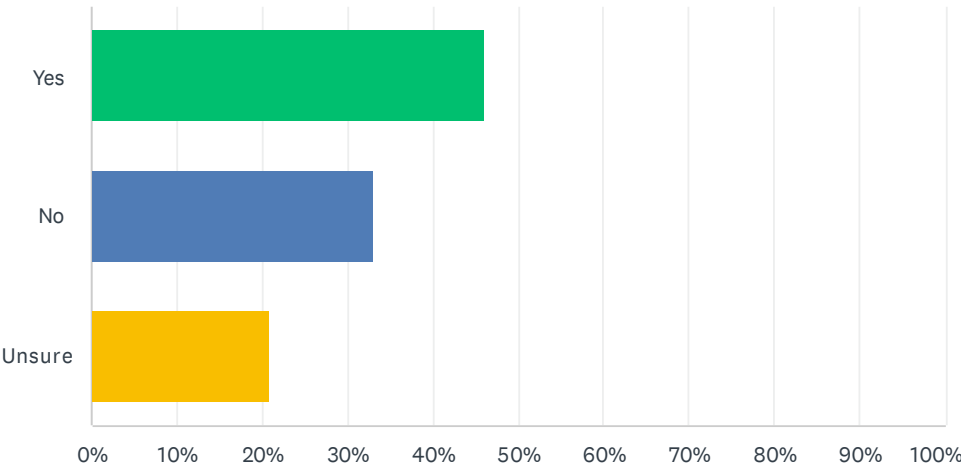
117	Rec Complex need to be improved. Jr High needs a new basketball court.	2/22/2024 4:31 PM
118	the town hall mess is an embarrassment. get out of the bank and adjust the existing building as needed. library is great. rye rec is useless. facilities at rye rec are terrible. the rye rec part of our town 'business' needs a complete overhaul.	2/22/2024 3:49 PM
119	None other than sell the white elephant (Goss Barn) which has become a very expensive outhouse for the birds	2/22/2024 1:23 PM
120	In a town that has grown approximately 15% over the last 30 years why have we added a separate town hall annex? Why do we need another library expansion. I support the rec but with student enrollment back to 1990 levels why are we expanding fields?	2/22/2024 9:08 AM
121	The Public Safety Builfing HVAC equipment needs to be replaced with heat pumps and solar panels installed on its roof.	2/22/2024 7:34 AM
122	The Transfer Station is a costly operation. Implementing Pay As You Throw would help reduce waste and cost along with generating revenues. The site sits on top of the Aquifer. The Town Hall Annex has been a "fiasco" and not a building to be proud of "architecturally." Proposal(s) for expansion just demonstrate that it was poorly planned and has been poorly accounted for in terms of total dollar amount. The Library is doing a GREAT JOB in terms of planning. Sewer department is very good and in terms of planning for the futures to protect structures (pump out stations). The brush dump is coming to an end despite good efforts from DPW. Transfer station: better regulations are needed, more fees are required, and control of invasive species.	2/21/2024 7:17 PM
123	Rye has a deplorable history of maintaining its buildings. It took YEARS to replace the salt shed, despite leaching into groundwater. It was a poor decision to purchase the bank and funnel money into a poorly designed build-out ... and then cite lack of funds for the nominal exterior upgrades such as landscaping, signage, removal of bank lighting on drive through. What is happening with the old town hall??	2/21/2024 6:35 PM
124	no Happy they ar efinally using the TD bank building for town offices	2/20/2024 9:24 PM
125	Public Works is the oldest facility in our town. It definitely is in need of some help.	2/20/2024 11:28 AM
126	Would be nice for all of Rye to have side walks	2/20/2024 9:39 AM
127	Sewer system would be great but too expensive The water issue needs to be addressed Rye Rec needs no improvements currently	2/19/2024 3:34 PM
128	athletic facilities, recreation programming and staff	2/19/2024 3:21 PM
129	Our original Town Hall needs to be restored to its original splendor.	2/19/2024 2:59 PM
130	Library and town offices are good. Recreation due for upgrade. School buildings need update. Need space for youth/elder programming and town meetings.	2/19/2024 12:22 PM
131	Town ball and schools need work.	2/19/2024 9:59 AM
132	Schools, library and rec center badly need investment and reinvestment. It's been decades and donors/residents are upset the town is not helping with tax dollars to improve upon these great institutions.	2/19/2024 8:44 AM
133	The town has not been able to get a lot done as it has divided and not able to agree to disagree & move forward with making the town a better place for all of its residents. It is laughable that drinking water, polluted beaches, no town sewer & a decrepit building is where the majority of our town employees work are some of our issues.	2/18/2024 9:26 PM
134	Proud of the Transfer station. We recycle what can really be recycled and our composting with Fox and our own town is amazing.	2/18/2024 8:37 PM
135	Snow plowing	2/18/2024 7:19 PM
136	The water department desperately needs improvement.	2/17/2024 10:09 PM
137	Rye water	2/17/2024 8:42 PM

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138	Protect our quality of water. I am worried about drinking it and it tastes like chlorine now. We do not need many services. We do not need additions.	2/17/2024 7:25 PM
139	Transfer Station should be streamlined.	2/17/2024 6:47 PM
140	This town deserves a more modern and larger library.	2/17/2024 4:56 PM
141	water cleanliness. Hate that chlorine smell!!	2/17/2024 3:10 PM
142	Yes. Rye recreation follow through on master plan. The library adding the gazebo and follow through with the master plan.	2/17/2024 11:37 AM
143	Recycling center and Public Works area A plan for the long term use of the Town Hall is needed along with a plan for the building and a budget to pay for it.	2/17/2024 10:48 AM
144	Traffic at the transfer station is bad. A solution would be to have the center lane as pass through only, not parking. Traffic would not back up outside facility.	2/17/2024 8:10 AM
145	Stop blaming the water problems on dogs, it's people with septic systems that have been in place forever that are the reason.	2/17/2024 7:57 AM
146	Incredible disappointing that there are barely any service that can be accessed through drive through at town offices, which is what was promised.	2/16/2024 8:04 PM
147	The library is due for an expansion.	2/16/2024 5:40 PM
148	Need a better/larger/more comfortable meeting space in town hall, water treatment is an issue, sewer throughout will need to come at some point.	2/16/2024 3:59 PM
149	Can't wait for the completion of the town green in front of the library! The rec center needs improvement. An indoor gym / basketball court, a softball field.	2/16/2024 2:05 PM
150	They never should have split the Town Hall Staff into two buildings. In 2011 a perfect plan in place to expand the Town Hall to accommodate all staff and the Selectmen let the public shut it down due to opinions. One building for Staff to work efficiently together.	2/16/2024 12:54 PM
151	No	2/16/2024 11:34 AM
152	Town hall restoration	2/16/2024 11:21 AM
153	There are ample municipal facilities, they need to be utilized more efficiently. School population is way down, areas of both buildings could be used by other town groups.	2/16/2024 11:04 AM
154	Town Hall, Rec Bldg	2/16/2024 10:28 AM
155	Not remodeling the town hall. We need office space. I suggest buying back the former town highway building, tear down and make the current town hall a museum.	2/16/2024 9:25 AM
156	Something needs to be done with the old police station. It's such an eyesore. (Although I believe it is now privately owned?)	2/16/2024 8:22 AM
157	Town hall is not a welcoming meeting space. We needed a new town hall	2/16/2024 8:07 AM
158	I think dpw funds to help mitigate water and enhance road levels near marshes. If not for private citizen activity many wetland area roads would be flooded several times a year.	2/16/2024 8:06 AM
159	More recreational programs for adults	2/15/2024 11:36 PM
160	lacking transparency, lacking contacts, lacking commitment for police to meet written required standard of conduct, poor oversight of rye drinking water	2/15/2024 11:36 PM
161	Athletic fields. Need an athletic building and better field maintenance.	2/15/2024 11:08 PM
162	Better use of open space in Town Center; renovations to Old Town Hall (rather than further additions to the Annex); at some point sewer/water treatment	2/15/2024 10:46 PM
163	Rec center building improvement. Rec department also seem behind in the tech world.	2/15/2024 10:23 PM
164	Water quality! The town dump needs to be updated to at least the 19th century	2/15/2024 9:06 PM

Q25 In your opinion, are there existing parks, open spaces, and recreational facilities that need additional attention from the town?

Answered: 239 Skipped: 81



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	46.03%	110
No	33.05%	79
Unsure	20.92%	50
TOTAL		239

Q26 If yes, what needs to be addressed, and what improvements would you suggest?

Answered: 119 Skipped: 201

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Need to better maintain what we have, rather than adding more property.	3/15/2024 9:28 PM
2	The recreational facility needs improvement.	3/15/2024 1:49 PM
3	None	3/15/2024 1:38 PM
4	Goss farm could be made more useful. Parking, trails?	3/15/2024 10:17 AM
5	tennis courts. more protected land.	3/15/2024 7:54 AM
6	Seasonal clearing of dead wood from conservation land and trails.	3/14/2024 8:36 PM
7	The Recreation woods could use some clearing of dead wood.	3/14/2024 8:34 PM
8	Upgrade library common, put a rec facility on outer marker site, put access/parking on junkens conservation area, Ada lav facilities at a couple beaches	3/14/2024 7:51 PM
9	See Recreation Department needs - playing fields and racquet courts are worthwhile community enhancements.	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
10	We have outdated buildings at the rec and recycling center.	3/14/2024 6:10 PM
11	I (and many others I have spoken to) feel like more could be done to make the beach experience more people/dog friendly. While there are always going to 'bad actors' (those that don't pick up after there dogs or that let them be unruly) the vast majority of those on the beach are being very responsible and yet there is such an outcry (by some) for more restrictions. A simple solution might be to assign someone to the beach during busy times to monitor the activity...ticketing those who are not following the rules. My feeling is a steep fine (\$100+?) may help educate those that do not follow the rules, while leaving the rest not to take the blame, but rather enjoy their time playing appropriately. (If you were to ticket 5+ people a week, not only would the word get out quickly, but it would more than pay for the person hired to enforce the rules.) Just a thought.....We love dogs, and although we don't have one, thoroughly enjoy watching how much they love being there.	3/14/2024 5:47 PM
12	They need to be cleaned up	3/14/2024 5:35 PM
13	as stated above	3/14/2024 3:51 PM
14	better recreation offerings in the winter.	3/14/2024 3:33 PM
15	Rye has beautiful spot but they are not and it doesn't see as if anyone cares or anyone takes care of them. I have timed some small cemeteries but there are no enforcement on who they belong to to their history center of town doesn't even have a welcome sign. Hampton Beach does a lot better	3/14/2024 2:40 PM
16	When I grew up here in the 90's, the rec fields were less developed (advanced) and we had more kids in town using the spaces. I think with less children in town now and the advanced state of the facilities and parks is fine for a while.	3/14/2024 2:34 PM
17	Gym, outdoor courts and new bathrooms at rye rec	3/14/2024 2:21 PM
18	More trail maintenance.	3/13/2024 7:52 PM
19	This is a State Park - 570 Ocean Boulevard Rye, NH (03870 2104) 603-436-8043 child 5 and under = 0 6-11 = \$2 carry-in, carry-out program Open spaces = beaches lifeguards walking tails I do not know who is responsible for this "Town Center" idea in Question 4 Municipal Operations. The town of Rye needs to seek the advise of a city/town planner and a town manager as you have suggested. structural organization. I had a wooden gazebo, cupola that	3/13/2024 2:51 PM

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did not survive Rye's seacoast as it turned to ROT. fell apart - A roof top such as the "cupola-gazebo" needs to be made of premium #1 grade pressure treated lumber - not paint. granted it looks nice but it is too old and fragile to leaks. other building material should be a vinyl cupola - put on a cedar, or a metal roof or galvanized steel. some roof and topping that withhold the Rye weather elements. I voted NO - to shrubs, trees, or any Town Center that is not useable! hire an architect -

20	A public bathroom at Rye Rec. It's absurd that we host hundreds of people there every weekend in the spring, summer, and fall without one.	3/13/2024 12:04 PM
21	Trails. I had a bad experience trying to find the Green trail.	3/13/2024 11:18 AM
22	Rye needs a public indoor recreation facility and outdoor courts. More pedestrian and bike friendly no cars trails or paths, Transfer Station and DPW location is not sustainable and a hazard to water supplies given its location.	3/13/2024 11:10 AM
23	none	3/13/2024 10:44 AM
24	Bring the athletic fields in line with surrounding towns.	3/12/2024 8:54 PM
25	I know that Rye Rec has it's own master plan because it is in need of attention.	3/12/2024 8:49 PM
26	Softball field.	3/12/2024 8:23 PM
27	This is an on-going process in any town. These are not stagnant areas that can be left unattended.	3/12/2024 4:43 PM
28	We need real recreation facilities. Rye is severely lacking compared to neighboring towns.	3/12/2024 7:21 AM
29	Tennis courts and pickle ball courts	3/11/2024 10:52 PM
30	as stated earlier, would like to see the library common area left open and utilize Parson's Field for town activities more	3/11/2024 7:29 PM
31	I would enlist community help groups with younger family's or within the school to volunteer more with outside activities.	3/11/2024 4:52 PM
32	Parsons field should be used more.....ice skating area, concerts, movies....	3/11/2024 4:11 PM
33	We need an indoor town center Tennis courts Softball field	3/11/2024 2:27 PM
34	trails, sidewalks, connectivity to town amenities	3/11/2024 11:36 AM
35	The dirt road to Parsons field needs to be gravel, not dirt.	3/10/2024 11:20 PM
36	Rye Rec could be so much more than it is now. The effort to do a master plan and to seek to develop both programmable spaces and better work spaces for the department is a worthy one. There are limits to the space available at Rye Rec - conservation lands, wet areas, residents concerned about noise, traffic, parking. It will be another test of Rye's ability to plan, lead, fund something more than fire trucks and police cruisers.	3/10/2024 5:04 PM
37	Rye Rec needs permanent buildings	3/10/2024 4:54 PM
38	Fields need better maintenance and facilities.	3/10/2024 4:47 PM
39	see above	3/10/2024 4:39 PM
40	protect the marshes protect the town forest protect the open fields protect the beaches	3/10/2024 4:33 PM
41	Rye Rec Building! - indoor courts, bathrooms, offices Fields - tennis courts, pickle ball courts	3/10/2024 4:24 PM
42	Parson Field - large wasted area. Hardly used. 3 dog walkers a July 4th a Rye Lions Car show, which is awesome! Beaches - allow more parking or RT 1A for public beach access.	3/10/2024 4:07 PM
43	GET ON THE SAME PAGE. Recreation, Library, Schools and Town need to be working "jointly" on needs, planning and delivery. Think about restructuring how this all works?	3/10/2024 10:04 AM
44	A Rye Community Center.	3/9/2024 10:21 PM
45	Equal fields for all of ryes athletes	3/9/2024 8:45 PM
46	I would like to see a dog park be installed, and have key fobs for purchase, so only Rye residents could gain entry. I don't want the rules regarding dogs on the beach to be changed,	3/9/2024 5:59 PM

however. This would give dogs a place to run freely and it encourages people, especially older adults to congregate and socialize.

47	See above	3/9/2024 2:08 PM
48	Trail network, more recreation fields	3/9/2024 1:59 PM
49	the dog waste in the town trails prevents its use for various activities. Dogs need to be on a leash and waste pick up needs to be enforced.	3/9/2024 1:33 PM
50	The conserved land should be better advertised and made easier for locals to use and hike.	3/9/2024 12:06 PM
51	I guess it is just mud season but the road to the town forest/parsons field is a hot mess. ;)	3/9/2024 12:06 PM
52	We need an indoor facility for sports at rye rec	3/8/2024 6:19 AM
53	enforcement of leash law, dog waste at beaches and adherence to the rules, addressing bacteria Parson Creek, addressing Berry Brook contamination by f/u with Coakley Landfill Group/NHDES and HB494	3/7/2024 11:51 PM
54	See snswrr in quesyon 24	3/7/2024 11:18 PM
55	The berms on some of the beaches need to be made stronger and more user friendly. The beaches need better sand maintenance. There should not be garbage cans on the beach parking lots. It should be carry in / carry out mandatory with heavy fines for polluting or leaving garbage around.	3/7/2024 10:22 PM
56	Why can't the Parson's field have a better stage/ grandstand??? That is an IDEAL meeting/gathering space rather than the tiny library space. It's asinine that we can't fix that up and utilize it.	3/7/2024 8:36 PM
57	Play ground improvment - better use of rec facility. Bike racks at town beaches	3/7/2024 6:42 PM
58	Personnel to clean up town owned lands	3/7/2024 12:12 PM
59	See answer above....the improvements are in phase 1 right now for the facilities.	3/6/2024 2:55 PM
60	Parks and trails need to be more accessible and better maintained. Brush and trees in certain areas should be cleared, and lighting installed to make the parks safe to use during the shorter days. Trails need to be maintained to have a passing width, and be cleared of leaves and roots.	3/6/2024 2:28 PM
61	none	3/6/2024 12:47 PM
62	residential beaches could be more handicap accessible. easier access to Foss Beach	3/6/2024 12:16 PM
63	Library Common - more opportunity with library common	3/6/2024 11:27 AM
64	The sports fields need improvements. the softball teams have 1 field to use while the baseball team has several more. the Rye Little League and softball org have to pit in lots of their own funds for improvements.	3/6/2024 11:18 AM
65	Some type of forest management should considered to remove debris and improve the health of the forested areas.	3/6/2024 11:05 AM
66	Keep it small, simple and functional. Yes, a ballfield Pickleball and tennis would be nice additions. The trailer and Rec building,bathrooms should be replaced, keeping it in the same location.	3/6/2024 9:51 AM
67	Have one are in town where seniors can walk free of unleashed dogs.	3/6/2024 5:56 AM
68	Hefty fines for littering and local, organized clean ups. The storms this winter regurgitated trash from the ocean that made me heart sick.	3/5/2024 5:18 PM
69	Library common should be addressed	3/5/2024 5:09 PM
70	new basketball court indoor or outdoor pickle ball courts	3/5/2024 5:03 PM
71	more rec facilities for children, pump track, splash pad, etc.	3/5/2024 4:47 PM
72	overhaul of rec complex. better facilities for staff indoor basketball option (or just weekend staffing at RJH?), tennis courts (probably pickle ball too?)	3/5/2024 4:39 PM

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73	The Parsons Field restriction on permanent structure should be examined to see if benches could be used along the edges for moms to sit on when watching kids	3/5/2024 4:35 PM
74	Library green is an embarrassment and could easily be beautified. A couple beautiful benches and flowering shrubs	3/4/2024 6:22 PM
75	Dog park	3/4/2024 11:11 AM
76	Rye rec playground broken pieces,	3/3/2024 9:42 PM
77	The parks need to allow dogs and stop paying an animal control officer to sit in a car waste of money	3/3/2024 9:04 PM
78	That diapatated stage in Parsons Field should be removed. It has become a permanent structure which goes against what Esther Parsons wanted when she donated the land.	3/3/2024 7:24 PM
79	Trailing improvement, parking lot improvements and trail heads, walking bridges in wetlands/wet areas.	3/3/2024 5:46 PM
80	Construct tennis courts for Town use	3/3/2024 5:07 PM
81	The town should properly maintain the little league & softball fields, create sidewalks and connected bike paths,	3/2/2024 8:20 AM
82	Parks beaches could use attention	3/1/2024 1:49 PM
83	Unknown.	2/29/2024 5:21 PM
84	New stage at Parsons Field	2/29/2024 9:02 AM
85	see above also better trail maintainance in the town forest	2/26/2024 11:52 AM
86	The library common would add a lot to the town.	2/22/2024 5:57 PM
87	Rec Center improvement	2/22/2024 4:31 PM
88	bike paths, tennis courts, basketball, pickleball, turf fields, softball fields. public bathrooms.	2/22/2024 3:49 PM
89	We have a recreation department that has grown too big for this small Town. Stop wasteful spending	2/22/2024 1:23 PM
90	The rec needs to be updated and have investment put into it, focus on the next generation of rye citizens so they want to stay and raise a family here.	2/22/2024 9:27 AM
91	Goss Farm - the barn seems to never be used for anything. why?	2/22/2024 9:03 AM
92	Rye recreation facilities need more funding, open spaces need more funding/protection against invasive species. Better education and more community organized projects. Beach cleanups are a good example of community action that could be extended to trail maintenance.	2/21/2024 7:17 PM
93	The open spaces and rec facilities seem OK; lack of maintenance doesn't show as strongly with fields.	2/21/2024 6:35 PM
94	Make Goss Farm more accessible to residents, Have more events there Keep the BIRDS out use if for humans	2/20/2024 9:24 PM
95	I would ask the rec department folks as we need to be certain in attracting more young families to our town as our back bone to the future	2/20/2024 9:39 AM
96	recreation building and fields	2/19/2024 3:21 PM
97	Our property located on Recreation Road needs to be carefully developed to allow enjoyment for all ages.	2/19/2024 2:59 PM
98	The recreation buildings were expected to be temporary. We need a community recreation building at Rec Road with enough parking to accommodate the usage.	2/19/2024 12:22 PM
99	Girls softball field needs more work	2/19/2024 9:59 AM
100	We have zero good town playgrounds. The new playground going into Rye Elementary had to be through mostly donations. Those people are now upset as the town didnt help. Why do we not have a playground near the beach? Benches for reading near the beach? Why do we not have a rec center/multipurpose room? Our schools need a lot of work as well. The town hall is	2/19/2024 8:44 AM

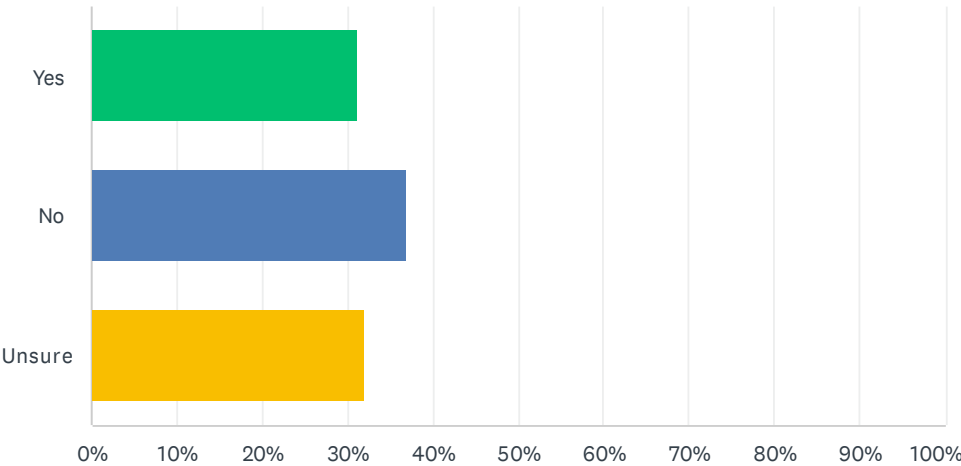
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literally falling part. Time for a quality CIP to address all these. Can't do any of this if leaders aren't willing to invest.

101	Volunteers will take care of it or its not important to the town.	2/18/2024 8:37 PM
102	Main park (where fireworks are displayed) could use work. Maybe addition of staging area to be used for various town events and gathering	2/18/2024 11:18 AM
103	I like that I need to bring my own trash to the recycling center.	2/17/2024 7:25 PM
104	More kids rec options	2/17/2024 5:48 PM
105	Library common needs to be completed so as to reflect the caliber of Rye's residents. Town Hall needs renovation.	2/17/2024 3:21 PM
106	Parsons field maintains the road throughout the year.	2/17/2024 11:37 AM
107	The yard care at the safety building could be much better; it looks neglected each summer. Weeds, need for fertilizer and lawn care, pruning of shrubs.	2/16/2024 8:04 PM
108	The library common.	2/16/2024 5:40 PM
109	Be great if we had pickleball and/or tennis courts for public use- would help bring active adults together. Maybe a simple ice rink in winter. Pirate's Cove beach needs better, cleaner and accessible restroom facilities, trash too, perhaps year round.	2/16/2024 3:59 PM
110	parsons field needs to be more inviting with additional trees and such for events	2/16/2024 2:44 PM
111	See above.	2/16/2024 2:05 PM
112	As a growing town, the needs grow. The Recreation Commission is trying with a master plan to accommodate for those and all effort should be given to support them.	2/16/2024 12:54 PM
113	Dog vs non dog owners has become very hostile. In particular beach areas, most dogs are great and there are responsible dog owners however, I think it would help if there was enforcement of current rules/laws without restricting access to them. There are many from out of town who come to use these areas, which is wonderful, however, some more monitoring of this would maybe help cool tempers.	2/16/2024 11:12 AM
114	Provide maps of conservation land with trails so public can use.	2/16/2024 11:04 AM
115	I would someday love to see a rec bldg that provides opportunity to all ages from kids to elderly. Basketball court, indoor walking track, gym, etc.	2/16/2024 10:28 AM
116	If the rec department maintained the 'softball/tee-ball' field there would not be thousands of dollars requested in the 2024 budget.	2/16/2024 9:25 AM
117	Beaches are Rye's loveliest parts. Keep the roads, parking areas and beaches aesthetically and architecturally enhanced.	2/15/2024 11:36 PM
118	Athletic field maintenance	2/15/2024 11:08 PM
119	Create park in Town Center next to Library. Improve rec facilities.	2/15/2024 10:46 PM

Q27 Currently, Rye’s town government is managed by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator. Many town governments benefit from the added oversight and structural organization of a Town Manager. Do you feel the town of Rye would benefit from such a position? What advantages or disadvantages do you see?”

Answered: 238 Skipped: 82



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		31.09%	74
No		36.97%	88
Unsure		31.93%	76
TOTAL			238

Q28 What other issues and opportunities are you aware of related to Rye's municipal buildings, properties, and services?

Answered: 121 Skipped: 199

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I think a town manager could help put together a long term plan for rye	3/15/2024 1:49 PM
2	With a Town Manager we lose voter control	3/15/2024 1:38 PM
3	We do not need a town manager.	3/15/2024 12:58 PM
4	I recently heard an argument to expand the Select Board to 5 members that seems to have merit.	3/15/2024 11:20 AM
5	Town staff may appear unhelpful or lacking skills or knowledge. We need quality staff and better understanding by townsfolk of the requirements and difficulties of the positions.	3/15/2024 10:17 AM
6	None that I can think of.	3/14/2024 8:36 PM
7	Energy efficiency, transition to less salt on roads	3/14/2024 7:51 PM
8	Regional sharing wherever possible.	3/14/2024 7:14 PM
9	Whether or not to add a Town Manager depends upon how the position is integrated into the current government organization. The Rye residents should determine the role and power of this position as compared to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator. If this position is created, it should be an elected position, not an appointed position.	3/14/2024 7:01 PM
10	Regarding question 27. It is unclear to this person how the town can effectively operate in its current structure. It is very unclear who the department managers actually report to (Selectpersons or Administrator) which may have caused personnel challenges in the past? What the Town needs is a CEO (Manager) to ensure there is accountability by the Department Managers including metrics/KPIs.	3/14/2024 5:50 PM
11	Drinking water	3/14/2024 5:35 PM
12	If a town manager is hired, we need someone with experience & education in management & finance. Has to be well paid.	3/14/2024 4:31 PM
13	dont know because I would need to study the issue.	3/14/2024 2:40 PM
14	Now that the town hall annex is open, it will allow for an easier renovation of the town hall. It should be historically accurate on the outside and practical for a town building on the inside.	3/14/2024 2:34 PM
15	Build new town hall. Sell old town hall to developer	3/14/2024 2:21 PM
16	Keep it small and simple. We don't need extra positions.	3/14/2024 1:49 PM
17	???	3/13/2024 7:52 PM
18	Zoning laws are not enforced. The Planning Board does not enforce their decisions .	3/13/2024 3:43 PM
19	We should make better use of the 2 school gymnasiums. Doors should be set up so the public can access these gyms without accessing other parts of the school. We go to the Connie Bean almost every weekend to play basketball while our town gyms sit completely dark.	3/13/2024 12:04 PM
20	Not exactly related but Rye should consider a more efficient and cost efficient single elementary and middle school facility	3/13/2024 11:10 AM
21	none	3/13/2024 10:44 AM
22	More opportunities/activities for children through rye recreation. There are a ton of older adult activities but not as many that cater to children. North Hampton has a phenomenal recreation program for kids. They offer a lot!	3/13/2024 6:55 AM

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23	27) If the Town Manager was not influenced by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator, I think it would be good to have another perspective. 28) I don't understand why we vote on warrant articles to pay for items that could be part of a budget: DPW vehicles, Fire vehicles, PD vehicles, & Building maintenance, as examples.	3/12/2024 8:49 PM
24	The transfer station needs to be reevaluated and modernized.	3/12/2024 7:21 AM
25	Solar panels on the schools are a plus	3/11/2024 10:05 PM
26	Stronger connection to Rye's Islands Star, White, Seavey and Lunging. Ferry service, community involvement ex. Senior Center, youth programs...	3/11/2024 6:53 PM
27	none	3/11/2024 1:56 PM
28	Benefits to having a Town Manager are more oversight and accountability and most importantly, having all department supervisors working together as a team rather than in silos.	3/11/2024 11:36 AM
29	We need a water treatment plant so we're not drinking water contaminated with PFAS.	3/10/2024 11:20 PM
30	None.	3/10/2024 6:05 PM
31	This isn't a great question. What exactly is the difference between the two? What does a town manager cost vs a town administrator? What duties does one take off the SB's plate? Does the TM directly supervise the departments and their budgets, so the SB can focus on the big picture there while also having more time to address other issues?	3/10/2024 5:04 PM
32	dont know enough about the issue but... Rye is definitely in need of structural and organizational resources/combinations/planning	3/10/2024 4:39 PM
33	I am concerned that the plans of the Recreation Area are being made without consideration for the wetlands in that area. the Recreation Staff and committee can improve the Recreation facilities without negatively impacting the marsh and surrounding properties.	3/10/2024 4:33 PM
34	it it elected? if so, no. it if is a hired position, maybe?	3/10/2024 4:24 PM
35	not sure - I'd require more information. one disadvantage would be the salary, I'd imagine.	3/10/2024 4:17 PM
36	and BOS are volunteer/limited time \$\$ but as we keep increasing expenses increasing # of town employees, overhead goes up. Over the past 10 years, how many town employees have been added to payroll? footprint growing big	3/10/2024 4:07 PM
37	possibly - worth considering town manager but want to see a cost/benefit analysis to justify the hire.	3/10/2024 3:43 PM
38	not sure but definitely consider town manager better connection between resident and staff	3/10/2024 3:36 PM
39	Q27: Do your really think any residents are in a position to address this question? Terrible survey design. Master Plan has to capture what Services Rye wants, quality and what costs are acceptable. The complete Municipal Structure needs to be reworked. One example - Combine DWP, Cemetery, RWD and Sewer - why are they separate? Saying a Town Manager is needed is throwing a not well though out band-aid. Rye has to stop with these reactions and finally get smart about service requirements, delivery, technology and structure.	3/10/2024 10:04 AM
40	No	3/10/2024 9:15 AM
41	All would depend on who serves in these roles. Are they serving the community or their own self interests.	3/9/2024 10:21 PM
42	As mentioned previously, construction upgrades to the Swap Shop, and a dog park.	3/9/2024 5:59 PM
43	Enforcement of buildings with no or substandard septic systems that are occupied even on a part time basis. (ie 740 Washington Rd.)	3/9/2024 1:33 PM
44	I think we should commit to using Rye based services to study, repair, create, and build as much as possible. We sure paid a lot of money out to non-Rye businesses for that town hall debacle. We have plenty of landscapers, gardeners, architects, painters in our town (or town adjacent).....to get our municipal work done.	3/9/2024 12:06 PM
45	I guess this depends on who and job description	3/8/2024 12:49 PM
46	Who manages Parsons' field? It seems to be under used when learning of this big project at the library.	3/8/2024 10:38 AM

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47	none	3/8/2024 10:07 AM
48	The operation of the town is more complex than ever before. To ensure the stability, sustainability and success of the town in the future we need a resilient, experienced leadership team that can make informed decisions to carry out the mission.	3/7/2024 11:51 PM
49	Unsure	3/7/2024 11:18 PM
50	What town hall improvements are planned? Old building with modern standards could be costly	3/7/2024 10:45 PM
51	None.	3/7/2024 10:14 PM
52	The town hall ordeal needs to be fixed. The old town hall is ridiculous. It's falling apart and unusable yet we MUST keep it because it's historic??? We have to keep dilapidated buildings because of history? Take a darn picture and build something useable. jeeze.	3/7/2024 8:36 PM
53	I think a town manager would help the different offices within the town collaborate and function more efficiently.	3/6/2024 7:06 PM
54	Further development of the Town Anne and restoration of the meeting room in the upstairs of the Town Hall.	3/6/2024 3:04 PM
55	Regarding question 27 above, I would be concerned about the cost of adding a "Town Manager" position.	3/6/2024 2:28 PM
56	There are a lot of opportunities to host adult programs at the library, but often programs are for children or the elderly. Those in their 20s, 30s, and 40s are neglected. The library could potentially be a place to bring these age groups together. Other public libraries - Dover and Portsmouth for example - have programs for these age groups. More adult outreach could be done, specifically targeting those aged 20-40 years old, and more relevant events and services could be provided.	3/6/2024 1:43 PM
57	yes, if he/she is given the authority to make decisions and is rising to lead, not just follow.	3/6/2024 12:57 PM
58	No, adding a town manager would be too expensive. town is doing well without a town manager	3/6/2024 12:47 PM
59	town manager needs to be explored talk to NH Mun. Association we need that full time profession - office	3/6/2024 12:28 PM
60	unclear... not sure what the town manager would do	3/6/2024 11:41 AM
61	What differentiated this position from Town Administrator? Coordinated building assessment and action planning would be useful	3/6/2024 11:27 AM
62	I think its crazy that the school playground has to be paid for by fundraising efforts. this should be paid for with tax dollars.	3/6/2024 11:18 AM
63	Maximize solar installations to offset electricity costs or even sell any excess power to offset other town costs.	3/6/2024 11:05 AM
64	There's talk of expanding the library. This talk of expanding the annex. I'm sure the town will spend twice the amount of the actual cost in getting both projects done. The question is how much do we really need it?	3/6/2024 9:51 AM
65	With the decrease in the school population and the need to spread out to protect the space. Perhaps an outside evaluation should be conducted on how the space could be utilized by the community in a more cost effective manner.	3/6/2024 5:56 AM
66	We have great services from office staff, to emergency responders and police. I feel blessed to live here.	3/5/2024 7:02 PM
67	unsure	3/5/2024 5:47 PM
68	No it works fine now. I am concerned we have 2 town halls. do not want to spend money on 2 buildings.	3/5/2024 5:09 PM
69	unclear on what a town manager would do - without that explanation hard to say	3/5/2024 5:03 PM
70	no, the select board should be able to accomplish their tasks without having to employ a town manager \$	3/5/2024 4:57 PM

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71	yes if the town manager is a paid position. the Board of Selectman is too much work for a volunteer, only a small % of Rye residents can actually run. we need to fix the water issues before fixing any building issues	3/5/2024 4:47 PM
72	The Select Board should be enlarges to 5 members. three members is anachronistic. a town manager might reduce the ability of the select board to drag their feet and taken o action on issues of concern to the town.	3/5/2024 4:35 PM
73	Do something constructive with the old town building Bruce Valley bought and then I believe sold. Wasted space	3/4/2024 6:22 PM
74	Goss Farm is a joke	3/4/2024 3:56 PM
75	What is the top of the fire station used for. It was a gross example of over build. Hope it is used for something	3/3/2024 7:24 PM
76	Need to complete Town Hall restoratiuon	3/3/2024 5:07 PM
77	We need five town selectman. The three can't handle all that's coming their way and they can't meet in subcommittee pairs.	3/2/2024 8:20 AM
78	Need better cell coverage for emergencies, especially in the beach area.	3/1/2024 1:07 PM
79	None	2/29/2024 5:21 PM
80	What is the difference between a Town Administrator and a Town Manager? Size of the town?	2/29/2024 9:02 AM
81	always concerned that the three small contiguous towns of Rye, N. Hampton and New Castle may not need separate police and fire departments	2/26/2024 11:52 AM
82	We could look to expand the Select Board to five members to give more support to the town.	2/26/2024 7:39 AM
83	keep up with maintenance and do it right	2/25/2024 10:24 PM
84	The RCC issue is disgraceful. Way too much money spent on litigation. Water system and sewer should be the priority.	2/23/2024 3:40 PM
85	Nepotism policies are needed. Review of powers as well. Town sewer is needed.	2/22/2024 5:57 PM
86	Jr High needs a new basketball court	2/22/2024 4:31 PM
87	we have too many town employees which make the old town hall too small. clean up the fat government so that the buildings we have fit the demand.	2/22/2024 3:49 PM
88	Municipal offices, number of employees, etc.,has gotten out of control. Bring back our small Town image	2/22/2024 1:23 PM
89	Keep Rye Small! Stop expanding buildings an departments. Our town has not grown in population that much.	2/22/2024 9:08 AM
90	Town Manager is not necessarily the answer. As long as there is a capable person(s) working at the top and beneath, the town services should be able to run efficiently. Anyone in private business manages their operations to the bottom line, and not only DOES not spend money it doesn't have, but CANNOT. As a small business owner I see the inefficiencies and find it frustrating, but for whatever reason we let it continue.	2/22/2024 9:03 AM
91	When the time comes their HVAC equipment needs to be upgraded to heat pumps and town vehicles should be replaced with EV'	2/22/2024 7:34 AM
92	We currently have an excellent Town Administrator, which has not always been the case. An excellent Town Manager would be a positive development for Rye. In my opinion, the "swap" would not happened and the ensuing "fiasco" with good management. Prior Selectmen have used their positions to favor residents at the expense of others or to benefit themselves. (I am answering question 27). Lack of architectural design in the Town center -- Town Hall annex, including lack of functionality. Lack of services. Lack of enforcement.	2/21/2024 7:17 PM
93	No space to address #27 so putting here: Just like with buildings, Rye has a history of under-investing in town management positions. We should have a minimum of 5 Selectboard members. If we hire a town manager there needs to be sufficient salary set aside, and clear qualifications/experience requirements to make sure a capable person is hired. But yes - when volunteer retirees run your town ... you really need qualified people as safety net and final say.	2/21/2024 6:35 PM

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94	When municipal building HVAC equipment needs to be replaced, they should install electric heat pumps.	2/21/2024 10:20 AM
95	be more frugal with tax payer dollars	2/20/2024 9:24 PM
96	Our schools need to be consolidated	2/20/2024 2:13 PM
97	I feel as though the board of selectman should be a panel of five rather than a panel of three.	2/20/2024 11:28 AM
98	I feel strongly we should not divide tax collection and the town clerk position ! I also feel no 2 family members should be allowed to serve on any board to avoid any conflict of interest.	2/20/2024 9:39 AM
99	Rye has a mixed population, some that support spending for improvements and others that resist spending and want things to "stay the same". Need to find a balance. Create a long term plan. Phase the work/investments.	2/19/2024 12:22 PM
100	Rye Junior High has a (cant believe this) 1933 steam heating system that has super high yearly maintenance. This system should of been replaced in the 80's. It's time to get RJH a new heating system that is energy efficient. Regardless of what eventually happens to that building, this must be done to cut yearly costs and fuel use. We also need to get an actual rec center. The trailers are moldy and unacceptable for a town like Rye. Library outdoor expansion is a must!	2/19/2024 8:44 AM
101	I feel the town would benefit from a different form of governance other than volunteer elected officials. Also, the town needs to employ more people to take the strain of the already burdened workforce.	2/18/2024 9:26 PM
102	Should sell anything not being used.	2/18/2024 8:37 PM
103	Like addition of annex	2/18/2024 11:18 AM
104	Rehab Town Hall	2/17/2024 8:42 PM
105	I like the historical society and what they did for the 400th. Alex is great.	2/17/2024 7:25 PM
106	Rye has a very low growth and aging population. We don't need more overhead in hiring as most people still soon be retired.	2/17/2024 6:47 PM
107	Need a monthly newsletter, stop mailing a letter.	2/17/2024 5:48 PM
108	Library common is an opportunity to create a beautiful welcoming space.	2/17/2024 3:21 PM
109	Better office and bathrooms for the Rye Recreation facilities. Not having to walk outside from their offices during the winter to use bathrooms.	2/17/2024 11:37 AM
110	A Town Manager will cost the Town another \$100,000--\$300,000 annually with his/her salary and the resultant additions to staffing that they will want to bring in	2/17/2024 10:48 AM
111	None, Rye does a great job managing the town and keeping taxes low	2/17/2024 8:18 AM
112	We have lived in rye for 27 years, but recently bought a new smaller house in rye that was gutted. Rye has a horrible reputation of being unreasonable with renovations - people trying to do the right thing, and project getting stalled over ridiculous issues that have nothing to do with health or safety. Some town employees have let the power of their position go to their head.	2/17/2024 7:57 AM
113	Town hall needs a meeting room that modern, large and comfortable. Elevator access needed in TH. It's unfortunate that the Rye Safety Building needs so much work for a newer building.	2/16/2024 3:59 PM
114	We should pay our town employees more, we should have more people working for the town and perhaps have stipends for those volunteering?	2/16/2024 2:05 PM
115	Most of the Staff are Rye residents and although they are residents are not given any recognition and treated poorly, even the Selectmen do not treat all staff well. Selectmen should run the Town and the Town needs a manager who can manage the staff. We have NO leadership in Rye. Residents who have the stronger voice rule. Sad, no leadership in Rye, especially not from within the municipality.	2/16/2024 12:54 PM
116	N/A	2/16/2024 12:40 PM
117	The recycling center is an eyesore. I chaired a cleanup committee and made recommendations to the selectboard. The Grove Road side had a burnt red rough sawed 4' high fence. The selectboard did not follow our committees recommendation and instead	2/16/2024 9:25 AM

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installed a 6' green rough sawed fence on the Grove Road side. We submitted a low cost, volunteer driven solution.

118	I love all of our services and teams. Lucky to have them. Our schools are great, water dept working on issues of an outdated water infrastructure, police and fire awesome, town clerks everyone is great. Can't wait to see community power results. Maybe increase that word. Otherwise it's a fantastic place to live. Thank you.	2/16/2024 8:06 AM
119	We need more proactive and transparent Rye management for the residents to feel their taxes are being spent or saved wisely. I would honor a position.	2/15/2024 11:36 PM
120	While no one likes taxes, we should invest in our spaces to create opportunities to build community.	2/15/2024 10:46 PM
121	None	2/15/2024 9:06 PM