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# Rye Civic News

from the Rye Civic League

## June 2014

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

RCL, PO Box 971, Rye, NH 03870 [RyeCivicLeague.org](http://RyeCivicLeague.org)

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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:

**June 26th 6:30 pm RPL**  
(meetings are the 4th  
Thursday of the month)

### RCL annual meeting

**June 12th - RPL 7:30pm**

### Upcoming Town Meetings and Events

**June 2nd:** Recreation  
Commission 6:00 pm

**June 2nd:** Historic District  
6:30pm.

**June 2nd** RJH Class Structure  
Public Discussion 6:30 pm

**June 3rd:** Rye Energy 6:30  
(Attending the THC meeting)

**June 4th:** Zoning Board of  
Adjustment 7:00 pm

**June 5th:** Heritage  
Commission 6:30 pm..

**June 5th:** School Board 5:30  
pm RJH (changed date)

**June 9th:** Board of  
Selectman 6:30 pm

**June 10th:** Sewer  
Commission 8:00 am

**June 10th:** Planning Board  
7:00 pm

June 12th: CIP 6:00 pm

### Rye Civic League Annual Activities

#### Annual RCL Meeting: June 12th at 7:30 pm at RPL

Our bylaws include a formal Annual meeting, [click here](#) for agenda and more details. Everyone is invited, but only members in good standing vote (see below).

The more exciting part will be afterwards when there will be open discussions, refreshments, a review of the biggest "Rye Donnybrooks" and maybe a contest. [Click Here](#) for more information

#### Annual Membership Drive:

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. It is free to be on the distribution list for Rye Civic News, but the RCL does have costs (website, distribution software, ..... ) so once a year we ask our readers to contribute \$12 a year or gifts in kind (fund the RCL Town Handbook or other activities) and be a RCL Member. Everyone is always invited to the monthly RCL meetings the last Thursday of each month. [Click Here](#) to make an online payment.

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

### General Announcements:

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

**Rye Senior Serve:** 2013-2014 Active, Alive and over 55 [Click Here](#)

**Rye Open Positions and Alternates:** [Click Here](#)

**Rye History Museum:** New Exhibit: [Click Here](#)

**Rye History Trolley Tour:** July 5th 10am: [Click Here](#)

**New FEMA Maps are available:** [Click Here](#)

**Coastal Adaptation Workshop June 12th:** [Click Here](#)

**Rt 1A and 1B Public Planning Discussion:** June 4th Portsmouth and June 12th Hampton: [Click Here](#) for Flyer [Press Release](#)

**Rye Farmer's Market Starts June 18th:** [Click Here](#)

### Climate Change Workshops: May 5th at 6:30 pm RJH

June 16th Workshop event flyer: [Click Here](#)

New FEMA maps: [Click Here](#)

June 12th Coastal Adaptation Workshop: [Click Here](#)

May 5th: Information [Click Here](#) Group Flow Chart [Click Here](#)

RCL Open Discussion: [Click Here](#) for online discussion

Town Summary of April 1 Workshop results; [Click Here](#)

May 5th town summary: Not available yet

**June 12th:** Trustees of the Trust Funds 6:00 pm.

**June 16th:** Planning for Climate Change 6:00 pm.

**June 12th:** Town Hall Committee 6:30 pm.

**June 19th:** Conservation Commission 7:00 pm.

**June 23rd:** Board of Selectmen 6:30 pm

**June 26th:** CIP 6:30pm

## 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 Budgets**  
2014 Town Budget [Click Here](#).  
2014 Budget Executive Summary [Click Here](#)  
**RCL Budget Presentation** [Click Here](#)

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

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

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**School Budget:**  
Here is a link to the full 2014-2015 School Budget.

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

[Click Here](#) for workshop overview and timeline

[Click Here](#) for informational handouts from April 1st workshop

[Click Here](#) for presentation from Prof. Cameron Wake

**Summary:** Please see page 16 of the June 2014 Rye Newsletter for a good summary (sorry we can't find these online).

## **Board of Selectmen Meeting May 12th:**

May 27th BOS meeting was postponed.

Video Recording [Click Here:](#)

RCL Meeting Summary: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: not available yet

1. Beach Permit issued to The Shack at Wallis Sands for stand-up paddleboard rentals. [More Detail](#)
2. Beach Permit application from Zumba lesson provider Viva La Dance tabled until the next meeting over concerns about noise levels. [More Detail](#)
3. Beach Permit for Summer Sessions modified to lessen restrictions on weekend private lessons. Dispute as to whether 2014 Article 23 permits the Selectmen to regulate lessons involving four or fewer persons. [More Detail](#)
4. Skip Sullivan resigns as Fire Chief. David Kornechuk resigns as Firefighter. [More Detail](#)

## **Town Hall Committee meetings May 6th and 20th:**

Final SMP Report: [Click Here](#)

[Click Here](#) for the Facebook page

RCL Discussion page for Town Hall: [Click Here](#)

May 6th Meeting video: [Click Here](#) Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

May 6th RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

May 20th Meeting video: [Click Here](#) RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

## **School Board May 15th Meeting:**

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

School Board meeting minutes (draft): [Click Here](#)

School Budget: [Click Here](#)

RCL Budget Analysis: [Click Here](#)

1. The new Superintendent will be at all the SAU 50 Board Meetings in June (June 15th)
2. Training for new PowerSchool student info program
3. Lorraine Curtis is the new database administrator and will assist with PowerSchool transition
4. Kindergarten will have 3 aides in the a.m. next year, the aides will move to other grades in the p.m., primarily for RTI purposes.
5. RJH Scheduling: ***There will be a Special Issues meeting on Monday, June 2nd 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm RJH to review these changes and get parent feedback.***
  - Social Studies in all three grades will be taught by the current 7th and 8th grade SS teachers
  - Core classes will be between 50-60 minutes long
  - Band and Chorus will continue to be structured classes, possibly at the end of the day
  - Student placement for RTI blocks will be determined by STAR testing in the Fall. Students needing enrichment will work on projects with teachers over a 5 week time period.
6. Six, ½ day teacher in-service days are being considered for the 2014-2015 school year.
7. Members Moody and Marion will begin negotiating the teachers union contract. The schools are around 2/3 of our tax rate with the salaries/benefits the most significant portion.

## Rye Library Strategic Plan:

[Click Here](#)

## Other Helpful Links:

[Live Free or Die Alliance](#)

### **Planning Board meeting: May 13th:**

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

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

Town Planning Board meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: [Click Here](#) (See the elapsed times in the video, to skip forward to these specific discussions)

1. 42 Appledore Avenue lot line adjustment. (10:25)

On two non confirming lots, applicants wish to move driveway that is on #46 to #42. This is a 25 foot frontage adjustment. It would make one of the lots less non-conforming and the other more non-conforming. The ZBA approved the variance. Planning Board Vote on application - all approved

2. Presentation by Planning Board member Phil Winslow: climate change and rising sea levels.(26:10)

Winslow noted there are three initiatives in Rye currently underway on this issue; after presentation there was a lengthy and wide ranging discussion on many topics which this issue raises, especially wetlands and coastal building. Different views were expressed on role of government to mediate issues relating to storms and sea level rise. Updating the Master Plan on this issue and need for Long Range Planning was discussed.

3. Discussion of need for two more alternates. (1:26:50)

4. Rules and Regulations changes - move to June meeting. (1:32:25)

### **Planning Board June 10th Agenda:**

Next Planning Board Meeting: [Click Here](#) for Agenda

1. 81 West Rd to divide off one lot

2. 1064 Washington Rd. Install a second driveway to allow access to apartment garage.

3. Non Public Hearing for conceptual consultation for Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Rd. [Click Here](#) for online discussion about Webster at Rye

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment : May 7th:**

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

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: Meeting was at RJH where the town does not have video equipment.

RCL Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Webster at Rye variances were approved.

[Click Here](#) for view of plan

[Click Here](#) for online discussion

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment : June 4th**

Meeting Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. 1296 Ocean Blvd. Replace a non-conforming building with new construction requiring variances

2. 385 Sagamore Rd. Generator installation

3. 24 Robin Rd. sub-dividing lots

4. 243 Central Rd. Variances for new building

5. 250 Locke Rd. New construction with variances

### **Conservation Commission Meeting May 15th:**

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

Current Town Meeting Minutes: Not Available

RCL Video of the meeting: [Click Here](#) (See the elapsed times in the video, to skip forward to these specific discussions)

1. 1296 Ocean Boulevard - John Chagnon - structure replacement. (3:30)

- This was a preliminary visit; ZBA will hear request for variance in June
2. 71 West Atlantic (3:00) Ongoing issues including wetlands
  3. 36 Pioneer Rd, follow up form site walk - Diane Caveretta (18:00)
  4. Wallis Rd culvert (22:35)
  5. Correspondence (24:14)
  6. L Chip - Seavey Acres (26:15)
  7. Lang Rd discussion with owner Pat Andrews (32:00)
  8. House Bill 1124 passed allowing the BOS to skip calling a special town meeting, since the Public Hearing on this Bond was held after the Deliberative Town Meeting - discussion time stamp - 42:28
  9. Restrictions on conservation land: hunting, target practice, etc.- letter from attorney .(51:00)
  10. Alex Herlihy, Rye Town Museum, request for support on land conservation exhibit (59:30)

### **Demolition Review Committee May 9th**

Demolition Review Procedure: [Click Here](#) to review  
April 3rd and 21st Meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

1. 206 Washington Rd. The barn was to be converted to home use for an expanding family, but would have been inefficient and cost prohibitive. The owners were most cooperative to allow photographing and salvage of any historic details which would not be incorporated into their own reconstruction. The permit was unanimously granted.

### **Heritage Commission Meeting May 19th:**

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

1. Approved transfer of funds to the Conservation Commission to support a summer school program on agriculture. The funds were previously donated to the Heritage Commission by "Save Rye Harbor" for the benefit of Goss Farm.
2. Commission has begun work on a grant proposal to restore the historic windows at Town Hall. A subcommittee of Mae Bradshaw, Peter White and James Tegeder are consulting the Rye Energy Committee for advice on making the windows more efficient and consulting with experts on historic window renovation projects.
3. Adopt a Graveyard Project continues to move forward.

### **Rye Energy Committee Meeting May 6th**

Learn More about the Energy Committee: [Click Here](#)  
Rye Energy Committee has an opening. [Click Here](#) to contact REC.  
Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Poster Project (see the posters at the library)
  2. Safety Building Energy Audit update
- June 3rd: Agenda: Committee plans on attending the THC meeting

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

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

1. Reviewed plans for renovation to the Oceanic Hotel on Star Island. Particularly, two new skylights will be added to the dining room to brighten the interior and modification of the current skylight safety precautions on the roof were agreed upon and were approved by those members present.

### **Beach Commission May 29th:**

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

NOTE: The BOS has suspended the Beach Commission and appointed a

"Beach Committee" with a final report due December 16th. Those residents with "Beach Concerns" should be attending these committee meetings. (Note: RCL could use some help summarizing these meetings)

### **Mosquito Commission Meeting May 20th**

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

Town Meeting Minutes: Nothing posted

### **Recreation Commission Meeting May 5th:**

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

Town Meeting Minutes: Nothing posted since April

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

### **Capital Improvement Plan Committee May 8th and 22nd:**

Learn more about the Capital Improvement Plan: [Click Here](#)

To see the current CIP [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: April 10th [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: April 24th [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:

a) Do we need to establish how much traffic is too much from new developments? [Click Here](#)

b) Should we hire a new Fire Chief or engage with our neighbors? [Click Here](#)

### **Town Budgets**

The Town Executive Summary is also very helpful. [Click Here](#)

Neither the Town nor the Budget Committee provide the "story" about the increasing budgets, so the RCL has created this overview: [Click Here](#)

As of December 2013 the town has **\$3,389,508** in Trust Funds, Capital Reserves. [Click Here](#) for the town document.

The November 14, 2013 RCL notes provide the most detail to the different Town budget discussions. [Click Here](#) for the .pdf of the RCL notes

### **Other Town Activity**

#### **How Good is our Library?**

2012 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: 2013 Update is 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. The 2014 Handbook is being updated now and should be available soon.

[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.

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