

**CITY OF RYE
1051 BOSTON POST ROAD
RYE, NY 10580
AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
Wednesday, May 7, 2025
6:45 p.m.**

Please note: The Council will convene at 5:30 p.m. and it is expected they will adjourn into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call.
3. Draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held April 23, 2025, and the Joint Rye City Council and Board of Education meeting held April 26, 2025.
4. Members of the public may be heard on matters for Council consideration that do not appear on the agenda.
5. Report of the City Manager.
6. Presentation by Christine Siller, Executive Director of the Friends of the Rye Nature Center.
 - a) Resolution authorizing the Friends of the Rye Nature Center to apply for a construction grant through the Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) for the Blind Brook Riparian Restoration Project.
 - b) Resolution authorizing the referral of the Nature Center pavilion project to the Board of Architectural Review.
7. Authorize payment of the balance of the 2024/2025 Rye Neck Union Free School District taxes collected by the City to the School District.
8. Old Business/New Business.
9. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye held at City Hall on April 23, 2025, at 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSH COHN, Mayor
KEITH CUNNINGHAM
BILL HENDERSON
JAMIE JENSEN
JOSH NATHAN
JULIE SOUZA
JAMES WARD
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

ALSO ATTENDING:

BRIAN SHEA, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
KRISTEN WILSON, CORPORATION COUNSEL

The Council convened in City Hall at 6:35 P.M. The meeting was streamed live at www.ryeny.gov for public viewing.

1. [Pledge of Allegiance.](#)

Mayor Cohn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. [Roll Call.](#)

The City Clerk called the roll and there was a quorum.

3. [Presentation by Congressman George Latimer.](#)

Congressman Latimer spoke to the City Council regarding federal funding for current and future projects.

4. [Draft unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held April 9, 2025.](#)

On motion by Councilperson Nathan, seconded by Councilperson Ward and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED to approve the drafted unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held April 9, 2025.

5. [Members of the public may be heard on matters for Council consideration that do not appear on the agenda.](#)

No one came to speak.

6. [Report of the City Manager.](#)

Interim City Manager, Brian Shea, gave an update to the Council.

7. [Discussion of possible resolution authorizing the execution of a MOU with Westchester Power.](#)

The following residents spoke:

- Linda Mackay, 10 Heritage Lane
- Peggy Peters provided a written statement read by Councilperson Cunningham
- Alison Relyea, 12 Halsted Place

Dan Welsh of Westchester Power answered questions from Councilmembers who discussed the program.

On motion by Councilperson Julie Souza, seconded by Councilperson Nathan:

WHEREAS, Sustainable Westchester, Inc. sought approval of a demonstration community choice energy aggregation (“Community Choice”) program in Westchester County in 2014, which would allow local governments to participate in a Sustainable Westchester program to procure energy supply from an Energy Services Company for the residents of the municipalities;

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2015, the Public Service Commission of the State of New York approved implementation of the first Community Choice pilot program in New York State;

WHEREAS, the PSC subsequently issued the order “Authorizing Framework for Community Choice Aggregation Opt-out Program” on April 21, 2016 (the “CCA Framework Order”) enabling Community Choice throughout New York State;

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Westchester Community Choice Aggregation Program (also known as Westchester Power) is intended to include residential and small non-residential customers, and to permit the aggregation of electric purchases by the communities which elect to participate;

WHEREAS, the City of Rye (“Municipality”) has adopted a Local Law to participate in the Sustainable Westchester Community Choice Program (“Program”) to aggregate customers located within the Municipality and to negotiate competitive rates for the supply of electricity for such customers;

WHEREAS, the Program allows Municipality to solicit competitive bids for the supply of electricity individually or as part of a buying group with other municipal aggregators;

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Westchester Community Choice Program enrolled Participating Customers from an initial group of 20 participating municipalities in April 2016, and additional municipalities have joined in the years since its inception;

WHEREAS, Sustainable Westchester, Inc. has been authorized by the Municipality to act as Program Manager for a Community Choice Program, pursuant to Local Law and Memorandum of Understanding 2025, to issue a request for proposals (“RFP”) to suppliers to provide energy to Participating Customers, and to award supply contracts;

WHEREAS [SUPPLIER NAME], an entity duly authorized to conduct business in the State of New York as an energy service company (“ESCO”) (the “Competitive Supplier”), desires to provide Full-Requirements Power Supply to customers located within the Municipality, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Electric Service Agreement (“ESA”);

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires that the Competitive Supplier provide Firm Full-Requirements Power Supply and Consolidated Billing as an alternative to Default Service for Participating Customers within the Municipality; 2025 ESA Template Agreement - Con Edison Municipalities 3/6/2025 | pg 4

WHEREAS, Competitive Supplier is willing to provide two distinct electric supply products and two corresponding pricing levels: (1) a 50% Renewable Clean Power Product comprised of the Standard Product plus New York Voluntary Clean Power RECs making up 50% of Participating Customers’ electricity usage and price, and (2) a 100% Renewable Clean Power Product comprised of the Standard Product plus New York Voluntary Clean Power RECs making up 100% of Participating Customers’ electricity usage and price;

WHEREAS, Municipality has chosen the 100% Renewable Clean Power product as the Default Product for Participating Customers;

WHEREAS, Competitive Supplier agrees to pay a fee to Program Manager;

WHEREAS, Municipality prefers for Competitive Supplier to collect and remit the fees due the Program Manager;

WHEREAS, the local governments that participate in the Sustainable Westchester Community Choice Program, including this Municipality, intend that this Agreement be uniform in form and substance in each instance throughout the Program; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED THAT, Municipality, Program Manager, and the Competitive Supplier hereby enter into this ESA subject to the terms and conditions in the ESA.

Adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Jensen, Nathan, Souza, Ward, Mayor Cohn

NAYS: Councilpersons Cunningham, Henderson

ABSENT: None

8. [Resolution in support of FY26 Congressional community project funding request for the Locust Ave. Bridge replacement project.](#)

On motion by Councilperson Souza, seconded by Councilperson Henderson, it was:

RESOLVED to support the FY26 Congressional community project funding request for the Locust Ave. Bridge replacement project.

Adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Cunningham, Henderson Jensen, Nathan, Souza, Ward, Mayor Cohn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

9. [Resolution in support of a grant application to the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant Program \(MPR\) for improvements to Gagliardo Park \[plans in development, to be discussed at a later date\].](#)

On motion by Councilperson Souza, seconded by Councilperson Henderson, it was:

RESOLVED to support a grant application to the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant Program (MPR) for improvements to Gagliardo Park [plans in development, to be discussed at a later date].

Adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Cunningham, Henderson, Jensen, Nathan, Souza, Ward, Mayor Cohn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

10. [Authorization for the Interim City Manager to execute an agreement with Cloud First to provide managed IT services to City facilities.](#)

On motion by Councilperson Souza, seconded by Mayor Cohn, it was:

RESOLVED to authorize the Interim City Manager to execute an agreement with Cloud First to provide managed IT services to City facilities.

Adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Cunningham, Henderson, Jensen, Nathan, Souza, Ward, Mayor Cohn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

11. [Authorization for the Interim City Manager to execute an agreement with U-Audit to provide utility audit services to the City of Rye.](#)

On motion by Councilperson Souza, seconded by Councilperson Nathan, it was:

RESOLVED to authorize the Interim City Manager to execute an agreement with U-Audit to provide utility audit services to the City of Rye.

Adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Cunningham, Jensen, Nathan, Souza, Ward, Mayor Cohn

NAYS: Councilperson Henderson

ABSENT: None

12. [Public hearing to consider a local law amending the firefighter property tax exemption.](#)

On motion by Councilperson Jensen, seconded by Councilperson Souza, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED to open the public hearing.

On motion by Councilperson Jensen, seconded by Councilperson Souza, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED to close the public hearing.

On motion by Councilperson Henderson, seconded by Councilperson Nathan it was:

RESOLVED to amend Chapter 177-87. “Real property tax exemption granted” to extend the tax exemption to volunteer firefighters who reside in Rye and serve a fire department in the County of Westchester.

Adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Cunningham, Henderson, Jensen, Nathan, Souza, Ward, Mayor Cohn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

13. [Old Business/New Business.](#)

There was nothing for Old Business/New Business.

14. [Adjournment](#)

On motion of Councilperson Souza, seconded by Councilperson Nathan, and with the Council in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Noga Ruttenberg
City Clerk

UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the Joint
Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rye and the
Rye City School Board held in City Hall on April 26,
2025 at 9:30 A.M.

PRESENT:

JOSH COHN, Mayor
BILL HENDERSON
JAMIE JENSEN
JOSH NATHAN
JULIE SOUZA
JAMES WARD
Councilmembers

JANE ANDERSON, President
JENNIFER BOYLE, Vice President
MATTHEW SCHIBANOFF
VALERIE LAPHAM
TOM STEIN
School Board Members

BRIAN SHEA, Interim City Manager
ERIC BYRNE, Superintendent of Schools
PATRICIA MURRAY, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

ABSENT:

KEITH CUNNINGHAM
Councilmember
CALLIE ERICKSON
SHAUN KLOEPFER
School Board Members

The City Council and the School Board convened at 9:30 a.m.

1. [Pledge of Allegiance](#)

Mayor Cohn called the meeting to order and invited the Council and Board to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. [Roll Call](#)

Mayor Cohn asked the City Manager to call the roll for the City Council and School Board introduced themselves; a quorum of both boards was present to conduct official business.

3. [City of Rye Comprehensive Plan](#)

Mayor Cohn gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan on behalf of the City and a discussion followed.

4. [Continuity of communication with transitions of City Manager and Superintendent of Schools](#)

The School Board and the City Council agreed to maintain continuity of communication as leadership transitions.

6. [Adjournment](#)

There being no further business for the two boards to discuss, Mayor Cohn adjourned the joint meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Noga Ruttenberg
City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Presentation by Christine Siller, Executive Director of the Friends of the Rye Nature Center.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

May 7, 2025

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider the presentation.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: See attached letter with details on potential Rye Nature Center capital project and presentation.



FRIENDS
OF RYE
NATURE
CENTER



CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

MAY 7, 2025

Christine Siller,
FRNC Executive Director



BLIND BROOK RIPARIAN RESTORATION



Project Scope

- Create construction-ready plans, secure necessary permits, and complete restoration of a 1,660-foot section of the Blind Brook.
- Interventions include reconnecting the natural floodplain, enhancing wetland habitat, and reducing a significant portion of the annual sedimentation into the brook and vis a vie the Long Island Sound.



Background

- This project is a priority in FRNC's 2019 Habitat Management Plan and is also included in the 2023-25 Strategic Plan.
- City of Rye has endorsed the first two phases of this project, the data collection phase and the design and permitting phase.



Current Status

- SEQR environmental review complete with negative declaration (Dec. 2024).
- Engineering firm Barton and Loguidice is progressing designs from 60% to 90% completion and preparing remaining permit packages.
- FRNC is preparing for funding the final construction phase of the project.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Year-End 2025

Permits approved.

Summer – Fall 2025

FRNC seeks construction-phase funding.

Winter 2025 – 2026

Assemble construction bid packages and advertise.

~Summer 2026

Construction (two to six weeks).

FUNDING STRATEGY FOR STREAM RESTORATION



Total Estimated Project Cost

\$900,000 based on initial designs and estimates.



Long Island Sound Futures Fund Grant

This grant funded most of the second phase of the project.

The upcoming grant cycle is due on May 29.

There is a 50% match required. Including in-kind and volunteer time.



Other Grant Opportunities

Potential funding sources include: Sea Grant, Save the Sound, the Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund, NYS' Consolidated Funding Application, and The New York Community Trust - Westchester.

FRNC requests the City of Rye's permission to pursue grants to fund the *Blind Brook Riparian Restoration Project - Construction Phase.*

A NEW ENTRANCE INTO RYE NATURE CENTER

Weight Restrictions

Five-ton limit restricts vehicular access and heavy equipment.

Flood Vulnerability

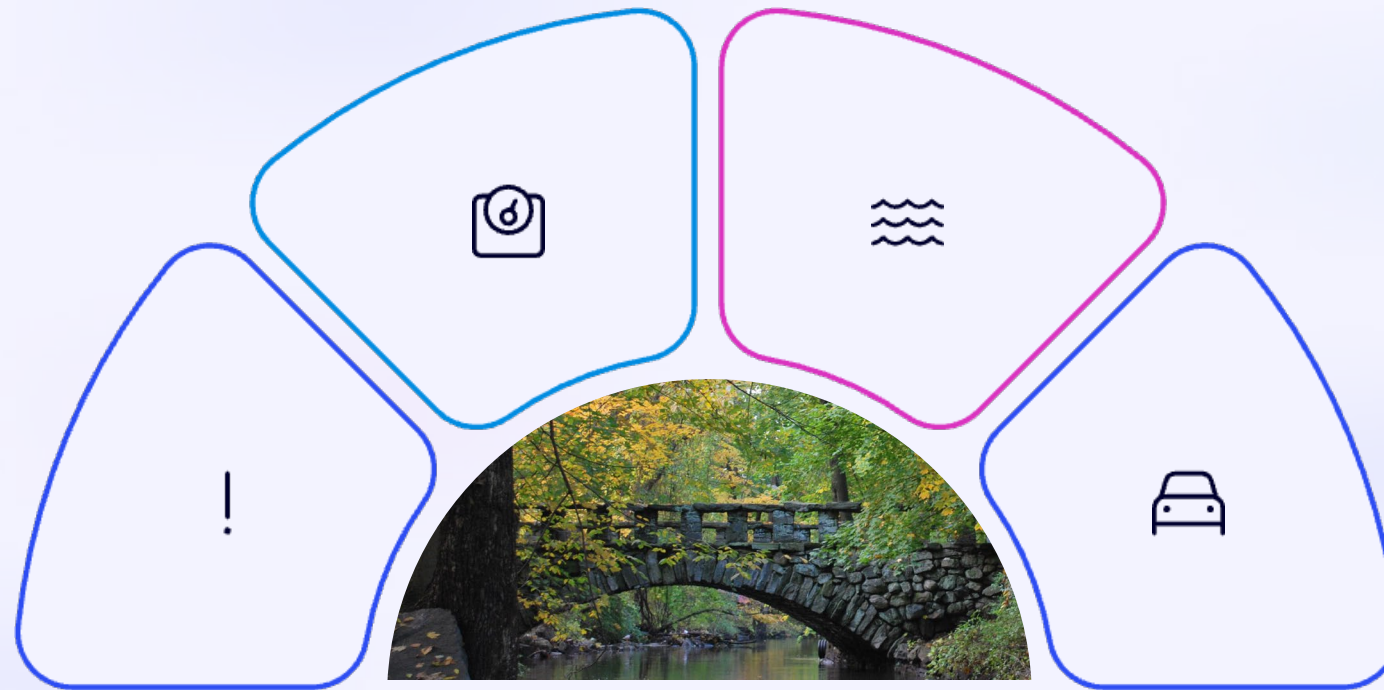
Flash flooding renders bridge impassable and erodes footings.

Existing Challenges

Narrow bridge causes bottlenecks and safety concerns.

Limited Parking

Gravel lot creates access constraints for visitors and staff.



Addressing the entry bridge has been on the City of Rye's Capital Improvements Plan since 2005 and the new driveway was added in 2019. Due to funding constraints, only preliminary designs were created using NY Rising Funds. FRNC aims to contract an engineering firm that will build on these designs originally created by JMC Engineers in May 2018.



FUNDING STRUCTURE

\$400K

Challenge Grant

Private donor commitment secured.

\$400K

Matching Funds

Successfully raised by FRNC.

\$800K

Total Budget

Full funding now in place.

FRNC requests the City of Rye's permission to proceed with full design and construction documents.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Spring - Summer 2025

FRNC puts out an RFP seeking a firm to design and permit the new driveway.
Proposal review.

Fall 2025 - Winter 2026

FRNC selects firm and coordinates with firm and City of Rye to begin design and permitting process.

Spring 2026

Initiate construction of new driveway.
Specific timeframe is to be determined.

TIMBER FRAMED PAVILION



Project Features

- Installation site is adjacent to the Nature Playground and ruins
- Kingston Pro Timber design sizes approximately 25 × 31 feet
- Features a fireplace with lockable door and built in electric for lighting/central fan
- FRNC will also have a sink installed

Community Benefits

- Outdoor learning space (ie. school groups)
- Gathering area for visitors
- Year-round usability
- Enhanced visitor experience

Project Details

- Total costs will be fully funded by anonymous donor
- Designed by Allen + Killcoyne
- Built by Lancaster County Backyard

FRNC requests the City of Rye's permission to proceed with permitting and installing a pavilion.



April 28, 2025

Mr. Brian Shea, Interim City Manager
Rye City Hall
1051 Boston Post Road
Rye, NY 10580

Re: Request to pursue new access driveway engineering and design

Dear Mr. Shea,

Thank you for your continued support of the Friends of Rye Nature Center (FRNC) and our shared commitment to improving the Center's facilities and grounds.

For over a decade, the City and FRNC have worked toward a long-term solution for safe and reliable park access. In 2018, the City initiated preliminary design work with JMC Engineers using New York Rising funds; however, the project was not fully funded. When FRNC signed its operating license in 2021, we committed to securing additional financial support to advance a new access driveway.

The current entry bridge and driveway, built during the Parsons Estate era, remain a persistent challenge. During peak times, the narrow passage causes bottlenecks and safety concerns. The bridge's five-ton weight limit also restricts park improvements that require heavy equipment. Moreover, the bridge is vulnerable to the flash flooding of Blind Brook, which can render it impassable and continues to erode its footings—last repaired by the City in 2018. The existing gravel lot offers limited parking, creating further access constraints.

We are pleased to share that a private donor has committed a \$400,000 challenge grant for this project, and FRNC has successfully secured the matching funds. With this support in place, we respectfully request the City's permission to move forward with full design, permitting, and construction documents for the new driveway and updated parking area.

FRNC plans to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) on May 12, with submissions due by June 30. We will collaborate with City management to select a qualified engineering firm experienced in road construction within environmentally sensitive areas. Our target for project construction is spring 2026.

We are grateful for the City's partnership and support to date and look forward to working closely with all relevant departments to ensure continued, safe access to the Nature Center for generations to come.

On behalf of the FRNC board and community, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christine Siller
Executive Director



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution authorizing the Friends of the Rye Nature Center to apply for a construction grant through the Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF).

FOR THE MEETING OF:

May 7, 2025

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider the resolution.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: See attached resolution and request letter.



CITY OF RYE

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FRIENDS OF THE RYE NATURE CENTER TO APPLY FOR A CONSTRUCTION GRANT THROUGH THE LONG ISLAND SOUND FUTURES FUND (LISFF).

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Rye Nature Center operates the Rye Nature Center for the public good and to serve as an environmental, educational, and recreational asset for all Rye residents to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rye has continued to support the Friend of the Rye Nature Center in their efforts to preserve and enhance the Nature Center property so it can continue to serve as a community asset for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Rye Nature Center's Riparian Restoration project will enhance and protect the natural assets and riparian area of the Rye Nature Center, at an anticipated cost of \$900,000; and

WHEREAS, the potential funding available to the Friends of the Rye Nature Center through the Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) could account for up to 50 percent of the total project cost.

RESOLVED, that the Friends of the Rye Nature Center are authorized to apply for a construction grant through the Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) to advance the construction phase of the Blind Brook Riparian project.



April 28, 2025

Mr. Brian Shea, Interim City Manager
Rye City Hall
1051 Boston Post Road
Rye, NY 10580

Re: Request to apply for Riparian Restoration grants

Dear Mr. Shea,

Thank you for your continued support of Friends of Rye Nature Center (FRNC) and our efforts to improve the facilities and grounds.

As you know, the second phase of the Blind Brook Riparian Restoration project is nearly complete. This phase consisted of designing and permitting the project through the various authorizing government entities at the local, state, and federal level. FRNC's project partner, Barton and Loguidice, expect to have all permits in place by year-end 2025. At this point, FRNC is eligible to apply for a construction phase grant through Long Island Sound Futures Fund. Due on May 29, this grant request would be for 50% of the project's anticipated costs of \$900,000 (LISFF requires a 50% matching contribution from its awardees). To meet this match, FRNC will pursue other grant opportunities through the Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund, Sea Grant, Save the Sound, The New York Community Trust - Westchester (formerly Westchester Community Foundation), as well as other private donors. In addition, FRNC would apply to state funding opportunities through the 2025 Consolidated Funding Application when it is released later in the spring. Subject to grant award timing, FRNC anticipates that construction will begin during the summer of 2026. Per the plans previously shared with City management, City Council, the Building Department, and the Conservation Commission/Advisory Council, constructing and implementing the restoration is anticipated to last between two to six weeks. FRNC will be soliciting volunteers to assist with tree and shrub planting as part of this project.

We kindly and humbly request the City's permission to proceed with grant applications to Long Island Sound Futures Fund, Sea Grant, Save the Sound, the Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund, Consolidated Funding Application, and The New York Community Trust - Westchester to complete this project.

Thank you for all the support that the City has given this project to date. FRNC looks forward to advancing this plan and working in collaboration with all necessary City departments to complete the restoration so that our entire community can reap the benefits of this project's impact on habitat, water quality, and water retention. On behalf of the board and members of FRNC, I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christine Siller
Executive Director



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution authorizing the referral of the Nature Center pavilion project to the Board of Architectural Review.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

May 7, 2025

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider the resolution.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND: The Friends of the Rye Nature Center are required to gain City approval for all capital improvements to buildings and grounds over \$25,000.

See attached resolution and request letter.



CITY OF RYE

AUTHORIZING THE REFERRAL OF THE NATURE CENTER PAVILION TO THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

WHEREAS, the Nature Center would like to build a pavilion adjacent to the current Nature Playground; and

WHEREAS, the improvements include building an approximately 800 square foot pavilion; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines that the proposed action is considered a Type II Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and, therefore, no additional action is needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council requests that the Board of Architectural Review consider this proposal at its next regularly scheduled meeting to provide any advisory comments back to City staff on the design of proposed pavilion.



April 28, 2025

Mr. Brian Shea, Interim City Manager
Rye City Hall
1051 Boston Post Road
Rye, NY 10580

Re: Request to build a "Pavilion"

Dear Mr. Shea,

Thank you for your continued support of Friends of Rye Nature Center (FRNC) and our efforts to improve the facilities and grounds.

An anonymous donor is providing full funding to build a timber framed pavilion at the Nature Center. The pavilion would be located adjacent to the Nature Playground area (see attached pictures and plans). This pavilion will serve as an outdoor learning area for current program users and a place for casual visitors to relax and enjoy lunch or gathering with friends and family. The pavilion will be purchased from Lancaster County Backyard, a company specializing in timber frame outdoor structures and kits. The selected pavilion, the Kingston Pro Timber, will have a fireplace (with lockable metal access door) and a sink. The attached plans were designed by Allen + Killcoyne Associates and all subcontractors for the concrete slab, fireplace, plumbing, and electrical will be organized through them. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$165,000.

Per Section 6c of the license agreement between the City of Rye and Friends of Rye Nature Center, all capital improvements to the buildings and grounds over \$25,000 must be approved by the City of Rye before FRNC may proceed with pursuing any necessary permits.

We kindly and humbly request the City's permission to proceed with this improvement to our grounds. We believe that it will add to our community's ability to access, engage, and enjoy the beauty of Rye Nature Center year-round.

FRNC looks forward to advancing this plan and working in collaboration with all necessary City departments to obtain proper permits. On behalf of the board and members of FRNC, I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christine Siller
Executive Director



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: Finance

DATE: April 30, 2025

CONTACT: Joseph Fazzino, Deputy City Comptroller

AGENDA ITEM: Authorize payment of the balance of the 2024/2025 Rye Neck Union Free School District taxes collected by the City to the School District.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

May 7, 2025

RYE CITY CODE,

CHAPTER 22.9

SECTION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor and the City Council authorize payment of the 12/31/24 balance of \$489,883.55 to the Treasurer of the Rye Neck Union Free School District.

IMPACT: Environmental Fiscal Neighborhood Other:

BACKGROUND:

The balance of unpaid Rye Neck U.F.S.D. taxes on property within the City of Rye is \$489,883.55 at 12/31/24. This balance represents 3.7% of the total tax levied, \$13,134,668, on September 1, 2024. Arrears notices have been mailed in conjunction with the 2025 City tax bills and March 2025 and will again during May 2025 and June 2025, to try to collect these balances prior to the filing of the list of delinquent taxes with the County scheduled for July 1, 2025.

In accordance with Section 22.9 of the City Charter, it is requested that the City Council authorize the City Comptroller to pay the Treasurer of the Rye Neck UFSD the amount due on December 31, 2024.