

Rye Civic News November 2017

from the Rye Civic League (www.ryecivicleague.org)

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[RCL Facebook Page](#)

Next RCL
Meeting:
November 8th
RPL 6:00 pm

November 8th: Water in Rye Presentation & RCL Annual Meeting

1. November 8th Rye Public Library
6:00pm Annual Rye Civic League Meeting
6:30pm Water in Rye (where it comes from and what is happening)
Child Care in the RPL Children's room until 8pm

Meetings
(at Town Hall
unless
indicated)

November Highlights:

Nov. 1st:
Zoning Board
of Adjustment
7:00pm

1. Only 0.15% of residents attended the Master Plan public hearing. Fortunately, they provided many pages of corrections, comments and suggestions. [Click Here](#) for more information

Nov. 1st: RWD
9:00am 60
Sagamore Rd

2. School Use Feasibility Public Hearing [Click Here](#) and see below

3. BOS moving forward to purchase TD Bank building for town office space. Do you think there is space in the Public Safety Building? [Click Here](#) Update on the free design of a new building [Click Here](#)

Nov. 2nd:
Rules and
Regs. 4pm

4. The BOS is considering a combined 2018 bond article for the \$700,000 Salt Shed, paving of Shoals View Drive, and the second Red Mill Ln. culvert

5. New tax bills should be sent out in the next few weeks. You will see your new assessed home values.

Nov. 2nd:
Heritage
Commission
6:30pm.

6. Sanders Poynt finally restored, see Herald Article [Click Here](#). Planning Department did not mention this beach and access in the Master Plan until residents intervened.

7. Cancer Cluster (yes, there is one) Final report presented to BOS by Dr. Tom Sherman. [Click Here](#) for final report

8. Nature Conservatory joins the towns defense of the developer's suit against the town for 421 South Rd development.

Nov. 6th
Wetlands
Subcommittee
10:00am.

9. Draft Capital Improvement Plan public hearing will now be at the November 13th BOS meeting [Click Here](#) to see CIP.

10. RPL Strategic Planning Committee is in favor of the space expansion recommendation

Nov. 7th:
Energy
Committee
6:30pm RPL

General Announcements:

1. Trick or Treat is Monday October 30th 5pm to 7pm

2. Local Artist Open Studio November 4th and 5th [Click Here](#)

3. Rye Rec. After School Program part-time position [Click Here](#) Application [Click Here](#)

4. Open Appointed and Alternate Positions: [Click Here](#)

5. RCL **New** 2017 Citizen's Handbooks are available [Click Here](#)

6. **New** poster warning about Ticks from RMCC [Click Here](#)

7. **Rye Recreation Senior Program:** 2017-2018 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)

8. **Rye Recreation Fall Programs Registration** [Click here](#)

9. **Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#) (note, not expected to be updated with new assessment data for another week or so).

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

11. **Budget Meetings**

Work sessions: Dec. 6th School Budget, Dec. 7th Town Budget 6:30pm

Public Hearings: Jan 10th School Budget, Jan 11th Town Budget 6:30pm

12. **2018 Seacoast Lacrosse Registrations** and evaluation [Click Here](#) (yes, its early but the program continues to grow and so many teams need coaches and coordination)

Nov. 8th: RCL
Water in Rye
6:30pm RPL

Nov. 9th:
School
Feasibility
Committee
8:00am

Board of Selectmen All-Day Budget Meeting October 26th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available

Nov. 13th:
Recreation
Commission
6:00pm.

1. The departments initially presented a General Fund budget that was up 6.56%. Despite a double digit decrease in health insurance costs, proposed capital expenditures that would have been up nearly \$700,000 over 2017 were driving the increase.

2. It now appears that three major projects (Salt Shed, Shoals View Dr. paving and the second Red Mill Ln. culvert) will be removed from the operating budget and combined into a single bond warrant article to be voted up or down in 2018.

3. That would result in an approximately flat operating budget as currently proposed.

Nov. 13th:
Board of

Selectmen
6:30pm.

4. Approval of the Public Works, Conservation and Town Clerk/Tax Collector budgets have been deferred

Nov. 14th;
Sewer
Commission
8:00am RBVD

Board of Selectmen Meeting October 23rd:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)
Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available
RCL Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

Nov. 14th:
Planning
Board 7:00pm

1. A warrant article will be drafted to expand the Veterans Tax Credit to all veterans, not just those serving in wartime. [More Detail](#)
2. [The report](#) of the Cancer Cluster Task Force was presented by Dr. Tom Sherman. Selectman Musselman, citing his professional experience, contested the report's conclusion that there is water flow away from Breakfast Hill in all directions, arguing that the flow is westward, away from Rye. [More Detail](#)

Nov. 15th:
School Board
5pm RJH

3. The Selectmen waived the "a through q" data compilation requirement related to the donation of a 1.15 acre parcel of wetlands to the town, through the Conservation Commission. [More Detail](#)

Nov. 16th:
Conservation
Commission
7:00pm.

4. The speed limit on Dow Ln. may be reduced to 25 m.p.h. to address traffic safety issues. [More Detail](#)

Novel 21st:
Mosquito
Commision.

Board of Selectmen Meeting October 11th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)
Draft Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)
RCL Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

Nov. 27th:
Board of
Selectmen
6;30pm

1. Selectman Musselman proposed the creation of paid non-resident parking areas on side streets near the beach. Residents with stickers could also use those areas. Reception from the other Selectmen was lukewarm. [More Detail](#)
2. The Shoals View Drive paving bid came in at over twice the \$125,000 that voters appropriated. All bids will be rejected and an engineer hired to try to value engineer the project. [More Detail](#)
3. Plastic traffic separators and probably a permanent digital sign will be installed on Dow Ln. to address safety issues there. [More Detail](#)
4. The September PFC testing results from CMA Engineers for the Grove Rd. Landfill were reported by Selectman Musselman of CMA, acting as the Town's Engineer, not as a Selectman. [More Detail](#)

Town
Reference
Documents
on the
Town Web
Site:

School Board October 18th Meeting:

Learn more about the Rye Schools: [Click Here](#)
2017-2018 School Calendar: [Click Here](#)
Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)
Superintendent's Bulletin: October [Click Here](#)
Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available
School Board Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
1. Electrical Work is beginning at both RJH & RES
2. Increased ESOL position from 80% to 90%
3. Discussed Special Education protocols & website will reflect updated information
4. Positive happenings and events at both schools was shared from both Mrs. Lull and Mrs. Soucy
5. 2018-2019 Budget discussion about setting a 0% or 2% target. Resident asked if the target should be meeting the School Board's educational expectations not a % increase.
6. November 15th, regular School Board Meeting 5:00-8:00 PM
7. November 16th, Budget Retreat@ Rye Public Library 8:00 AM

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

School Building Feasibility October 25th Public Hearing:

Recorded Video; [Click Here](#)
Draft School Building Meeting Minutes: not available
Public Hearing Presentation: [Click Here](#)
Note to parents: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Public Hearing was very well attended, presentation was very professional.
2. Conclusions from the Committee:
a) Consider new methodology for more accurate K enrollment predictions
b) Options not viable given current conditions
> K-6 at RES; 7/8 and Town Hall at RJH
> K-8 at RES; RJH transferred to town
> Tuition into Portsmouth Middle School
c) Options to further consider

Rye Rec
Master Plan
(Click Here)

Town Forest
Managment
Plan

[\(Click Here\)](#)

- > PreK through 4 at RES; Grades 5 thru 8 at RJH
- > Collaboration with Greenland
- > Maintain current configuration with marketing & retention plan
- > Tuition students into Rye Schools

2015 Beach Report [Click Here](#)

3. No decisions will be made, rather a report given to the Town and School Board for further consideration.

GIS Parcel Data: [Click Here](#)

School Building Feasibility October 12th Meeting:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

Draft Addendum (options pro's and cons): [Click Here](#)

Transfer Station and Recycling Flyer: [Click Here](#).

1. The Committee finished evaluating pros and cons of final three school configuration options: (1) tuitioning students into Rye (2) tuitioning Rye students to PHS (3) maintain established school building use with marketing and retention effort).
2. Town of Greenland is facing over capacity issues, but no formal communications have occurred between the two towns on a possible tuitioning agreement.
3. School Principals Marie Soucy and Suzanne Lull provided input on various scenarios.
4. Although all scenarios will be presented at the public meeting on 10/25, several committee members believe that moving some town hall functions to RJH is not a viable option.
5. The Committee has two scheduled meetings remaining (a public meeting on 10/25 and their final meeting in November) to complete their work and make recommendations for next steps to the School Board.

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

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

Rye Districts Information:

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

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

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

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

Jeness Beach Bathhouse: State Information [Click Here](#)

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

Rye Water District October 4th:

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.

Rye Beach Budget:
[Click Here](#).
RBVD
Treasurer's Report.
[Click Here](#)

1. Older truck sold by bid for \$5,000
2. Wright-Pierce study was reviewed and RWD is moving forward with Task 1 "Preliminary Analysis and Site Selection" for adding a well.
3. Two leaks were detected: one on Ocean Blvd on the corner by Cole Noyes Ave. Another survey will be completed in 2018
4. RWD says reports there are no Private Wells near the Public Safety Building as NH DES is asking due to PFCs from fire suppressants.
5. RCL Summary of carcinogens. [Click Here](#)

Jenness Beach Budget:
[Click Here](#)

Clean Water Issues:

Note: November 8th RCL Water in Rye presentation 6:30pm RPL

RCL (supported by State Rep. Messimer) has an up to date summary of what we know about PFC's in our area: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Testing shows PFCs are present in RWD and Aquarion Water.
2. PFCs potentially from landfill seeps from the Coakley, Breakfast Hill and Grove Rd. landfills have been detected at high levels in monitoring wells.
3. Storm run-off into Berry's Brook near the Coakley Landfill and from nearby neighborhoods are impacting homes with private wells.
4. Cancer Cluster Final Report September 2017 [Click Here](#)
4. August 23rd Governor's Task Force Coakley Landfill Subcommittee Presentation (full overview) [click here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

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

Additional Information:

NHDHHS Confirms CDC-defined Pediatric Cancer Cluster [Click Here](#)

Community Facebook page for the Cancer Cluster: [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](#)

NHDHHS confirms uptick in pediatric brain cancers in cluster: [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

Planning Board Lawsuit: 421 South Rd Developer Lawsuit

More detailed summary and court documents: [Click Here](#)

1. "View" (site walk) will be December 1st. Only the attorney's will speak
2. Nature Conservancy has joined the town to defend the decision. They are an abutter to the adjacent conservation land.
3. Hearing has been scheduled for January 3rd.
4. Structuring Conference occurred on October 12th. [Click Here](#) for a summary.

Planning Board meeting: October 10th:

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Proposed Zoning [Amendment 2018-2](#) - Public hearing Performance standards for Accessory Dwelling Units. Voted to go on the warrant
2. 60 Wentworth Rd. - WBTSCC replace 50' golf nets and poles with nine 90' ones application declared complete - all in favor
3. 432 Wallis Rd. - accessory dwelling unit application declared complete - all in favor
4. 424 Sagamore Rd. - accessory dwelling unit application declared complete - all in favor
5. 780 Ocean Blvd. - solar array on deck application declared complete/ accept application - all in favor
6. Public Hearing - WBTSCC - 60 Wentworth Rd. - replace 50' golf nets with 90' ones much discussion including many residents. Voted to approve with seven conditions favoring residents. Vote: 6 -1 in favor
7. 780-792 Ocean Blvd condos. Conceptual consultation on enabling flood proofing of eight structures

LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan) (has not met in over a year)

October 12th Planning Board Public Hearing

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: not available

1. What has happened since 2014: [Click Here](#) Additional 2016 information [Click Here](#)
2. Master Plan update discussions: [Click Here](#) (has links to draft sections)
3. 8 residents attended the meeting, that is 0.15% of the 2010 Rye population
4. Chapter 3 was reviewed and the focus will be on updating the Master Plan with at least chapter 3.
5. Julie Lebranche (Senior Planner Rockingham Planning Commission), the contractor for the Master Plan, informed the Planning Board that there are better ways to structure a Master Plan than our current format and the most glaring omissions are an Implementation Plan and Visioning. Note, she no longer has an active contract but continues to support the update.

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

Rules & Regulations Committee No October Meetings

Proposed Zoning Amendments:

2018-01 Mobile Home and Trailers mistake [Click Here](#)

2018-02 Accessory Dwelling Units [Click Here](#)

2018001 Building Code Wetland Buffer mistake [Click Here](#)

Wetlands & Surface Water Committee: October 11th and 25th Meeting:

Recorded Video: October 11th: [Click Here](#) Oct 25th: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: October 11th [Click Here](#) Oct. 25th: Not available

1. The committee is examining per the building inspector's request how to potentially incorporate elements of the NH Shoreland Water Protection Act SWPA (2008) and specifically how its Section 483-B:9 Minimum Shoreland Protection Standards [Click here](#) might be incorporated into the Rye Zoning Ordinance's (RZO) Section 301.8 Wetland Buffers (RZO page 20 [Click here](#))
2. There is currently no mention of SWPA or its standards, some differing from the RZO, in the RZO and thus no ability for the town to apply or enforce the standards beyond what the state may apply at the original permitting or during state enforcement.
3. Rye relies on its own ordinance, which differs for the areas subject to SWPA, thus causing confusion and extra work for landowners and staff as well as providing Rye more limited site planning authority and less enforcement ability.

4. A major focus of any potential changes to the RZO will be on the trimming/removal of trees and brush etc. in buffers as the SWPA standards are more fully developed with less possibility of confusion as to what can be done or not done and how in buffers, while technically more complex.

5. A second area of effort is discussion per building inspector's request of RZO changes to improve the permanent marking of wetland buffers and wetlands properties early in the process when properties are re developed as wetland scientist delineation occurs, to reduce confusion and improve compliance with the protection of these areas and allow easier visibility to any potential violations.

Link to the SWPA RSA Chapter 483-B: [Click Here](#)

Shorelands Jurisdiction for the SWPA [Click Here](#)

SWPA Shorelands Standards Summary [Click Here](#)

Planning Board November 14th Agenda:

Agenda for meeting: Not posted yet

Zoning Board of Adjustment: October 4th:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. An application for variances for the construction of a swimming pool slightly into the marsh setback on Libbey Road was approved unanimously with conditions.

2. An application for variances for a fence intruding into the one foot fence setback and crossing the property line on Old Beach Road was denied unanimously.

3. An application for variances to replace and slightly expand a garage in the wetland buffer and front yard setback was approved unanimously.

4. An application on Perkins Rd. for variances for a three season room intruding into the front and back yard setbacks and slightly exceeding the coverage limit was approved unanimously.

5. A request from the Board of Selectmen to modify the Zoning Board's Rules of Procedure regarding communication with applicants or potential applicants to the Zoning Board was declined.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: November 1st Agenda:

[Click Here](#) for agenda

1. 48 Straw's Point: Expand a non-conforming building, building coverage of 25% (15% is allowed) and lot coverage of 38.9% where 15% is allowed

2. 40 Baker Ave: Shed set backs

3. 0 Brackett Rd.: Shed set back and variance for effluent disposal

4. 30 F Street: expanding a non-conforming building (42.6% where 15% is allowed), currently 41.2%

5. 299 Wallis Rd: expansion of a non-conforming building

Conservation Commission (CC) October 19th:

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 posted

1. October 3rd Site walk: Commission evaluated large white pine trees located on conservation land that resident of 60 Park Ridge Ave (Map 19.4, Lot 17) would like removed due to safety concerns.

2. Conservation Committee voted unanimously to accept a gift to the town of Rye of a 1.15 acre of unbuildable land to the town of Rye (0 Ocean Blvd, Map 8.4, Lot 158) valued at \$24,200.

3. Application for wetlands variance requests (3) to support proposed new home at 0 Brackett Rd (Map 17, lot 34-2). Site walk has been scheduled.

4. Application for new paver driveway to replace existing gravel driveway at 1237 Ocean Blvd (Map 17.3, Lot 5). Site walk has been scheduled.

5. Resident Brian Murphy presented the committee with some suggestions on improving accessibility and signage in the town forest between RJH and Rye Recreation fields. Site walk has been scheduled.

Recreation Commission Meeting October 16th:

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](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Stephen King is now a member for the Committee. Other residents offering to serve were sent thank you letters.
2. School Use Feasibility process highlighted the desire to have dedicated Recreation space for K-5 and interest in After School programs for middle school children.
3. Budget to include funds for new rest rooms
4. Help is needed to install the soccer nets and stripping the field. Public Works will not assist.
5. Public Works plows Recreation Road, but a budget or support for shoveling of the walkways is needed so the buildings can be accessed.
6. The Beach Committee has pointed out that other communities have the Recreation Department manage the beaches, similar to maintaining other recreation locations.

Heritage Commission Meetings October 5th.

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: Not available

1. At the meeting it drafted a warrant article to put forward for \$100,000.00 to repair and paint the exterior of Town Hall. It was voted unanimously but the Selectmen's Representative, Craig Musselman, was not present for the vote.

Mosquito Commission Meeting October 17th:

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

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not posted

Video of meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. Posters are available [Ticked Off](#) [Wanted Not](#) [Bug Them](#)
2. New greenhead traps will ready for next season.
3. We're costing out spraying for public footpaths and woodland trails.
4. Re new posters, if anyone would like to put up a poster for the next 2 weeks, that would be good.
5. Positive batch of West Nile Virus mosquitoes was found in Rye the prior week, raising our threat level to LOW, the same as surrounding towns.
6. See **NEW** Tick Poster [Click Here](#)

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: October 3rd:

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

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

1. State rebates/refunds for Solar have ended for the fiscal year, there is still the 30% Federal tax credit for now.
2. Energize 360 communications are done. Questioning how many geothermal, solar panels, solar hot water installations there are in Rye.
3. Offshore Wind Resolution is working towards having towns pass resolutions in favor of additional wind power.
4. RJH student Haley Brown is working with Revision Energy which will donate solar panels to power RJH's Chrome Book recharging stations.
5. REC is looking to develop a low and high range for energy usage of a baseline home in Rye (2,500 sq. ft).
6. New members are needed. Longtime member Susan Anderson is stepping down.

Rye Recycling Education Committee August 15th

Video Recording: Not available

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

Openings for three new members.

Library Board of Trustees October 16th:

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

Library 2016 Usage Statistics; [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Walkway repairs are in progress.
2. October 24th Trustee and Strategic Planning Committee [Click Here](#)
 - a) Need for an expansion was discussed in detail
 - b) After the discussion the Strategic Planning Committee is in favor of the library expansion
 - c) Conclusions will be presented to the "Friends of RPL"

Sewer Commission Meeting October 10th

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

1. Large differences in the 2nd quarter flow was attributed to the 2016 drought.
2. Hampton Sewer Treatment plant is in dire need of repairs and Rye is responsible for 4% of the Hampton capital investments. See Portsmouth Herald story [Click Here](#)
3. The Hampton agreement is due for the 5 year renewal in 2018. The Hampton draft warrant article was reviewed
4. Actions are still required before the Commission can take ownership of the sewer line that was extended for 13 Foss Circle.
5. 0 Airfield Drive development sewer connection would require a town warrant article before Portsmouth and the builder could proceed.
6. 5 Old Beach Rd is inquiring about a sewer expansion to this property
7. 880 Central Rd. is seeking to install a fence in the sewer easement.

Budget Committee October 24th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. The third quarter town, and full-year 2016-2017 school expenditures were reviewed against their budgets. Both entities are/were well within their budgets overall, although there were budget overruns in selected areas that were offset by underspending in other areas.
2. The schedule for the upcoming budget meeting was reviewed. [Click here](#) to see a copy
3. A \$700,000 capital investment in a new salt shed is being planned for 2018. This will require a bond.
4. The Chairman will request that the town provide all Budget Committee members with access to a legal opinion of the Town Attorney that she has seen. The opinion relates to whether a person who is not a Village District Commissioner may serve as a District's alternate representative to the Budget Committee. The issue is how the word "member" in the applicable statute, RSA 32:15, is to be construed.

Capital Improvement Plan October 23rd Public Hearing:

Current Draft of the CIP Plan [Click Here](#)

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

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

Beach Committee August 28th and September 28th:

Facebook Page [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes Aug. 28th: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: Not available

No updates available prior to publishing.

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:

1. Camden Green Lawn Program: [Click Here](#)

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.

Historic District Commission June 8th Meeting

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not Available

1. Hearing on barn renovation at 2 Lang Road. Approved.

Trustees of the Trust Funds August 22nd

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Discussions of the current economic state and risks.
2. Reviewed and discussed the current allocations and cash positions
3. Decided to reduce JNJ position based on possible negative impact of recent lawsuit
4. Next meeting will review ultra-short bond funds to support strategic liquidity

Parson's Creek Pollution Committee November 15th 2016 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](#)

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 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. Cancer Cluster Report
3. Discussion of the School Use Feasibility hearing

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: 2017 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

While the Civic News is free (distributed to over 1,000 people), the Civic League does have annual costs that are covered by members (people who contribute \$12 or more each year).

Our annual costs are: Note only about 10% of the people who open the Civic News are members.

- Website hosting and URL registrations
- Civic News E-mail distribution software (Constant Contact)
- NH Attorney General's fees for being a 501-C and NH Secretary of State filing fees
- Printing and other expenses
- Post Office Box

Members receive:

- Invitation to annual meeting in the Fall where members may discuss anything about the organization including the Civic News. Voting for directors, policy, etc... (NOTE, moved to the early Fall).
- Invitation with agenda to each end of the month RCL meeting at the library where RCL business is discussed followed by an open public forum (no longer an RCL meeting). Meetings are the last Wednesday of the month.
- The knowledge that you are participating in raising citizen awareness of, and promoting participation in Rye's important civic affairs.

Become a member or renew!!!!

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

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

Membership and donations can be made by credit card via our Paypal link at www.ryecivicleague.org or by mail to Rye Civic League P.O. Box 971 Rye, NH 03870.

Get Involved:

The Rye Civic League is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and such organizations are only as good as their membership base whether that is through paid dues, gifts in kind and active participation. What RCL really needs at this time, in addition to regular \$12 dues, is more active members who can assist with RCL tasks relating to the writing of the Civic News and other activities.

- Summarize a town meeting for the Civic News
- Editing the Civic News content
- Helping with Candidates Night and other civic events
- Social Media savvy person
- Website and help to fulfill our "digital transformation" vision. We envisioned a more dynamic capture of meeting summaries, a much better website and more dynamic communication.

We would be happy to discuss these opportunities with you at you if you so desire.

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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