

Rye Civic News November 2016

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Next RCL

Meeting:
November 29th
RPL 6:30 pm

Meetings

(at Town Hall
unless
indicated)

November 1st:
Mosquito
Commission
5:00 PM

November 1st:
Energy
Committee
RPL 6:30pm

November 1st:
Planning Board
RJH 7:00 PM

November
2nd: Board of
Selectmen
Budget
Workshop 5:00
PM.

November 2nd
Rye Water
District
9:00am RWD
office 60
Sagamore

November
2nd: Zoning
Board of
Adjustment
7:00 PM

November 3rd:
Heritage
Commission
6:30 PM

November 7th:
Recreation
Commission
6:00 PM

November 8th:
General

General Announcements:

- 1. South Rd. 21 Lot Subdivision** Public Hearing November 1st 7:00pm RJH
Nov. 1st meeting is also the Public Hearing for Zoning changes: [Click Here](#)
[Click Here](#) RCL dropbox link of photo's of the documents. You can zoom in to read.
[Click Here](#) for early diagram. Technical Review Video [Click Here](#)
Conservation Commission Site Walk, RCL video: [Click Here](#)
- Budget Committee all day meeting with departments November 10th [Click Here](#)
- 3. Eversource** warning of dry trees [Click Here](#)
- 4. Rye Artist Open houses** November 5th and 6th: [Click Here](#)
- 5. Rye's Battle of the Century Book event:** November 12th 1:00pm RPL [Click Here](#)
- 6. Architect's Report on Rye Recreation Needs Assessment.** [Click Here](#)
- 7. Rye Recreation Senior Program:** 2016-2017 Active, Alive and over 55 [Click Here](#)
- 8. Rye Recreation Fall Programs Registration:** [Click here](#)
- 9. Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
- 10. GIS Mapping** Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
- 11. Discussion of issues facing Rye** [Click Here](#) Rye Challenges [Click Here](#)
- 12. New section on the Cancer cluster and the Coakley landfill below**

November 8th Election Support: Sample Ballot [Click Here](#)

Live Free or Die Alliance election page [Click Here](#)

State House Representatives: D-24 (vote for two)

Candidates' night video: [Click Here](#)
Frances Erlebacher [Website](#)
Mindy Messmer [Website](#)
Kate Murray [Website](#)
Janet Stevens [Website](#)

State Senate District 24:

Candidates' night video: [Click Here](#)
Dan Innis [Website](#)
Tom Sherman [Website](#)

Sheriff:

Michael Hureau [Website](#)

County Treasurer :

David Ahearn [Information](#)
Edward Buck

Reigster of Probate:

Bob Davidson [Video](#)
Donna Styek [AP Story](#)

Representative in Congress

Shawn O'Connor [Website](#) [LFDA](#) [Follow the money](#)
Frank Guinta [Website](#) [LFDA](#) [Follow the money](#)
Robert Lombardo [Website](#) [LFDA](#) [Follow the money](#)
Carol Shea-Porter [Website](#) [LFDA](#) [Follow the money](#)

US Senator

Kelly Ayotte [Website](#) [LFDA](#) [Follow the money](#)
Brian Chabot [Website](#) [LFDA](#) [Follow the money](#)
Aaron Day [Website](#) [LFDA](#) [Follow the money](#)

Executive Council District 3:

Candidates' night video: [Click Here](#)
Russell Prescott [Website](#)
Beth Roth [Website](#)

County Attorney

Patricia Conway: [Website](#)
Norman Petenaube [Website](#)

Register of Deeds

Cathy Stacey [Video](#)
Damon Thomas [Website](#)

County Commissner

S. Robin McLane [Website](#)
Kevin St. James [Website](#)

Election 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
RES
Maggie Hassan [Website](#) [LFDA](#) [Follow the money](#)

NH Governor

Max Abramson [Website](#) [LFDA](#) [Follow the money](#)
November 8th: Chris Sununu [Website](#) [LFDA](#) [Follow the money](#)
Sewer Commission Colin Van Ostern [Website](#) [LFDA](#) [Follow the money](#)

President & Vice President of the US

8:00 AM RBVD
Hillary Clinton/Tim Kaine [Website](#) [Follow the money](#)
Rocky De La Fuente/Michael Steinberg [Website](#) [Follow the money](#)
November 10th: Budget Committee Gary Johnson/Bill Weld [Website](#) [Follow the money](#)
Workshop 8:30 AM Jill Stein/ Ajamu Baraka [Website](#) [Follow the money](#)
Donald Trump/Michael Pence [Website](#) [Follow the money](#)

Board of Selectmen Meeting October 24th:

November 10th School Board Budget meeting 3:00 pm to 9:00 PM RPL
November 14th: Board of Selectmen 6:30 PM
November 15th: JBVD Street Light pre-bid 3:00 PM
November 15th: Parsons Creek Watershed Restoration Committee 6:00 PM
November 17th: Conservation Commission 7:00 PM
November 28th: Board of Selectmen 6:30 PM
Video Recording: [Click Here](#)
Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not available
RCL Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)
1. Several members of the public expressed opposition to the new Jenness Beach Bathhouse proposed by the State, to be approved by the Executive Council on Wednesday, October 26. [More Detail](#)
2. The CIP Plan includes five major projects totaling \$11.725 million. However, the maturing of a School bond and one of the Conservation bonds may allow a \$2.9 million Town Hall to be financed with no tax rate increase. [More Detail](#)
3. A proposal to allow the Conservation Commission to accept \$10,000 in unrestricted funds received from Wallis Road Properties LLC was tabled after it appeared that the funds came from an unauthorized increase in the acquisition price. [More Detail](#)
4. The Town Clerk's budget was tabled for further work after it appeared that returning to three full-time employees will not be approved given proposals to increase the Building Inspector and Public Works staffs in 2017. [More Detail](#)
5. Surprise was expressed at how the number of registered voters in Rye is close to the population. [More Detail](#)
6. The Selectmen decided to have the Town Administrator contact Executive Councilor Chris Sununu to relay continued concerns by Rye residents regarding the massing of the proposed Jenness Beach Bathhouse. [More Detail](#)

Board of Selectmen Meeting October 12th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)
Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)
RCL Meeting notes: [Click Here](#)
1. Selectman Mills is in the hospital and was again unable to attend. The Board of Selectmen will be able to continue functioning with the other two Selectmen, provided that they agree. [More Detail](#)
2. Several resident comments on the proposed Town Hall RFP were made, including proposing that any extension be limited to 20 feet and proposing renovation of the Trolley Barn (a.k.a. Old Police Station) rather than extending Town Hall. [More Detail](#)
3. The Parsonage Committee presented its report, recommending that no sale or long-term lease of the Parsonage Apartments be considered and that a Charette be held relating to Town Center. [More Detail](#)
4. The Town Hall RFP was approved with changes based on input received. Any extension will be limited to 20 feet, if possible. [More Detail](#)

Board of Selectmen All Day Budget Meeting October 20th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)
Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)
1. Dogs on the beach issues were discussed. Assertions that dogs are Service Dogs are becoming more common. Police Chief Walsh will be proposing two warrant articles to deal with dogs on the beach (26:31 elapsed).
2. There has still been no response from the State Department of Transportation Commissioner regarding the Town's request to install parking meters along Ocean Blvd. There may be a decision after the election (39:29 elapsed).
3. The situation with Beach Lifeguards is improving. The Fire Chief asserts that Rye is now getting the cream of the crop and the most people of any jurisdiction in the area (62:59 elapsed).
4. The paving budget will be kept at \$300,000, the same as last year, as Rye has the best

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)

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

paving condition of any community that it was compared to (107:46 elapsed).

5. Septic pumpout monitoring is taking more Building Inspector Dept. time. A large commercial establishment in the Parsons Creek Watershed with a state-of-the art septic system had not been pumped out since the system was installed 12 years ago. When pumped, 3-4 feet of sludge was found in the 6000 gallon tank (167:34 elapsed).

6. A proposed \$16,000 modular extension to Town Hall to accommodate an additional person in the Building Inspection Department will likely not be approved as space is available upstairs at Town Hall (202:56 elapsed).

7. A capital outlay item of \$60,000 is being proposed for scanning of the Building Inspector's files. That is a base figure that does not include scanning of plans, which will likely be even more expensive to scan (296:15 elapsed).

8. Plans for Public Works and the Salt Shed were discussed. The \$2 million to conduct major excavation work to provide room for a Salt Shed and new garage is very likely unacceptable (311:28 elapsed).

9. The Selectmen are evaluating requests to expand the Building Inspector and Public Works departments by one person, or a fraction of a full-time person, each.

Parson's Creek Pollution Committee No October meetings:

Organized Additional Information: [Click Here](#)

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

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

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

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

Septic System Presentation: [Click Here](#)

NH Stormwater Management Guide: [Click Here](#)

1. FBE presented on testing program [Click Here](#) for summer results

Parsonage Apartments Committee Final Report Completed:

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

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

1. Key recommendation is for the Town to engage Plan NH to create a Charette (planning discussion) for meeting multiple town concerns versus addressing each issue in isolation.

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

Cancer Cluster & Governor's Coakley Landfill Taskforce:

Community Facebook page: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video October 13th: [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video October 26th: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting Notes: [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](#)

1. Additional monitoring wells will be drilled generally north between Coakley Landfill and Breakfast Hill and south of Coakley as evidence indicates a plume of chemicals of emerging concern, primarily 1,4 dioxane, PFC, PFOA and PFOS. The plume is likely expanding slightly based on 2013 vs. 2015 testing.

2. The EPA has strongly recommended that a new development planned next to Bethany Church not be supplied by individual wells but by public water so as not to accelerate the plume from Coakley in that direction.

3. Concluding that monitoring should be expanded in the direction where higher levels of PFC are being detected, and beyond the current GMZ (Ground Water Management Zone), NHDES mailed postcards to all properties within approximately one-quarter mile, east. Data on the western part of Rye, south of the current GMZ and seeking data on private ground water wells is being sought for western part of Rye. Approximately 20 responses were received saying these wells were used for drinking. These wells will be tested for VOC, 1,4-dioxane, and PFC's. A follow-up by referring to water bills is being done to determine if any were missed.

4. Committee members urged EPA and DES to consider testing of sediments in Berry Brook and North River (N Hampton) given extensive wetlands feeding them which are directly adjacent to Coakley, and given that the landfill operated un-capped for over a decade

5. A US Geological Survey presentation to the subcommittee by the locally resident

**Jenness
Beach Budget:**
[Click Here](#)

**School
Budget:**
Here is a link to
the Proposed
2016-2017 School
Budget.
[Click Here](#)

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

**Rye Library
Strategic
Plan:**
[Click Here](#)
How good is
our Library
[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](#)

scientist, Thomas Mack who led an extensive study and modeling of the Seacoast's water resources, published 2009.

6. The bedrock in Rye, Greenland, and Stratham is highly fractured, among the most fractured in NH with very high water production. Major fractures (highly productive water production areas) run in the vicinity Breakfast Hill and Coakley and are thought to generally align north south with Berry Brook and east west with Bailey Brook, in the area of Rye Water District wells and Aquarion Central Road well. Breakfast Hill is at the high point of the bedrock aquifer with water running in all directions

Rye Districts Information:

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

Jenness Beach Bathhouse

[Click Here](#) for the video of October 26th Executive Council meeting that approved the project 3-2

[Click Here](#) for updated State Information page and links to more information

[Click Here](#) for Seacoast Herald article on lawsuit from Dunes Motel

Rye Water District September:

Draft Water District Meeting Minutes: Not Available yet

RCL Video: [Click Here](#)

Documents from David Borden on connecting water supplies

January 2006 Study: [Click Here](#) DES response: [Click Here](#)

School Board October 19th Meeting:

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

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

RCL Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting Notes with time stamps: [Click Here](#)

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

[Click Here](#) to see RCL 2016-17 Budget overview

1. School Board Chairman Scott Marion asserted a right to embargo posting of completed minutes pending School Board review notwithstanding RSA requiring release to the public within five business days after a meeting (1:00 elapsed).

2. Bids on RJH boiler are due by October 25. The front part of the building should be warm by Christmas (9:50 elapsed).

3. Everyone is working hard on budgets. Lengthy School Board meeting on budget will be 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. November 10 at the Library and will be video streamed (36:00 elapsed).

4. RJH teachers are asking for a meeting with the School Board (81:00 elapsed).

5. School Board member Margaret Honda refers to meetings that she has had and the need for more and better communications. There has been a loss of trust among the teaching staff who perceive change as being driven from the top down, she said (118:00 elapsed).

Planning Board meeting: October 11th:

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

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

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Public Hearings

a. 175 Harbor Rd. - amend site plan - portion of pier access all in favor of conditional approval

b. 421 South Rd. - major subdivision continued to November meeting

2. Public Meetings

a. 655 Wallis Rd. - request exception for formal review for addition to existing building

b. 112 Perkins Rd. - merge two lots into 1 - all in favor

c. Proposed zoning amendment - assessorly dwelling units need discussion with town attorney

d. Proposed zoning amendment - expiration of variances & special exceptions will schedule public hearing

e. Proposed zoning amendment - building height some items on roofs exceed height ordinance; town attorney will review

f. Proposed building code amendment - appeals to building code appeals language added to clarify proposal

3. Subcommittees

- a. Rules and Regulations - strengthen aquifer protection district and improve corner lot frontage and depth
 - b. Technical Review - South Rd subdivision - needs hydro-geological study
 - c. Wetlands - have two more meetings to prepare proposed changes to zoning ordinance
4. **Communication** - PI Bd has taken site walk of Sea Glass lane; violations by property owners of adjacent conservation land noted; it is Conservation Com. responsibility to monitor this land

LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan)

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

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

1. May and June Public Comments [Click Here](#)
2. At the September Planning Board meeting, Julie Labranche from the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC), presented the last updated version of the "Coastal Hazards and Climate Adaptation" draft chapter. The draft chapter is 20 pages long, which includes 6 pages of "Recommendations" organized under 7 primary Goals. Draft Chapter [Click Here](#).
September Meeting minutes [Click Here](#)
3. The extreme drought affecting our region and our water supplies, a climate change related impact and a reality, is not addressed/developed/illustrated but for recommendations to "sustain drinking water supplies, sources, and infrastructure."
4. The emphasis on protecting water supply and quality in the draft chapter is primarily associated with the threat of rising groundwater levels. In addition, there is no mention of the work, concerns, and recommendations made by a subcommittee of a Governor's Task Force to study environmental concerns regarding the Coakley Landfill in regards to our water supply and quality.
5. The timeline to update the 3 chapters, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Transportation, has been extended.
6. The Long Range Planning Committee has not met since August 17th. The membership of the committee is made of a few members of the Planning Board with Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kim Reed, as the acting Chair, and Julie Labranche from the RPC drafting the chapter.

Rules and Regulations Committee and Zoning Amendments Oct 11th:

Recording: [Click Here](#)

Please attend the November 1st Planning Board meeting as this will be the Public Hearing for these Zoning Changes. [Click Here](#)

Wetlands Subcommittee meetings October 12th & 19th:

Draft Meeting Minutes include the charge from the Rules & Regulations/Planning Board:

[Click Here](#)

State of NH Storm-water Management guide: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video October 12th: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video October 19th: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes of past meetings: [Click Here](#)

1. The size of wetlands subject to the ordinance and associated buffers are recommended not to change in 2017 from current
2. Include links to Town GIS system and NH Wetland Mapper here in an appendix as a general and approximate guide to where wetlands are located in Rye.
3. In the 301.4 Purpose introduce
 - a. Use of new defined terms with associated resources to reduce the impact of storm water via Best Management Practices Storm Water and Low Impact Development techniques.
 - b. Also include minimize spread of invasive species, restrict construction in wetlands to the maximum extent practicable, and enhance water supplies
4. Allow removal of dead, dying, diseased trees in wetlands using a new defined term Best Management Practices Forestry and associated resource also adding Best Management Practices to Agriculture and Aquaculture in wetlands.
5. Added that Special Exceptions can only be granted if a Certified Wetlands Scientist has determined that, to the maximum extent practicable, the least detrimental impact to the wetlands is shown.
6. Septics in buffers may be replaced with DES approval but every effort must be made to reduce violation distances and impact.

Planning Board November 1st Agenda: at RJH

Meeting Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. Public Hearings
 - a. Major Subdivision 421 South Rd See links above in general announcements
 - b. 23 Locke Rd lot line adjustment
 - c. 0 Big Rock Lane merger of two lots
2. Public Hearing of Proposed Zoning Amendments
 - a. 2017-2 Expanding the duration period for variances and special exceptions [Click Here](#)
 - b. 2017-1 Increases the variances allowed to the building codes [Click Here](#)
3. 120 Wentworth to add 4 units for accessible apartments Conceptual Consultation

Zoning Board of Adjustment: October 5th:

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

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

1. 245 Pioneer Rd. - Administrative Appeal for violation - continued to November meeting
2. 250 Locke Rd. - new building where non-conforming building existed, setback issues; approved 5-0
3. 1647 Ocean Blvd. - demo non-conforming structure and build new one on site; tidal buffer issues; approved 5-0
4. 161 Harbor Rd. - demo structure and build new one; continued to November meeting
5. 12 Robin Rd. - build new shed; set back issues approved 5-0
6. 1112 Ocean Blvd. - concrete patio - application withdrawn
7. 24 Big Rock Rd. - expand a non-conforming structure coverage and setback issues; approved 5-0
8. (PB notes mistakenly record it as item 9) 963 Ocean Blvd. - expand non-conforming building; setback issues; approved 5-0
9. (10) 13 Ocean View - demo non-conforming bldg and build new one septic and set back issues approved 4-1
(support and opposition letters follow meeting minutes on [town web site](#))

Zoning Board of Adjustment: November 2nd Agenda:

[Click Here](#) for agenda

1. 245 Pioneer Rd - administrative appeal for a zoning violation
2. 161 Harbor Rd. - demo existing non-conforming structure and build a new one
3. 13 Ocean View - demo existing non-conforming structure and build a new one
4. 146 Harbor Rd. - install generator near wetlands
5. 306 Pioneer Rd. - demo existing structure and build a new one near wetlands
6. 259 Grove Rd. - administrative appeal to building inspector for zoning violation
7. 0 Big Rock Rd (hearing closed to public) rehearing and reconsideration - lot un-merger

Conservation Commission (CC) October 20th Meeting:

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](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not posted yet

1. 146 Harbor Road, request to install a generator 51 feet from the wetlands. Site walk scheduled.
2. 245 Pioneer Road, ongoing related issues regarding violations in the wetlands buffer. Site walk scheduled to determine the extent of the tree cuttings, as per request of DES, and a plan for remediation.
3. Petey's restaurant, ZBA granted variances to rebuild a shed and to install a generator. As both structures are in the floodplain, wetlands permits are required and being filed.
4. 161 Harbor Road, variances relief to rebuild a house located entirely in the 100 feet buffer zone. Site walk scheduled.
5. Trail Subcommittee members came before the CC to discuss their roles and responsibilities. Funding will be allocated to resume transcription of meeting minutes; as a result the subcommittee will be able to continue its work in assisting the CC in regards to the Town Forest.
6. Discussion about widespread violations in the wetlands buffer by recently approved developments - Sea Mist; Sea Glass; Cedar Run - and the need to educate, implement procedures, and install signs to assist building inspector, Peter Rowell enforcing regulations and to better protect wetlands.

Recreation Commission October 3rd Meeting:

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not Available

Fall program Registrations: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Budget discussed, there is a need for storage but this was not included as that need is in the Recreation Facilities Needs Committee
2. Recreation Facilities Needs Committee report discussed
 - a. 10,000 sq. ft is needed
 - b. Includes office, heated storage and utilizing school and Rye Congregational Church space
3. No Hunting Signs discussed and will be posted
4. Discussion of smaller fields and nets for Recreation Soccer, the Girls Basketball program on Saturday and moving to three on three basketball format

Recreation Space Needs Committee September 19th

Updated Charge: [Click Here](#) to review

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Not posted yet

1. Committee agrees that there is an immediate need for heated storage for Rec.
2. The Committee is looking at a 10,000 to 15,000 sq. ft. facility in the future. The square footage of the current sub-standard buildings is detailed to show that 10,000 sq. ft. is not that many.
3. Two residents oppose the plans for the 10,000 sq. ft. and note declining school enrollments, unused space, the need for a Town-wide (including School District) Facilities Master Plan and the "horrible attitude" of the School District on facilities use.

Heritage Commission Meeting October 6th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Faragut archaeological dig schedule is being adjusted so the lead archeologist can be present.
2. Discussed funding to have the Old South Schoolhouse bell moved to the Town Hall Cupola
3. Heritage Commission is in favor of renovating Town Hall, not tearing it down; that the Historic District Commission should be involved in the process to support the maintenance and fabric of the exterior of the building; that Commission should continue to urge the citizens of Rye that the building is not only part of Rye's heritage, but part of Rye's future as iconic part of Rye's fabric; and that any addition to the building should not be greater than 20ft in length so that the proportions of the building will not be adversely affected.

Mosquito Commission Meeting September 20th

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

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not available yet

Video of meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. Posters are available [Wanted Not](#) [Bug Them](#)
2. The State had its first West Nile Virus positive mosquito pool in Nashua, but no positives in Rye. For the remainder of the season we will be testing all mosquitoes that are potential disease vectors, regardless of pool size.

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: October 4th:

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

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

1. Solar Project research to be presented to BOS
2. Reviewing electric bills from largest town properties was discussed. This information is still not flowing easily to the Energy Committee
3. Group still working on helping Adams Park make energy improvements
4. Committee can have seven members, so if anyone is interested there are open positions
5. There will be Solar Program meeting in February

Rye Recycling Education Committee October 11thTown Meeting minutes: from August 9th: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: Not available

Historic District Commission October 19th MeetingLearn more about the Historic District: [Click Here](#)Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)Draft Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 541 Washington Rd building updates discussed
2. 520 Washington Rd replacements of windows
3. Update on the Parsonage Apartments. The key suggestion is to work with Plan NH to hold a charette
4. The Housing Partnership should be raising money to make renovations to upgrade the apartments [Click Here](#) for report submitted to BOS

Capital Improvement Plan October 13th Meeting:View Draft CIP presented on 10-24: [Click Here](#)Recorded Video [Click Here](#)[Click Here](#) for a summary of the projects.[Click Here](#) for a list of all of the projects

There are five very large projects:

The Rye Town Hall for a suggested \$2.9 million,
 \$3 million requested by the Conservation Commission,
 The Recreation Community Building, \$5.525 million (sic),
 The Fire Department quint and pumper for \$1.075 million combined
 Three Rye Water District projects totaling \$2.225 million.
 The total is \$11.725 million in proposed expenditures.

Library Board of Trustees October 13th & 20thTrustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)Draft Library Meeting minutes October 13th: [Click Here](#)Recorded Video October 13th: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video October 20th: Not available

Draft Library Meeting minutes October 20th: [Click Here](#)

1. Discussion of donation from Bill Veazey,
2. September saw large number of new member sign ups due to Primary table and school teachers
3. Lockdown policy was reviewed
4. The rotting fence needs to be replaced and Historic District needs to approve

Sewer Commission Meeting June 14th July mtg canceledDraft Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

No Video Recording as meetings are at the Rye Beach Post Office building.

1. Sewer connection for 17 Foss Circle was reviewed and approved.

Beach Committee:Facebook Page [Click Here](#)Last Video Recording: [Click Here](#)2015 Beach Report was presented to the BOS. [Click Here](#) for the reportBeach Parking Report: [Click Here](#)

Selectmen disbanded the Beach Commission (voter supported) and last met in July. While the Beach Commission was appointed and was in a position manage the beaches, this "committee" does not have authority and hence, the beaches are managed directly by the Selectmen.

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 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..

Past topics:

- a) Cancer Cluster: [Click Here](#) for more information
- b) Parson's Creek Pollution: Will a Selectmen's Committee fix this problem? [Click Here](#)
- c) Other Discussion topics: [Click Here](#)

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. Planning Administrator not making information easily available
2. Jenness Beach Bathhouse Executive Council meeting
3. Parson's Creek pollution and actions - discussion of the holding tanks
4. South Road major development November 1st Planning Board meeting
5. Possible warrant articles and who will be running for Board of Selectmen

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

2015 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.

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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

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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.

Rye Civic League, PO Box 971, Rye, NH 03870

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