

Rye Civic News May 2017

from the Rye Civic League

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Next RCL

Meeting:

May 1st RPL

6:30 pm

Meetings

(at Town Hall unless indicated)

May 1:

Recreation

Commission

6:00 pm

May 2nd:

Board of

Selectmen:

non-Public

4:00pm

May 2nd: Rye

Energy

Commission

6:30 pm RPL

May 3rd:

Zoning Board

of Adjustment

7:00 pm

May 4th:

Heritage

Commission

6:30 pm

May 9th:

Sewer

Commission

8:00am RBVD

May 9th:

Planning Board

7:00pm. RJH

May 10th:

Board of

Selectmen

6:30 pm

May 11th:

Budget CIP

6:30 pm

April Highlights:

1. 421 South Rd. Major Site development continues to progress and will be discussed at the May 9th Planning Board meeting.
2. Rye Recreation Commission has a vacancy for this appointed position.
3. ZBA has an opening for an appointed alternative position
4. Wentworth Golf Country Club is pushing forward to install 90' fence for the driving range.
5. Restoration of Sanders Poynt beach access plans will be reviewed by the judge
6. New Library Youth Program employee is Kat Pavia
7. Heritage Commission and others are willing to help get the Town Hall painted
8. Jenness Beach Village District has asked to meet with the BOS, meeting will be May 15th

General Announcements:

1. **May 9th 421 South Rd Planning Board Meeting: 7pm RJH**
2. Appointed and Alternate Positions: There are plenty of opportunities to serve. Please contact the Chairman of the Board, Commission or Committee
2. Water main flushing continues through May 25th
3. Town is accepting applicants for Animal Control Officer and a part-time Parking Enforcement [Click Here](#) and scroll down
4. **Coakley Landfill & Cancer Cluster fact sheet:** [Click Here](#)
Cancer Cluster TaskForce meeting May 5th 10:00am Portsmouth City Council Chambers (will be shown live and recorded)
5. **Rye Recreation Senior Program:** 2016-2017 Active, Alive and over 55 [Click Here](#)
6. **Rye Recreation Summer Programs Registration (new):** [Click here](#)
7. **Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
8. **GIS Mapping Software Presentation Video:** [Click Here](#)
9. **Foss Beach Clean Up:** May 13th 9:00am Fund Raiser for 68 Hours of Hunger [Click Here](#)
10. **RHS Pretty Halcyon Days on the Beach with Ogden Nash;** May 18th 6:30pm RPL

Board of Selectmen Meeting April 24th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: not posted yet

1. Discussion of the sign regulations for Parson's Field as they are continued violated.
2. Shawn Joyce presented a letter along with residents signatures on a petition that asks that the Rye Conservation Commission process for appointments follow document best practice procedures: [Click Here](#)
3. Additional Commercial Beach Use permits were approved. One was denied as it was past the submission deadline. The BOS wants to hold firm on the timeline for completed applications.
3. Rockingham Planning Commission 10 year plan changes discussed. See Attachment 3 of meeting agenda [Click Here](#)
4. Long discussion about painting Town Hall. Key points from that discussion:
 - Star Island and Rye Town Hall were both NH Seven to Save designations. Star Island was able to get \$100,000 in funds. Selectmen did not pursue any of these possible grants.
 - David Choate (Rye) NH Preservation Alliance will work to find funding to support painting.
 - Rotten clapboards would need to be addressed
 - Heritage Commission has offered funding, other residents have volunteered to fund raise.
 - Selectmen Musselman was advocating using the Rye Junior High in the future and suggesting other uses for the Rye Town Hall building. Continues to ignore using space in the Public Safety Building

Board of Selectmen Meeting April 10th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

May 15th:
Board of
Selectment
and JBVD
4:00 pm
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May 15th:
Library Trustee
Meeting 1:00
pm RPL
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May 16th:
Mosquito
Commission
5:00 pm.
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May 17th:
School Board
6:00 pm RJH
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May 18th:
Conservation
Commission
7:00 pm
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May 22nd:
Board of
Selectmen
6:30 pm
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May 31st:
School Board
5:00 pm RJH
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Town Reference Documents on the Town Web Site:

Capital
Improvement
Plan (CIP)
Click 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)

1. Resident suggested moving the Building Inspector's office to the Old Police Station and that a ceiling should be added to the Public Safety Building (PSB) Apparatus Bay as it is costly to heat all that empty space. *Editors Note: For over 12 years, the town has yet to have a plan for the old Police Station asset. The PSB was built to support a second floor in the apparatus bay space, but the town has yet to fully evaluate the option of moving the Firefighters above the apparatus bay and a reconfiguration to utilize the large down stairs conference room.*

2. Letter from Shawn Joyce about the process used for appointing people to the Rye Conservation Commission was filed. [Click Here](#) The Selectmen approved the appointment of Heather Reed for the open vacancy.

3. Information from State Rep. Messmer on communications and information on Water contamination discussions and actions. [Click Here](#)

3. Discussion of a stonewall at 71 South Rd. There will be a site walk by the BOS

4. Business Beach Use permits were approved, two to be discussed at the next meeting

5. Cycle the Seacoast and the Wallis Sands Half-Marathon will be May 7th (meeting minutes have the wrong date).

6. Selectmen are not acting on any of the recommendations from the [Parsonage Committee](#) at this time and are having the Town Administrator and one Selectmen meet with the Housing Partnership who currently manages the properties for the town.

Board of Selectmen Meeting April 5th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Firefighter Call Personnel wages were reviewed and discussed. All call personnel are certified fire fighters or EMT's with mandatory re-certification required every two years.

Incremental cost is between \$2,500 to \$3,000 per year.

2. Lifeguard wages were reviewed with a \$0.50 increase each year for returning employees.

3. The town has approved all three union contracts.

Cancer Cluster & Governor's Coakley Landfill Taskforce:

Community Facebook page: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting Notes from October: [Click Here](#)

NHDES and EPA Presentation 10/20 meeting: [Click Here](#)

US Geological Survey Presentation 10/20 meeting: [Click Here](#)

Full USGS 2009 Study of Seacoast Ground Water Resources: [Click Here](#)

Draft Subcommittee Recommendations to Task Force: [Click Here](#)

Google Drive of documents related to subcommittee's work; [Click Here](#)

Coakley-Greenland Cancer Fact Sheet: [Click Here](#)

Rye Districts Information:

[Click Here](#) for information on Rye Districts

Rye Beach Village District Budget: [Click Here](#)

Jeness Beach Village District Budget: [Click Here](#)

May 15th: JBVD has asked to meet with the Board of Selectmen

Rye Water District April 5th:

Draft Water District Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Rye Water Testing Data: [Click Here](#) Note no analysis included

Rate Increase Letter: [Click Here](#) Report is not yet posted for the public.

1. Rye Water will inform the Town Planning Administrator and Town Manager about the Wellhead protection education the State is offering.

2. Investigating online billing

School Board April 19th Meeting:

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

2017-2018 School Calendar: [Click Here](#)

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

Superintendent's Bulletin: (website is down)

School Board Update e-mail: April was sent to parents

RCL Video of School Board Meeting Part 1: [Click Here](#)

Draft School Board Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. RJH Music Teacher Michelle Wirth is resigning and so is Ann Rafferty the Life Skills Teachers.

2. Rye Youth Softball will be installing a batting cage at the RES Softball field.

Town Forest Management Plan

(Click Here)

2015 Beach Report

Click Here

GIS Parcel Data:

Click Here

Transfer Station and Recycling

Flyer: 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. RBVD Treasurer's Report. Click Here

Jenness Beach Budget:

Click Here

School Budget:

Here is a link to the Proposed 2017-2018 School Budget.

Rye Trust Fund Summary:

Click Here

Rye Library Strategic Plan:

Click Here How good is our Library

3. \$145,251 fund balance will be held and there will be a public hearing to transfer this money to the Buildings and Grounds expendable trust.
4. \$85,000 of the un-reserved fund balance to be used to address items on the maintenance issues list. The consultant will be developing a plan on how to best approach and prioritize the work.
5. Rye Public Library has added staff so that Lisa Hood can work more with RES, RJH and PHS.
6. 5th Grade will be going back to self-contained model (not shifting teachers), but math will be co-taught as is happening in 2nd and 3rd.
7. RJH is mapping the science curriculum against the testing standards. Board is willing to support professional development funds for science teachers.
8. The board requested another round of water testing samples for June 2017.
9. June 20th is the last day of school. 8th graders will graduate on June 19th. PHS graduation will be June 9th.
10. 14 5th graders are leaving the Rye School District. Three are moving and 11 are going to private schools.
11. Rye Education Foundation provided over \$40,000 of grants to the Rye School District this year.

Planning Board meeting: April 26th:

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft meeting minutes: Not posted

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. Discussions over buffer setbacks from proposed septic systems on lots that contained wetlands. Discussion about where the nitrate plums would go and if they would impact the surrounding wetlands and the Atlantic Cedar patch adjacent to this development.
2. Proposed roads discussed and how they were going to drain water off them as they are going to be above grade in many places due to the fact that the developer cannot blast on this project. Utilities are going to somehow be located below the height of these roads.
3. The planning board is still looking for more information on some key issues from the developer.
4. There is talk about another site walk after the May 9th meeting as there have been many changes to lot sizes and locations since the last site walk last Fall.

Planning Board Meeting: April 11th:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Eversource - application to continue with tree and brush removal. PB noted many complaints have been received about previous work Board voted 7-0 to move to Public Hearing
2. Public Hearing for Eversource - see draft [PB minutes](#). Voted 7-0 to accept jurisdiction of the case. Voted 5-2 to grant application with three conditions
3. 421 South Rd. - major subdivision, continued to May 9th meeting. Board voted to hold a work session on this case April 26th
4. 365 and 371 Sagamore Rd. Request for exempt from site review Approved 7-0
5. 25 Sagamore Rd. Request for exempt from site review Approved 7-0
6. 243 Central Rd. - Request escrow extension Approved 7-0
7. Letter from Building Inspector - RE: Whitehorse Farms homeowners association wants to make changes to guidelines; Planning Board noted they would have to approve any changes. Discussion about similar issues with other development associations in the past.

LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan)

NO CHANGES, MEETINGS, UPDATES SINCE THE OCTOBER 2016 CIVIC NEWS

[Click Here](#) to see the history of the meetings and activities in 2016.

Three Chapters are being updated for Climate Change impacts, Land Use, Transportation and Natural Resources

[Click Here](#) for the current Master Plan 2013.

Rules and Regulations Committee and Zoning Amendments:

No recent meetings

Planning Board May 9th Agenda:

[Click Here](#)

**Rye Police
Homepage**
[Click Here](#)
Facebook:
[Click Here](#)

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

**Other
Helpful
Links:**

Live Free or
Die Alliance

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. 60 Wentworth Rd. WBTSCC 90' Golf netting in the single residence district
2. 421 South Rd. Major Subdivision
3. 60 Wentworth Rd. WBTSCC Major Site development for 90' golf netting
4. 0 Airfield Rd. Major Subdivision - continued to June 13th

Zoning Board of Adjustment: April 5th:

Recorded Video: Meeting was at the RJH - No vidoe

Draft Town meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

1. There is still an opening for an alternative, current alternates are Charlie Hoyt, Greg Mikolaitis, RJ Lincoln, and Russ Bookholtz
2. 0 Big Rock Rd: Request for rehearing and reconsideration of the March 1st denial of a variance request, was denied, 5-0
3. 740 Washington Road. The Board did not approve a request for Administrative Appeal from a Building Inspector's Notice of Violation regarding a second dwelling on a single lot. Letter will be discussed at the next ZBA meeting.
4. 394 Washington Rd.: Demolition of shed and building a new shed with a garage was approved 5-0
5. 93 Clark Rd.: Approved a shed with-in the set back. 5-0
6. 30 LeMer Drive: Tear-down postponed to the next meeting (lateness of the meeting)
7. 421 South Rd.: Wetland crossing postponed to the next meeting (lateness of the meeting)

Zoning Board of Adjustment: May 3rd Agenda:

[Click Here](#) for agenda

1. 0 Big Rock Rd.: Re-hearing request for ZBA to provide reasons for previous vote.
2. 740 Washington Rd: Town action on notice of violations
3. 740 Washington Rd. Variances requested
4. 421 South Rd.: Wetlands crossing
5. 150 Lafayette Rd.: Administration Appeal of Building Inspectors denial for additional seating
6. 21 Bracket Rd. Variance for porch in wetland set back
7. 11 Fairhill Ave: Variances for expansion a non-conforming building
8. 30 LeMer Drive. Tear-down and replace with a new building
9. 620 Wallis Rd.: Variances for a shed with in set backs.

Conservation Commission (CC) April 20th:

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

Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)

Wetlands Map [Click Here](#)

Town Forest map: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft Meeting minutes: Not Available, but the [Agenda](#) is very detailed

April 26th Site Walk Agendas: [Click Here](#)

1. 2234 Ocean Blvd. Request for a minimum impact expedited permit to remove accumulated sand on the beach in front of sea wall. Site walk scheduled.
2. 11 Fairhill Avenue. The applicant is scheduled to go before the ZBA to seek relief for an expansion of a non-conforming structure, to add a garage and install a new septic system. Septic system is in the wetland buffer. Site walk scheduled.
3. Restoration of Sanders Poynt - court sanctioned. 60 Wentworth Road. Wentworth By the Sea Country Club. The restoration plan presented to the members of the CC will be reviewed by the Judge and might be subject to change. Plan includes a fence with an open gate to the path to the beach, less gravel and less parking, more landscaping and signage. Site walk scheduled.
4. 30 LaMer Drive. Engineering firm will be presenting a new plan at the site walk (April 26th) in an effort to satisfy the requirements of the CC members for a planting buffer (originally 20 feet wide) while meeting the needs of the owners for a backyard. Applicant is scheduled to appear before the ZBA. Site walk scheduled.
5. 17 Straw's Point. Members of the CC requesting for more plantings and a bigger buffer than what was being presented/proposed. A new drainage system is being installed. Site walk scheduled.
6. 21 Brackett Road. Request to build a porch (8x16) in the wetland buffer. Site walk scheduled.
7. 25 Appledore, owner refusing to comply. A letter will be sent to Building Inspector, Peter Rowell, and to DES.

8. Discussion on Warrant Article on the Proposed Trail to the Rye Rec. The CC will reach out to Brian Murphy to encourage him to come and discuss his plan with the members.
9. Discussion regarding Shawn Joyce's petition and request to the Board of Selectmen to become a member of the CC.
10. Members plan to follow-up to validate the work done (if any) for: a). 245 Pionner Road ; b). 243 Parsons Road c). Elizabeth Lane; d). 335 Washington Road.

Recreation Commission Meeting April 12th:

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

[Click Here](#) to see the Rye Recreation Master Plan

Spring program Registrations: [Click Here](#)

Summer program Registrations: [Click Here](#)

Active, Alive and over 55 Programs: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. There is a vacancy on Rye Recreation, Stacey Brooks and Janet Stevens have asked not to be re-appointed, Joseph Persechino has been appointed for one of the positions.
2. Site walk was completed for the drainage improvements, wooden guard rail and fencing.
3. The US Government donated the Outer Marker building to the town to be used for recreation, so the town needs to do something. [Click Here](#) and go to #5 for a short description. Town Administrator is asking the Recreation to use the property some ow.
4. Seacoast Lacrosse was the only group to attend the field use meeting and complete all of the application requirements.
5. Discussion of allowing the lower baseball field "Ralph Morang Multi-purpose field" to accommodate Rye Junior High School Baseball and possibly Adult Softball.
6. The field maintenance contract went Shawn Crapo's Seaside Landscaping, since the commission was happy with work last year, a Rye owned business, even though the bid was \$250 higher.

Heritage Commission Meeting April 6th.

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

Recorded Video March 2nd: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Commission informed that the Board of Selectmen that the Heritage Commission could contribute funds to paint Town Hall. The Selectmen incurred the costs from the Town Attorney who confirmed funds can be raised to paint Town Hall. Discussions about also replacing the worst clapboards and wood.
2. Farragut Hotel archaeological dig can't move forward until the property owner responds

Mosquito Commission Meeting April 18th:

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

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video of meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. Posters are available [Wanted Not](#) [Bug Them](#)
2. Everything is on track fro the coming season.
3. Greenhead traps are being repaired or replaced.
4. Zika continues to be monitored although very unlikely of an outbreak here.
5. A new resident bug complaint form is being drafted.
6. The ground between Rec Center and Parsons field (regarding proposed new path) is and will be monitored and treated by our new contractor.

Budget Committee: April 19th:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. There will be Emergency Management drills for Seabrook Nuclear Plant in September and November.
2. Police and Fire applied for a grant to suport the "Public Eye" software. Rye receives \$8,100 from Home Land Security for Emergency Management.
3. Town revaluation will be completed before the next tax rate setting in the Fall of 2017

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: April 13th:

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

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. [Energize 360](#) is the consortium from five other seacoast communities to help residents with energy efficiency.

2. Efforts will be underway to apply again for the New England Grass Roots Energy Fund.

Rye Recycling Education Committee April 18th

Video Recording: Not available

Draft town meeting minutes: Not available

Library Board of Trustees April 20th:

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

Draft Library Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video March 20th: [Click Here](#)

1. Kat Pavia has started in the Youth Department
2. Strategic Planning process is continuing

Sewer Commission Meeting April 11th

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Discussion of ice pigging the force main for maintenance, cost is estimated at \$48,000.
2. The Sewer Fund balance was reported as \$564,077 and the Money Market fund had a balance of \$69,934.
3. The inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Hampton needs to be renewed.

Historic District Commission March 7th Meeting

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not Available

There is helpful information included in the sections for commissions and committees that are not actively meeting. Opinions, Public Discussion and additional content are also included below.

Beach Committee:

Facebook Page [Click Here](#)

Selectmen disbanded the Beach Commission (voter supported) and last met in July. See BOS notes as this commission will continue.

Trustees of the Trust Funds January 24th

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Audit report was submitted and reviewed by the Trustees
2. Discussed the Library's Excess Liquidity Investment Guidelines that they helped develop.
3. Reviewed and discussed economic conditions and the most prudent investment strategies.
4. Trustee's voted to move away from a fund that had done well in the past but has been recently trending in the opposite direction.

Parson's Creek Pollution Committee November 15th Final Report:

Organized Additional Information: [Click Here](#)

Information from the Planning Department: [Click Here](#)

Committee Charge from the BOS: [Click Here](#)

RCL Discussion Page: [Click Here](#)

Summer Pollution Testing Results: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes of 9-28 Final Report: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording Sept 6th: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting Notes:

Septic System Presentation: [Click Here](#)

NH Storm Water Management Guide: [Click Here](#)

Committee Final 11/28 Report to Selectmen [Click Here](#)

1. Owners of only 36% of septic systems in the Parsons Creek Watershed have reported last pump out dates, despite 2016 ordinance requiring all to have reported by now.
2. Process to date has discovered 5 or 6 decades old temporary holding tanks
3. Committee recommending a septic system inspection ordinance for the watershed when homes are sold.

Parsonage Apartments Committee Final Report Completed:

Committee Charge from the BOS: [Click Here](#)

Final Report submitted to BOS on October 12th: [Click Here](#)

See RCL memo to the BOS: [Click Here](#)

Opinion piece on Parsonage Apartments and RCD: [Click Here](#)

Additional Information on the report from the RCL: [Click Here](#)

Committee Recommendations:

1. The Town should neither sell the Parsonage nor enter into a long-term lease with The Housing Partnership (THP), or any other entity.
2. The number of units at the Parsonage is not to be increased (on site).
3. The Town should hire Plan NH to conduct a design charrette for the future of the Rye Center.
4. The Town should lease the Parsonage to THP or someone else following the expiration of the lease, for a term not to exceed twenty-years, with a number of conditions attached.
5. The Town should explore potential alternate Town-owned sites for low income/workforce housing.
6. Additional information on the report from the RCL [Click Here](#)

Capital Improvement Plan Presented to BOS November 28th:

Approved CIP presented on 11-28: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video [Click Here](#) Starts at 4:09 on the video

[Click Here](#) for a summary of the projects.

[Click Here](#) for a list of all of the projects

After six months of work with the Town of Rye Departments and Commissions, the Capital Improvement Plan [CIP] Committee has completed the six year [2017-2022] study of capital outlay needs. The CIP Committee recommendations are based upon a scale of priorities.

Priority One is to secure life and property. Priority Two is to maintain the present standard of living. Priority Three is to improve the community consistent with the Rye Master Plan.

The Recommendations made in this CIP are:

1. The CIP Committee agrees school security is the number 1 priority.
 2. The CIP Committee recommends the replacement of the Public Works Dump Truck #108. It is in poor condition.
 3. The Town Hall redesign reflects a revised placeholder of \$2.9MM in 2018.
 4. To fund a new Quint Fire Truck in 2018 the CIP recommends a warrant article to add to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. A new Quint Fire Truck estimated at \$575K.
 5. The CIP Committee recommends the delay of the Conservation Bond \$3MM and the Recreation Community Center Building at \$2.5MM pending the Town Hall design decision.
- The CIP was accepted by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on November 28, 2016.

Current Topics & When and Where can you help Rye?:

When a topic is being discussed at Town meetings, let us know if you would like to be notified, so you could attend so that the town can benefit from your inputs, guidance or support. The RCL will need to develop an automated system so please [e-mail](#) the RCL with topic(s) on which you may wish to be notified.

In order to promote dialog, the Civic News has an "Opinion" section where views can be expressed. Please send us any other suggestions to help you stay educated, informed and engaged..

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:

None

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 discussed:

1. Town Hall and the Board of Selectmen
2. South Road stressing the land

3. Other topics

Other Town Activity**How Good is our Library?**

2016 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: 2016 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

Contact Info

Rye Civic League: civicnews@ryecivicleague.org

Steven Borne - President

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.

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