

# Rye Civic News July 2015

from the Rye Civic League

"Informing citizens, enhancing direct democracy and supporting the will of the voters"  
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[Citizens' Handbook \(click here\)](#)

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

**Next RCL Meeting: July**  
TBD 6:30 pm Location Rye  
Public Library

2014 Citizens Handbook is  
now updated. [Click Here](#)

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

## Upcoming Town Meetings and Events

**July 1st:** Zoning Board of  
Adjustment 7:00 PM.

**July 6th:** Recreation  
Commission 6:00 pm.

July 7th: Town Hall  
Committee 6:30pm

**July 13th:** Board of  
Selectmen 6:30 pm

July 14th: Planning Board  
7:00 PM

**July 15th:** School Board  
Retreat .

**July 16th:** Conservation  
Commission 7:00 pm.

July 21st: Mosquito Control  
Commission 5:00 PM

**July 27:** Board of  
Selectmen 6:30 pm

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

## General Announcements:

**July 4th Celebration:** 7:00 pm Parson's Field

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

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

**Rye Farmers Market is Open**

**Rye History Trolley Tours:** July 6th at 10:00 am [Click Here](#)

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

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

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

**Rye Recreation Summer Programs:** [Click Here](#)

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

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

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

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

## Appointed and Alternate Positions:

There are many opportunities to serve. A few examples are:

- Energy Committee (2 positions)
  - Recycling Education Committee has an opening
  - Beach Committee has an opening
  - Rye Recreation Needs Assessment Committee
  - There may be Alternates and many other positions available.
- [Click Here](#) to see the pre-election list (not updated yet, but we are almost done). If you are interested it is best to attend a meeting or two and introduce yourself. The chair for each group can provide guidance on next steps.

## Board of Selectmen Meeting June 22nd:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: Not available yet

1. Andrew Smith, from the UNH Survey Center, outlined how they could help supporting the Town Hall Committee with a survey
2. Discussion of the Myrica Ave. landlord who is obstructing the right of way and the town options for addressing this concern.
3. Beverly Giblin appointed to the Hermitage Committee, Brett Mulvey and Cory Belden appointed to the Recreation Commission.
4. Rye has hired all Life Guards that applied and were qualified. Additional life guards are needed. Life guards will be deployed to areas where the most need is deemed to exist, since there can not be full coverage without additional life guards..
5. Road closures confirmed for July 3rd fireworks at the Rye Beach Club.

## Board of Selectmen Meeting June 8th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

### 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 [\(Click Here\)](#)

**GIS Parcel Data:** [Click Here](#)

### Town Budgets

Budget Analysis: [Click Here](#)

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

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

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

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

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

### School Budget:

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

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

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

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

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

### Other Helpful Links:

Live Free or Die Alliance

RCL Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. The plan for striping of Ocean Blvd. has been submitted to the State and has preliminary approval. After the Commissioner approves, striping will occur forthwith. [More Detail](#)

2. Parking problems adjacent to St. Theresa's Church were highlighted by two residents of the area. One of the residents was given permission to extend the gravel shoulder to prevent damage to his driveway. [More Detail](#)

3. A beach permit was issued to The Shack, located near Wallis Rd. Extension, to rent its 30 stand-up paddleboards and also provide instruction. [More Detail](#)

4. A beach permit was issued, over the objection of Police Chief Walsh that too many permits had already been issued, to Get Out There Fitness to conduct boot camps at Foss Beach, and at the beach at Wallis Rd. Extension at high tides. [More Detail](#)

5. The Selectmen voted to expend \$5000 for a parking meter study from excess funds that were to have been used for pavement striping. This may permit the installation of parking meters a year earlier than had been stated at an April meeting. [More Detail](#)

6. The fireworks permit for the Beach Club for July 3 has not yet been approved due to concern over the proposed five-inch shells necessitating the closure of Ocean Blvd. The matter will be addressed again at the June 22 meeting. [More Detail](#)

7. The heating oil price is being locked at \$2.18 for the 2015-2016 heating season. This compares with a 2015-2016 School Budget assumption of \$3.44. [More Detail](#)

8. An eleven member Town Hall Committee was appointed. Only two of the appointees had served on the 2014-2015 Town Hall Committee. [More Detail](#)

### **School Board June 11th Meeting Minutes:**

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

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Actions will be taken to improve the process for 6th Grade Math placement at RJH.

2. Timing of June testing was discussed as student focus becomes a challenge.

3. RES second grade class is an exceptionally small class so there will only be two 2nd grade classes next year.

4. Wedgewood Project (utilizing the land at RJH) is moving forward, but about \$50K more in donations is needed.

5. RJH Structure work continues with feedback from the students.

### **Planning Board meeting: June 9th:**

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

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

May and June Meetings not held (no requests to be evaluated)

### **Planning Board July 14th Agenda:**

Agenda not posted yet

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment: June 3rd:**

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

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. 0 Big Rock Rd. Rd (formerly 25 Big Rock): Administrative appeal denied all in favor

2. 495 Central Rd.: Patio in vernal pool and wetlands. Approved 4-1

3. 63 Harbor Rd.: Demolish and build new home within wetlands and ocean

setbacks. Approved all in favor.

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment: July 1st:**

Meeting Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. Atlantic Grill Restaurant: Two lighted signs on stone wall
2. 32 Cable Rd: Convert cabins to year-round residents
3. 230 Ocean Blvd.: Demolish and build new home
4. 111 Perkins Rd.: Set back for shed

### **Conservation Commission Meeting June 18th: Canceled**

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

Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)

Town Forest map: [Click Here](#)

### **Town Hall Committee: June 24th**

2015 Charge: [Click Here](#)

[Town Information page:](#) Not updated since March Election

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

1. New committee contains residents from the building trade who campaigned against the Town Hall project.
2. Town will work with the UNH Survey group to obtain insights on public opinion.
3. Committee went into a non-public session to discuss possible land purchase.
4. Next meeting is July 7th.

### **Beach Committee:**

NOTE: The town voted in favor of dissolving the Beach Commission and the 2015 Selectman's Beach Committee was established for one year.

1. [Click Here](#) for the 2015 Charter
2. Last Meeting Minutes from April 30th [Click Here](#)
3. Facebook Page [Click Here](#)

### **Recreation Commission Meeting June 1st: Canceled**

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

### **Demolition Review Committee Last mtg: March 18th**

Demolition Review Procedure: [Click Here](#) to review

RCL Video of meeting: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

1. 511 Wallis Rd. Rand Lumber Barn: Discussion of moving it to 496 Wallis Rd.
2. Discussion of 4 Washington Rd. Public Hearing March 26th at 1:00 pm

### **Heritage Commission Meeting June 4th: Canceled**

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

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

### **Rye Energy Committee Meeting June 2nd:**

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

Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: not available

1. A few 6th and 7th grade students attended the meeting
2. Michele Sopher will participate on the Town Hall Committee for the Energy Committee.
3. Progress is being made with taking actions based on the Public Safety

building audit.

4. Solar Program education event filled the Levinson room at the RPL
5. Continuing to work with the Jenness Beach District to move to more energy efficient lighting
6. Still looking for an intern to move the Energy audit data to all electronic

### **Rye Recycling Education Committee June 16th**

Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: Rye soccer had the room - watch them fold jerseys

1. Food scrap promotion continues. Members have been at the Transfer Station on Saturdays to educate residents. [Click Here](#) to watch video made by RJH Student, Jozef Platt (2015 RCL Junior Civics Award winner) about the free food composting at the Transfer Station continues [Click Here](#) for details.
2. There is an educational table at the Rye Farmers market.
3. Members toured Sutton Transfer station, where station employees take the recyclables from the cars, there may be other innovative ideas deployed in other towns.
4. Poster program will be launched for the schools in the Fall and for the need for one more member.
5. At the 5th Grade Graduation/Clap out, Recycling program, compostable trays and starting food composting were a few of the 5th Grade achievements.

### **Historic District Commission May 6th**

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

Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

### **Library Board of Trustees June 11th**

Library Meeting minutes: Not posted

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

### **Mosquito Commission Meeting June 16th:**

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

Town Meeting Minutes: Nothing posted

Video of meeting: [Click Here](#)

### **Sewer Commission Meeting June 9th:**

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

Town Meeting Minutes: Nothing posted

Video Recording: Not turned on

### **Climate Change Workshops:**

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

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

New FEMA maps: [Click Here](#)

Documents from Workshop #4

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

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

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

Vulnerability Assessment: [Click Here](#)

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

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

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

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

**Rye Opinions:**

The Rye Civic League Website posts opinions and discussions for Rye. These opinions reflect the views of residents, **NOT** the Rye Civic League. The purpose is to help residents share their views and to have an online discussion between residents. We encourage you to share your opinions in the online discussions or sending an e-mail to the RCL [e-mail](#)

**Recent posted opinions:**

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

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

**Rye Public Forum Discussion Topics:**

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

Topics from the May 28th Discussion

1. Town Hall Committee
2. How meeting minutes are posted and maintained
3. Rand Lumber Barn move

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

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

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

Rye Library Events Page [Click Here](#)

**Rye Town Handbook from the Rye Civic League:**

NOTE: 2014 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](mailto:civicnews@ryecivicleague.org)

**An Invitation to membership in the Rye Civic League**

WE ARE ALL CONCERNED CITIZENS. We all share the goal of making our town the best it can be. We want our kids to have a great education. We want our community to be safe, beautiful and thriving. We want to balance our budget and to see our tax dollars spent wisely. We benefit from an open town government, and we depend on it to keep things running smoothly. In turn, we owe it to our government and our fellow citizens to be

informed and to get involved for the benefit of our community. This is why we are inviting you to participate in the Rye Civic League (RCL). This is your opportunity to engage in a positive way, to do your part as a Rye resident, and to keep our town acting for the good of us all.

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

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

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