

Rye Civic News February 2018

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

"Informing citizens, enhancing direct democracy and supporting the will of the voters"

Please share with your Rye friends & neighbors [NEW Citizens' Handbook \(click here\)](#)
[RCL Facebook Page](#)

Next RCL
Meeting:
February 28th
RPL 6:30 pm

Meetings
(at Town Hall
unless
indicated)

Jan. 31st:
RCL Budgets
and Warrant
Articles
Overview
7:00pm RPL

Feb. 1st:
Heritage
Commission
6:30pm.

Feb. 3rd:
Town
Deliberative
Meeting
9:00am RJH.

Feb. 5th:
Recreation
Commission
6:00pm.

Feb. 6th:
Budget
Committee
Public
Hearings
Districts 4pm.

Feb. 6th:
Energy
Committee
6:30pm RPL.

Feb. 6th:
School
Deliberative
Meeting
6:30pm.

Feb. 7th:
RWD 9:00 am
60 Sagamore
Rd.

Town Deliberative Meeting:

A) January 31st 7:00pm at the Library: RCL Overview Presentation

- Rye Taxes and Spending
- Rye Town & School Budgets: What is the 2018 story of where your money goes.
- Warrant Articles: Background, explanation and information

This is an efficient way to get educated before the Town Deliberative Meeting.

B) Plan now to attend on February 3rd 9:00 am RJH. Rye Rec. will have Child Care in the cafe (no-infants).

Feb. 2nd: Last day to file to run for an elected office. [Click Here](#) for positions

Note: The Selectman's seat is open and many other positions.

Feb. 22nd: 7pm Candidates Night - RPL Hosted by the Rye Civic League

School, Rye Water District and Village Districts:

Feb. 6th: Village District Budget Public Hearings (RWD, JBVD, RBVD) 4pm Town Hall

Feb. 7th: School Deliberative Meeting 6:30pm RJH

March: Rye Water District Annual Meeting (date not announced)

April: Village Districts Annual Meetings: (date not announced)

Supporting the Rye Civic League

Now is a great time to spread the word about the Civic News to friends and neighbors and to show your continued financial support to help defray our operating costs. Money is nice, but participation is better and there are lots of ways you can help.

Additional information: [Click Here](#)

January Highlights:

1. Joint ZBA and Planning Board meeting to address the proposed Brackett Rd. cell tower. Abutters have been organizing to prevent a residential property owner from leasing land for a cell tower. [Click Here](#) for letter. For the Cell Phone tower application [Click Here](#)
2. Selectmen Musselman not running for reelection creates the possibility for change.
3. Selectmen dropping Town sponsored Leash Law, but there is a Petitioned Warrant Article for a town-wide leash law.
4. Selectmen have put the purchase of TD Bank building and land on the Town ballot.
5. Over \$2m in spending beyond the operating budgets on the Town ballot, not including a \$3m Town Hall tear down and new build.
6. Selectmen are postponing fixing the Harbor Rd. bridge that can no longer support large trucks in the hopes of obtaining State funding for this bridge repair. Note, RWD will be installing a new water line under Harbor Rd.
7. No actions on the Parson's Creek oversaturation of septic systems [Click Here](#). For the PFOAs data from the Grove Rd. landfill. [Click Here](#)
8. No Public Hearing has yet been scheduled for the Conservation Commission's \$300K contribution to the \$400K settlement with the developer for 421 South Rd. [Click Here](#) for Planning Board Notice of Decision
9. Bob Jesurum working against the town and WBTSCC to restore the historic marker at Sanders Point. Most Current filling [Click Here](#)

General Announcements:

1. **Conservation Commission Marden Wood Trail Gate Party** [Click Here](#) for image
Sunday, February 11th 2pm. 2:10pm Guided tour, 2:45 pm Hot Chocolate social.
2. Current open Appointed and Alternate Positions: [Click Here](#)
3. Open 2018 Elected and Appointed Positions [Click Here](#) Last day to file for an elected office is should be Feb 2, 2018 Example File forms from 2017 [Town School](#)
4. Help create New High Tech "Rye Stories" Exhibit at the Town Museum [Click Here](#)
5. **Rye Little League Registration** Open: [Click Here](#)
6. **Rye Youth Softball Registration:** [Click Here](#)

Feb. 7th:
Zoning Board
of Adjustment
7pm.

- 7. Seacoast Lacrosse Registration:** [Click Here](#)
8. Rye Recreation Senior Program: 2017-2018 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)
9. Rye Recreation Winter Programs Registration NEW [Click here](#)
10. Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
11. GIS Mapping Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)

Feb. 8th
Conservation
Commission
7pm.

2017 Tax information:

There was high interest in understanding this, so the RCL has provided additional information. ***This will all be covered at the January 31st Budget Analysis presentation from the RCL. 7:00pm RPL***

Feb. 12th:
School Board
5:00 pm RJH

Detailed explanation: [Click Here](#) Detailed Table [Click Here](#) Historic Tax Rates [Click Here](#)
[Click Here](#) for the abatement application

Feb. 12th:
Board of
Selectmen
6:30pm.

Board of Selectmen Meeting January 22nd:

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

1. Much of the meeting was devoted to public comment on a proposed leash law. The Selectmen decided not to propose one at Town Meeting this year. The matter will nevertheless be discussed at the Deliberative Session as there is a petitioned warrant article on the subject. [More Detail](#)
2. There were 7 bidders for the salt shed project. The low bid was \$504,500, but an additional 25 percent will be added for contingency and engineering, likely enabling only a minor reduction of the \$700,000 warrant article amount. [More Detail](#)
3. The transcriptionist used by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board is no longer willing to do the minutes with the level of detail required by those boards. The town has no solution at this point as transcriptionists are not easy to find. [More Detail](#)

Feb. 13th:
Sewer
Commission
8:00am RBVD

Feb. 13th:
Planning
Board 7pm.

Feb. 22nd
Candidates
Night 7pm
RPL.

Feb. 26th:
Board of
Selectmen
6:30pm

Board of Selectmen Meeting January 16th:

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

1. Hearings held on five 2018 bond articles totaling \$4,148,077 (of which \$1,100,000 recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee).
2. Selectmen voted not to recommend another six petitioned warrant articles (all eight not recommended after this and 1/8/18 meeting).
3. Selectmen recommended the \$9.2 million operating budget that includes the approximately \$6000 higher Library budget recommended by the Budget Committee.
4. Leashing of dogs was discussed in three contexts.

**Town
Reference
Documents
on the
Town Web
Site:**

Board of Selectmen Meeting January 8th:

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

1. Selectman Musselman announced that he would not be running for reelection. [More Detail](#)
2. A four year contract with Town Administrator Magnant was agreed to. [More Detail](#)
3. The Police Chief is again pushing for a leash law. The Selectmen will have the Town Attorney look into a draft article. [More Detail](#)

Town
Org chart.
Click Here

4. Selectman Musselman, on behalf of CMA Engineers, presented the latest results of PFC testing. [More Detail](#)
5. A recommendation for the Library budget was finally agreed to by the Selectmen. Their recommendation reflects an approximately \$6000 reduction. [More Detail](#) See letter from Library Trustees to the BOS [Click Here](#)
6. The Selectmen voted to place and recommend a \$624,800 warrant article to purchase the TD Bank building, to be financed out of current taxation. [More Detail](#)
7. The Selectmen voted not to recommend the \$3.05 million petitioned million warrant article proposed by resident John Loftus and others to tear down and rebuild Town Hall. [More Detail](#)
8. The Selectmen voted not to recommend a \$60,000 petitioned warrant article to make Dow Ln. a dead end. [More Detail](#)

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 Board January 17th Meeting:

Learn more about the Rye Schools: [Click Here](#)
 2017-2018 School Calendar: [Click Here](#)

Town of Rye
Master Plan
(click here)
2014 FEMA
maps:
Updated Dec
2017
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

**Jenness Beach
Budget:**
Click Here

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

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

School Board Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Discussion continued around school feasibility & making plans moving forward
2. PTA reported out about the survey regarding online lunch payment system
3. PTA & REF requested portion of remaining funds be used for playground equipment at RES. TBD by April
4. Voted 5-0 to not support citizen proposed warrant article giving budget committee oversight of school default budget
5. Testing school water for PFOA's and other contaminants 2x's a year

Budget Committee Public Hearing Town Budget January 11th:

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not posted

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL Details: [Click Here](#)

1. The Budget Committee voted to recommend the \$624,800 TD Bank acquisition warrant article but not the \$3,048,077 petitioned bond article to tear down and rebuild Town Hall. It also voted to recommend changes to the operating budget to provide for the Town Hall, including painting it.
2. The Budget Committee voted 10-1 to not recommend an article to expand the purpose of the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund as it would have also allowed the Selectmen to expend funds from it without voter approval.

Budget Committee Public Hearing School Budget: January 10th

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not posted

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL notes: [Click Here](#)

1. Proposed School Budget Information
[Click Here](#) for Budget Overview presentation prepared for Budget Committee
[Click Here](#) for 1 page budget summary
[Click Here](#) for detailed school budget sheets
2. Reduction of the SAU 50 budget allowed a \$23,764 reduction in the School District budget.
3. The SAU 50 Assistant Business Manager was unable to explain a \$75,464 increase in the teacher retirement budget over the prior year.
4. The SAU 50 Superintendent acknowledged that there may not be a valid contract with respect to the Robert J. Lister Academy, a \$75,760 budget item for which the Rye School District receives no benefit.

Rye Districts Information:

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

Rye Beach Village District Budget: No 2018 update yet

Jenness Beach Village District Budget: No 2018 update yet

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

Rye Water District January 3rd :

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

RCL recorded video: [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.

Water in Rye and Grove Landfill presentations: [Click Here](#)

1. 421 South Rd. Settlement by the town needs to be presented to and reviewed by RWD.
2. Garland Road generator construction is progressing.
3. Harbor Rd. waterline proposals and pricing are being reviewed for work this Spring.
4. New Well Exploration planning meeting with Rye Planning, Conservation and others scheduled for January 10th.
5. The RWD water connection with Breakfast Hill will be completed in February.
6. RCL Summary of carcinogens. [Click Here](#)

Clean Water Issues:

1. DES informs BOS that Parson's Creek is an impaired body of water. See more information on Parson's Creek. [Click Here](#)

1. Summary of PFC carcinogens impacting Garland Well. [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

2. Water in Rye Presentation from the RCL [Click Here](#)
3. CMA Engineers Grove Rd. Landfill presentation: [Click Here](#)
RCL video of the November 29th presentation: [Click Here](#)
RWD Presentation: [Click Here](#)
4. RCL (supported by State Rep. Messimer) has an up to date summary of what we know about PFC's in our area: [Click Here](#)
5. Cancer Cluster Final Report September 2017 [Click Here](#)
6. August 23rd Governor's Task Force Coakley Landfill Subcommittee Presentation (full overview) [click here](#) Recorded Video: [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](#)
RCL Water in Rye Presentation: [Click Here](#)
Grove Rd. Landfill CMA Presentation: [Click Here](#)
PFC's 101 from Rep. Messmer: [Click Here](#)
RWD presentation: [Click Here](#)

Planning Board meeting: January 9th:

- Learn more about the Planning Board: [Click Here](#)
New FEMA maps have been posted: [Click Here](#)
Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)
1. 421 South Rd. Settlement. [Click Here](#) for Notice of Decision.
 2. 17 Pine St. Accessory Dwelling Unit. Approved all in favor.
 3. 421 South Rd. [Click Here](#) to see the Notice of Decision that is conditionally approved.
Editors Note: *This is a Major Subdivision and once again the Planning Department is not providing an overview, summary and list of variances and other pertinent information for residents.*
 4. All 421 South Road wavers and conditional uses were approved.
 5. 0 Ocean Boulevard subdivision conceptual consultation. 16.5 Acres on the corners of Locke Rd, Ocean Boulevard and Harbour Rd.. Plan is to create 5 building lots.
- 62 residents have signed a letter saying they feel 5 lots is excessive.
 6. Conditional use permit for 120 Brackett Rd. continued to February
- 125 foot monopine tower
- 12 Panel antennas
- 6 remote radio heads
- 30' x 40' fenced enclosure
 7. All Building ordinance changes were approved. These can now not be modified at the Town Deliberative Meeting.

LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan)

1. What has happened since 2014: [Click Here](#) Additional 2016 information [Click Here](#)
2. Master Plan has been updated with Chapter 3 only. [Click Here](#)
3. No commitment to develop a Best in Class Master Plan, including funding and expertise.
4. No discussion on how and when Rye Master Planning can step up and be a best in class process.

Rules & Regulations Committee November Meetings

Proposed Zoning Amendments: Will be voted on at the March 13th election. These can't be modified at the Town Deliberative meeting.

Wetlands & Surface Water Committee:

Subcommittee is on hold waiting for additional information.
[Click Here](#) for the details of the October meetings.
[Click Here](#) for more information on Parson's Creek

Planning Board February 13th Agenda:

Agenda for meeting: Not posted yet

1. The Airfield Drive workshop has been moved to January 30th: [Click Here](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment: January 3rd:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. A single application was heard for variances for the construction of a residence on a vacant lot on Brackett Road just off Washigton Road due to intrusion into the wetland buffer. The application was **declined** 5-0.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: February 7th:

[Click Here](#) for agenda

1. 16 Myrica Ave. Variances for set backs, dwelling coverage and others
2. 24 Glendale Rd. Variances for replacing a non-conforming structure

Conservation Commission (CC) January 11th

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

Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)

Wetlands Map [Click Here](#)

Town Forest map: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: Held upstairs, no video available.

Town Draft Meeting minutes: Not posted

Recreation Commission Meeting January 9th:

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

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

Winter program Registrations: **NEW** [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: Held at the Recreation building (no video)

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

1. York Recreation article in the Herald was discussed. [Click Here](#)
2. There is an open position on the commission. Two residents had expressed interest but were not at the meeting.
3. Discussion about field mowing.
4. Rye Rec will meet with Rye Travel Soccer, Rye Little League and Seacoast Lacrosse in February to discuss field use.
5. Sponsorship signs were discussed, and whether or not a policy may be needed.
6. With regard to gun carrying, Lee Arthur will discuss with Chief Walsh the rules for schools and places where there are children.
7. Ski and Snowboard program has 41 children, up from 29 last year.

Heritage Commission Meeting January 18th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: Not available

1. The Members of the Heritage Commission met in a work session to participate in the application process for the Certified Local Government Program. The Commission appeared to be in favor of submitting the application.
2. Selectman Musselman arrived at 7:12 p.m. and there was discussion about Town Hall and the TD Bank acquisition. He stated that fixing up the existing Town Hall would cost something, but not \$1 million. With regard to allegations that there is mold, Selectman Musselman said that there is no water in the building or differential settlement that might be conditions for the creation of mold. There was a report done on radon and lead paint that may have also determined whether or not mold was present. He said that he is not aware of mold in the Town Hall. A minimalist plan for ADA compliance is needed for the first floor of the Town Hall."

Mosquito Commission Meeting December 26th:

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. Dragon was recommended to continue to be our mosquito control vendor.

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: January 10th:

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

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

1. 2018 activities were suggested and will be discussed at the next meeting.
2. Draft versions of the municipal energy reports looking at five years of energy use were discussed.
3. Discussions about questions for the residential energy survey. Plan is to launch before the Town Deliberative Meeting.

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 January 11th:

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Philip Walsh will not be seeking re-election to serve on the Library Board of Trustees.
2. Reviewed the response to the Herald which incorrectly reported on the Board of Selectmen meeting.
3. Discussions about engaging with Fundraising/consulting and Architectural schematic RFP is being prepared.
4. RPL is waiting for input from Chief Walsh about the Deterra prescription drug disposal bag program.
5. Draft goals have been sent to those interested in participating in the Strategic Planning Committee.

Sewer Commission Meeting January 9th

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

1. Route 1A Force Main Project has been postponed.
2. Broken window at the Abeniqui Pump Station will be replaced. Church Rd. outlet is not working. Portable heater was brought to the pump station.
3. Warrant for collection of sewer operation and maintenance is for \$113,151.50.

Historic District Commission January 18th Meeting

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not Available

1. The Members of the Historic District Commission met in a work session to complete the application to have the Town of Rye qualified by the NH Division of Historic Resources to be a Certified Local Government. This certification, if granted, will make Rye available for federal and state grants not otherwise available to the town for historic studies, expertise and bricks and mortar.

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.

Budget Committee All Day Town Budget Meeting November 16th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

See draft Town budget summary: [Click Here](#)

School Budget information: [Click Here](#)

- 1.. [Click Here](#) to see the summary of this meeting
2. Town Meeting Minutes have been amended.
 - October 24th Meeting: [Click Here](#)
 - November 16th Meeting: [Click Here](#)
 - December 21st Meeting: [Click Here](#)

Capital Improvement Plan:

Completed and accepted CIP Plan [Click Here](#)

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

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

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 J&J 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.

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

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