

Rye Civic News August 2015

from the Rye Civic League

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[Citizens' Handbook \(click here\)](#)

The Rye Civic League was re-formed to promote public awareness by informing residents about the town's business and its responsiveness to its citizens. The organization also offers townspeople an opportunity to bring issues forward for discussion and unbiased resolution. Its primary purpose is to help residents of Rye, NH to act as informed citizens and thereby improve and develop our community.

Next RCL Meeting:

August 25th 6:30 pm
Location Rye Public Library

NEW 2015 Citizens
Handbook is now updated.
[Click Here](#)

Please see the new
Opinion Section and the
"Public Forum Discussion"
section.

Upcoming Town Meetings and Events

August 3rd: Trustees of the
Trust Funds 6:00 pm

August 5th: Zoning Board
of Adjustment 7:00 pm

August 6th: Heritage
Commission 6:30 pm

August 10th: Board of
Selectmen

August 11th: Sewer
Commission 8:00 AM

August 11th: Planning
Board 7:00 PM

August 13th: School
Board RJH 4:00 PM

August 13th: Capital
Improvement Plan
Committee 6:30 PM

August 18th: Mosquito
Control Commission 6:00
PM

August 20th: Conservation
Commission 7:00 PM

General Announcements:

RCL 2015 Citizen's Handbook: [Click Here](#)

Rye History Trolley Tour: September 7th 10 AM [Click Here](#)

Parson's Creek Pollution Warning: [Click Here](#)

Food Composting at the Transfer Station Open to Everyone: [Click Here](#) and see video from RJH student [Click Here](#)

No Mosquito Spraying: To e-mail the contractor not to spray your property [Click Here](#)

New Saturday Town Clerk/Tax Collector hours: 9:00am to 12pm

Rye Recreation Senior Program: 2014-2015 Active, Alive and over 55 [Click Here](#)

Rye Recreation Fall Soccer deadline July 31st: [Click Here](#)

Rye Travel Soccer: [Click Here](#)

Portsmouth Youth Football: [Click Here](#)

Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)

GIS Mapping Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)

Public Opinion: Does Rye need an IT Strategy? [Click Here](#)

How good is our Library: [Click Here](#) to see the numbers

UPDATED: Appointed and Alternate Positions:

[Click Here](#) for all positions

2015 Vacancies:

- Historic District Committee
- Recycling Education Committee
- Mosquito Commission

Alternates still needed:

- Conservation Commission
- Heritage Commission
- Planning Board
- Recreation Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

Board of Selectmen Meeting July 13th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Donations to the Heritage Commission for Town Hall were accepted. The Selectmen questioned the authority of the Heritage Commission to expend funds without their approval. [More Details](#)

2. A public hearing will be scheduled on a grant aimed at reestablishing Rye as a participant in the FEMA Community Rating System. That would allow residents to receive at least five percent reductions in their flood insurance rates. [More Details](#)

3. A beach use permit allowing the Rye General Store to offer eight paddle boards for rental was approved. [More Details](#)

4. A request by two residents to relocate a no parking sign at Cable Rd.

August 26th: Board of Selectmen 6:30pm

August 27th: Capital Improvement Plan Committee 7:00pm

Town Reference Documents on the Town Web Site:

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) [Click Here](#)
Here This plan is updated annually and is a great way to see what the Town is planning for future capital expenditures

Town of Rye Master Plan ([click here](#))
2014 FEMA maps: [Click Here](#)

Rye Rec Master Plan ([Click Here](#))

GIS Parcel Data: [Click Here](#)

Town Budgets
Budget Analysis: [Click Here](#)

Town Budget Worksheet: [Click Here](#).

MS-7 Reporting document: [Click Here](#)

Rye Water District Budget: [Click Here](#).

Rye Beach Budget: [Click Here](#).

Jeness Beach Budget: [Click Here](#)

School Budget:
Here is a link to the Proposed 2015-2016 School Budget.

Rye Trust Fund Summary: [Click Here](#)

Rye Library Strategic Plan: [Click Here](#)

Rye Police Homepage [Click Here](#)

and Ocean Blvd. backfires. The town will instead request that the State remove trees that interfere with sight distances. [More Details](#)

5. The reasons for the Town Hall warrant article having failed to pass were discussed. Selectman Jenness notes that it "is scary" that a number of absolutely essential warrant articles barely passed. [More Details](#)

Board of Selectmen Meeting July 13th Perkins Rd Site

Walk:

RCL Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: not available

RCL Notes: [Click here](#)

1. Site walk was conducted, with several residents present, on Perkins Rd.

2. Residents are requesting striping adjacent to driveways similar to what is planned on Ocean Blvd. The Selectmen took the matter under advisement.

3. Residents present complained about safety issues, as well as trash and public urination.

4. Selectman Mills indicated that striping driveways would prevent people from elsewhere from going to the beach. [More Details](#)

5. Ocean Blvd. striping will occur "this week" according to Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy. [More Details](#)

6. Residents suggested the towing of illegally parked cars. Despite the passage of a booting ordinance this year, it has not yet been used, as only cars with three or more unpaid tickets may be booted. [More Detail](#)

School Board July 15 Retreat Meeting Minutes:

Learn more about the Rye Schools: [Click Here](#)

2015-2016 School Year Calendar: [Click Here](#)

Agenda for the July 15th Retreat: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Superintendent's Bulletin: June [Click Here](#)

1. Discussion about the two boilers at RJH that are approaching their end of life. More research on the options is required.

2. RES reported they are working on the 3rd Grade curriculum over the summer.

3. Wedgewood Farm project is fundraising to close the \$50,000 gap by Sept. 30th.

4. Parent Survey response was less than 50%, the Board has yet to evaluate the results yet.

5. Student survey causes some difficulties, staff did not have time to follow up with students. Next year this survey may be given earlier, to give the staff a chance to follow up.

6. PHS Teacher survey, only 4 of the 10 departments responded. Rye students appear to be as well prepared for PHS as other student groups.

7. Teacher evaluations showed no one needs improvement. The board found this hard to believe and asked for more discussion. Non-public and public discussions were requested on the evaluations of staff.

8. Teacher attendance was discussed, while the numbers are not off the average, additional discussion was requested for the August meeting.

9. RJH Structure visioning was discussed and the two year roll out plan was presented (see the notes). A special notice will go out to invite parents to the next RJH specific meeting. The regular August 13th School Board meeting will discuss the RJH Vision inputs from the process to date.

Planning Board meeting: July 14th:

Learn more about the Planning Board: [Click Here](#)

New FEMA maps have been posted: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: not posted

Facebook: [Click Here](#)

Rye Beach Committee
Facebook Page [Click Here](#)

Other Helpful Links:

Live Free or Die Alliance

1. Caveratta project 18 Frontier and 36 Pioneer roads approved by PB 9.10,13; discussion of plans and conditions
2. Bond reduction - Worden Brackett Rd. subdivision
3. 18-20 Cable Rd - As built condo plans - signed for recording

Planning Board: Rules & Regulations: July 6th:

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Planning Board August 11th Agenda:

Meeting Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. Conceptual consultation for Sanctuary Care at Rye Commons 0 Lafayette Rd.
2. Proposed Zoning Amendment - Tourist Accommodations records
3. Proposed Zoning Amendment - Frontage requirement for multi-family developments
4. Proposed Zoning: Sign ordinance

Zoning Board of Adjustment: July 1st:

Learn more about the Zoning Board: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. 5 Pioneer Rd (Atlantic Grill) - request two signs where one is permitted approved unanimously
2. 32 Cable Rd - convert three cabins to year round units - revised occupancy permit, approved unanimously
3. 2230 Ocean Blvd. - demo house and build new one (setback issues) continued to August meeting
4. 111 Perkins Rd. - build new shed (set back issue) approved unanimously
5. 32 Old Beach Rd. - request for rehearing and reconsideration from May 6th ZBA meeting, denied unanimously

Zoning Board of Adjustment: August 5th:

Meeting Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. 2230 Ocean Blvd. - Demolish and build a new house
2. 14 Eagle Rock Rd. - multiple variances requested to build in a non-conforming lot
3. 2227 Ocean Blvd. - install a patio 2 ft. from property line
4. 257 Washington Rd. - Increase the bulk of a non-conforming building
5. 20 Spruce Lane - variances for a shed

Conservation Commission Meeting July 16th

Learn more about the Conservation Commission: [Click Here](#)

Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)

Town Forest map: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes Not available

RCL Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

1. Site walk scheduled for wetlands application at 31 Parsons' Rd. on July 30. [More Detail](#)
2. Tracy Degan of Rockingham Planning Commission provided updates regarding Goss Farm, financing of former Rand Lumber acquisition, procedures for wetlands applications. [More Detail](#)
3. NH DES approvals for 1126, 1232 and 2575 Ocean Blvd. were discussed. [More Detail](#)
4. A \$3 million "place holder" bond for 2017 will be made as a CIP Plan request. [More Detail](#)
5. Site revisits at 103 Locke Rd., 23 Appledore Ave. and 7 West Atlantic Ave. will be conducted. [More Detail](#)

Town Hall Committee: July 28th2015 Charge: [Click Here](#)[Town Information page:](#) Not updated since March ElectionVideo Recording: [Click Here](#)RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

1. Survey finalized and is going to the UNH survey center
2. Discussion on how to communicate the tax impacts of different options
3. The 2015 low bidder estimated that only \$950,000 was for renovation of the existing building
4. The \$4.1 million 2015 warrant article did not include the over \$350,000 spent to date on the Town Hall investigation and design.

Town Hall Committee: July 21st:2015 Charge: [Click Here](#)[Town Information page:](#) Not updated since March ElectionVideo Recording: [Click Here](#)Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

1. E-mails between members violates right-to-know laws, communication process was modified.
2. Additional work on the Resident Survey, results would be available at the end of September

Town Hall Committee: July 7th:2015 Charge: [Click Here](#)[Town Information page:](#) Not updated since March ElectionVideo Recording: [Click Here](#)Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

1. Second non-public meeting was held to discuss possible land acquisition for a new build option.
2. Possible reasons for why the 2015 \$4.1 M warrant article failed were discussed.
3. Began the process of developing the Resident Survey questions

Beach Committee July 15th:Facebook Page [Click Here](#)Video Recording: [Click Here](#)Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Flag positioning was discussed
2. Lifeguard conditioning, rescue practice and the staff shortage discussed.
3. Gus's Bike shop is offering to donate portable bike stands for Cable Rd, Wallis Sands Extension and Sawyers Beaches.

Recreation Commission Meeting July 6thLearn more about Rye Recreation: [Click Here](#)[Click Here](#) to see the Rye Recreation Master PlanRecorded Video: [Click Here](#)Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)**Capital Improvements Committee: July 16th**2015-2019 CIP Plan: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: None Scheduled

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Water District is looking at \$1.9M for pipe replacements during the 2016 to 2018 time frame.

Demolition Review Committee July 29thDemolition Review Procedure: [Click Here](#) to review

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Heritage Commission Meeting July 2nd Canceled

Learn more about the Heritage Commission: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: No July meeting:

Learn More about the Energy Committee: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: not available

Rye Recycling Education Committee No July Meeting

Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording:

Historic District Commission July 12th

Learn more about the Historic District: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. HDC had a tour of Star Island - see notes for details

Library Board of Trustees July 8th

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

Library Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Mosquito Commission Meeting July 21st:

Learn more about the Mosquito Commission: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: Nothing posted

Video of meeting: No video available

Sewer Commission Meeting July 14th:

Learn more about the Mosquito Commission: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: Nothing posted

Video Recording: Not available

Climate Change Workshops:

These have been completed and there was a presentation to the BOS, but actions have yet been committed to. Residents need to continue to insist the town update the Master Plan and the town boards act accordingly.

Town Page with reference documents: [Click Here](#)

New FEMA maps: [Click Here](#)

Documents from Workshop #4

21 Things You Can Do: [Click Here](#)

28 Things A Municipality Can Do: [Click Here](#)

Overview of Rye, County and State Activities: [Click Here](#)

Vulnerability Assessment: [Click Here](#)

From Tides and Storm Preparing for NH's Future Coast: [Click Here](#)

NH Climate Change Past and Future: [Click Here](#)

Work Shop #4 RPL Presentation: [Click Here](#)

1. A lot was discussed, including how these findings need to be incorporated into the Master Plan. [Click Here](#) for a brief summary of the program and four workshops.

Rye Opinions:

The Rye Civic League Website posts opinions and discussions for Rye.

These opinions reflect the views of residents, **NOT** the Rye Civic League.

The purpose is to help residents share their views and to have an online discussion between residents. We encourage you to share your opinions in the online discussions or sending an e-mail to the RCL [e-mail](#)

Recent posted opinions:

Does Rye need an IT Strategy? [Click Here](#)

Older opinion Recent Developments in Rye: [Click Here](#)

Rye Public Forum Discussion Topics:

Once the RCL monthly meeting concludes, there is a public forum discussion about some of current topics in town. All are welcome to join this discussion and introduce town related topics.

Topics from the May 28th Discussion

1. Town Hall Committee
2. How meeting minutes are posted and maintained

Other Town Activity

How Good is our Library?

2014 Our Library has done a great job quantifying the huge value we get from our annual investment. [Click Here to see the details](#)

Have you seen the Library Strategic Plan: [Click Here](#)

Rye Library Events Page [Click Here](#)

Rye Town Handbook from the Rye Civic League:

NOTE: 2015 Update are available at the Library, the Hungry Horse and other locations. All sections are also posted on the Rye Civic League website

The Rye Citizens' Handbook has been created by the Rye Civic League ("RCL") to provide a consolidated resource to assist citizens in interacting with the various employees, board and commission members of the Town. It contains a description of each of the positions and groups, together with the contact information for each. It provides a road map to assist citizens in interacting with each function. The document is fluid. The intention of the RCL is to revise the Handbook at least annually in response to changes in staff, board and committee memberships, and the laws.

Special thanks to **Mae Bradshaw** who created and maintains the handbook.

[Click Here for a PDF version of the handbook](#)

About the Rye Civic League and the Civic News

The Rye Civic League (founded in 1968 by Frances Holway, Joan LaFrance and Marjorie Miller, disbanded in 1992 and revived in 2009) is a voluntary association that educates and motivates people to act as informed citizens of Rye.

To receive Town News via bcc go to the [Rye Civic League Website](#) and enter your name and e-mail.

All articles are written by the RCL editors. Questions or comments feel free to contact the RCL at civicnews@ryecivicleague.org

An Invitation to membership in the Rye Civic League

WE ARE ALL CONCERNED CITIZENS. We all share the goal of making our town the best it can be. We want our kids to have a great education. We want our community to be safe, beautiful and thriving. We want to balance our budget and to see our tax dollars spent wisely. We benefit from an open town government, and we depend on it to keep things running smoothly. In turn, we owe it to our government and our fellow citizens to be informed and to get involved for the benefit of our community. This is why we are inviting you to participate in the Rye Civic League (RCL). This is your opportunity to engage in a positive way, to do your part as a Rye resident, and to keep our town acting for the good of us all.

[Click Here](#) to make an online payment.

[Click Here](#) to read the invitation and complete the membership form

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