

# Rye Civic News March 2017

from the Rye Civic League

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[Citizens' Handbook \(click here\)](#)

Next RCL Meeting:  
March TBD  
RPL 6:30 pm

## March 14th Town Election: 8am to 7pm Rye Elementary School:

### **Candidates Night: March 9th 7pm Rye Public Library**

Not in Rye on March 9th? Watch on [www.townhallstreams.com](http://www.townhallstreams.com) Rye Library  
Sample [Town Ballot](#) Sample [School Ballot](#)

**Meetings**  
(at Town Hall unless indicated)

Mar. 1. RWD  
9:00 am 60  
Sagamore Rd.

### **Detailed Information on all Warrant Articles: [Click Here](#)**

Yes/No Summary Table of all Warrant Articles: [Click Here](#)

Printable your votes sheet to bring into the polls: [Click Here](#)

Host a Rye Tavern Conversation: [Click Here](#)

Town and School Budget Analysis from RCL: [Click Here](#)

Absentee Ballot Form: [Click Here](#)

Mar. 1 N.  
Hampton &  
Rye Cost  
sharing  
10:00am

### **Article Support presentations:**

Article 30: Monday March 6th RPL 6:30pm [Click Here](#) Informational Discussion

Article 7: Sunday, March 12th 2pm to 4pm RPL Representative from Hutter Construction will be there.

### **General Announcements:**

1. **421 South Road Development** March 2nd 7pm RJH Planning Board Meeting

See 17 lot proposal site plan: [Click Here](#)

See 14 lot proposal site plan: [Click Here](#)

2. **Sanders Poynt** will return to Public Access thanks to Bob Jesurum, but he incurred over \$100K in legal fees. [Click Here](#) to see how you can help. Herald story [Click Here](#)

3. **Coakley Landfill & Cancer Cluster fact sheet:** [Click Here](#)

Our State Rep. is pushing related legislation - please see the section below.

4. **Rye Recreation Senior Program:** 2016-2017 Active, Alive and over 55 [Click Here](#)

5. Rye Recreation Spring Programs Registration ([Click Here](#));

6. **Rye Recreation Summer Programs Registration (new):** [Click here](#)

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

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

9. **Rye Little League** [Click Here](#)

10. **Rye Girls Softball league:** [Click Here](#)

11. **Seacoast Boys and Girls Lacrosse:** [Click Here](#) (Dick's equipment discounts March 11th & 12th)

Mar. 1st:  
Zoning Board  
of Adjustment  
7pm.

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

Mar. 2nd:  
Planning Board  
7pm.

Mar. 7th:  
Historic  
District  
Commission  
6:30pm.

Mar. 8th:  
School Board  
6:00pm RJH

Mar. 8th:  
Recreation  
Commission  
6pm.

Mar. 13th:  
Board of  
Selectmen  
6:30pm.

Mar. 14th:  
Town Election

### **Deliberative Town Meeting February 4th:**

RCL Part One: Articles 1-7, 24, 30, 34 (Town Hall related): Click for [Video Notes](#)

RCL Video Part Two: Articles 8-27, 32, excluding 24: Click for [Video Notes](#)

RCL Video Part Three: Articles 28-37, excluding 30, 32, 34: Click for [Video Notes](#)

BOS Meeting Minutes from Feb. 4th: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Article 6, providing for a tear down and rebuild of Town Hall, was placed on the ballot as written, following concerns that there could be cost overruns. [More Detail](#)

2. Supporters of Article 7, providing for a complete renovation of Town Hall, emphasized the absence of structural deficiencies, the availability of grants for renovation, and the lower cost of renovating. [More Detail](#)

3. Article 30, providing for repairs to Town Hall, was placed on the ballot with minor amendments to give the Selectmen more flexibility in implementing. [More Detail](#)

4. Article 34, providing for a volunteer design of a new Town Hall at no cost to the Town, was placed on the ballot after minor amendment. [More Detail](#)

5. An attempt to amend Article 24, to nullify other Town Hall articles if Article 34 received the most votes, failed. [More Detail](#)

6. The \$9.4 million operating budget (Article 8) was placed on the ballot as written, following an unsuccessful attempt to reduce it by \$110,000. [More Detail](#)

Mar. 14th:  
Sewer  
Commission  
8:00am  
RBVD.

Mar. 16th:  
Conservation  
Commision  
7:00pm.

Mar. 21st:  
Mosquito  
Control 5pm.

Mar. 25th: Rye  
Water District  
Annual  
Meeting  
10:00am.

Mar. 27th:  
Board of  
Selectmen  
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 Forest  
Managment  
Plan**  
(Click Here)

**2015 Beach  
Report** Click

7. The warrant article for a new plow truck (Article 9) was placed on the ballot as written after the Public Works Director explained why replacement of the existing truck, which has only 25,000 miles on it, is needed. [More Detail](#)
8. The Community Center (Article 18) amount of \$80,000 was questioned in light of the lack of specificity regarding its configuration. [More Detail](#)
9. The proposed ordinance that would have restricted dogs on the beach was effectively nullified by amendment. [More Detail](#)
10. Article 31, to rescind the Selectmen's authority to purchase or sell land without a Town Meeting vote, was nullified by an amendment offered by Selectman Musseleman. [More Detail](#)
11. Article 33, to form a committee to bring housing for younger families to Rye, elicited much discussion. [More Detail](#)
12. Article 35, to form a committee to improve trail access in the Town Forest, was made optional and brought under the purview of the Conservation Commission. [More Detail](#)

### **School Deliberative Town Meeting February 8th:**

RCL Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

1. Articles 1 (\$14.1 million operating budget) and 2 (\$75,000 addition to Buildings and Grounds Expendable Trust) were both ordered placed on the ballot as written as there was no discussion on either one. [More Detail](#)
2. Resident introduced his warrant article to form a committee to study combining the two schools, complaining about the School Board's objection to the process followed. [More Detail](#)
3. School Board Chairman's attempt to rewrite the warrant article to eliminate the committee and only encourage the School Board to look into the issue of declining enrollments failed. [More Detail](#)
4. Further amendments incorporated key points made by the School Board and the public. [More Detail](#)

### **Board of Selectmen Meeting February 13th:**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: not posted yet

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

1. A resident pointed out that, contrary to what was suggested by the Selectmen at the Deliberative Session as justification to turn a petitioned warrant article on its head, Town Meeting approval is needed to alter the location of town roads. [More Detail](#)
2. An RFP will be drafted to obtain solar energy bids for various Town, School District and Water District sites. [More Detail](#)
3. The Police Chief is looking to hire a new part-time Animal Control Officer as the current officer transitions to a more administrative role. [More Detail](#)
4. Parking issues dominated the Beach Committee's annual report. The State has still not responded to the Town's request to install parking kiosks along Ocean Blvd. [More Detail](#)
5. The State has asked that two Rye landfills be tested for PFCs. Selectman Musselman then answered a number of questions about these landfills. [More Detail](#)

### **Cancer Cluster & Governor's Coakley Landfill Taskforce:**

Community Facebook page: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting Notes from October: [Click Here](#)

NHDES and EPA Presentation 10/20 meeting: [Click Here](#)

US Geological Survey Presentation 10/20 meeting: [Click Here](#)

Full USGS 2009 Study of Seacoast Ground Water Resources: [Click Here](#)

Draft Subcommittee Recommendations to Task Force: [Click Here](#)

Google Drive of documents related to subcommittee's work: [Click Here](#)

Coakley-Greenland Cancer Fact Sheet: [Click Here](#)

1. Rep. Messener is asking for support by having this district and others in NH  
Contact Committee: [Click Here](#) for Committee Members  
HB 484 [Text](#) [Tracking Page](#)  
HB 511 [Text](#) [Tracking Page](#)

### **Rye Districts Information:**

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

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

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

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 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 Water District February 1st:**

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

RCL Video: [Click Here](#)

### **1. Warrant Articals for the March 25th 10am RJH District Meeting**

Article 2) \$30,000 to Storage Tank Maintenance Fund

Article 3) \$30,000 to Distribution System and Improvement Capital Fund

Article 4) \$15,000 for the Building and Capital Equipment reserve fund for unexpected work

Article 5) \$15,000 for the Building and Capital Equipment ongoing fund

Article 6) \$1,218,887 Annual Budget [Click Here](#)

**2.** City of Portsmouth is requesting a Water Conversation Plan for the replacement well in Greenland, per the DES.

**3.** There will be water rate increases starting in April. The new rate schedule will have 65% of funding coming from user fees and 35% coming from taxes. This will decrease the tax rate about 0.19 per \$1,000 of property value.

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

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

2017-2018 School Calendar: [Click Here](#)

Superintendent's Bulletin: (website is down)

School Board Update e-mail January: [Click Here](#)

RCL Video of School Board Meeting: [Click Here](#)

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

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

**1.** Evaluation of the Science test scores saying 2/3 of Rye 8th graders were not proficient in science was presented (see meeting minutes). Recommendations were discussed to stop the downward trend and raise the percentage of Rye 8th graders who are proficient in Science.

**2.** PTA held a a Warrant Article Tavern discussion on February 23rd.

**3.** Social Studies feed back session was well attended. Some teachers felt that also teaching Social Studies was impacting their core subjects, while some reported no impact. In general comments at this point in time were mostly possitive.

## **Planning Board meeting: February 8th worksession and 14th mtg:**

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

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

Video of Feb. 8th Working Session: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft meeting minutes of Feb. 8th Woking Session: [Click Here](#)

Video of Feb. 14th Planning Board meeting: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft meeting minutes of Feb. 14th meeting: [Click Here](#)

Feb 8th Working Session for 421 South Rd - major subdivision

**1.** Professional presentations: test pits, blasting impact on wells, wetlands.

Board Comments - many serious concerns expressed

Feb. 14th Meeting:

**2.** 25 Washington Rd. Accessory Dwelling Unit: Approved 5-0 with conditions

## **LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan)**

**NO CHANGES, MEETINGS, UPDATES SINCE THE OCTOBER CIVIC NEWS**

[Click Here](#) to see the history of the meetings and activities in 2016.

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

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

## **Rules and Regulations Committee and Zoning Amendments:**

No November meeting.

## **Planning Board March 2nd Agenda:**

Agenda for March 2nd meeting: [Click Here](#)

**1.** 371 & 365 Sagamore Rd. Driveway permit

**2.** 60 Wentworth Road Minor Site Development: 90ft. Golf net installation

**3.** 421 South Rd. Major Site Development - Lot line adjustments and conditional use permits

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

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

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

**Other  
Helpful  
Links:**

Live Free or  
Die Alliance

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

1. 0 Big Rock Rd. - Continued to March meeting
2. 23 Locke Rd. - request variance from building height for new home. Approved 5-0
3. 1154 Ocean Blvd. - new septic system and shed issues: setback, salt marsh, high water. Approved 5-0
4. and 5 - 740 Washington Rd. - Administrative appeal of building inspector's notice of violation (2nd building within wetlands buffer) continued to April meeting
6. 129 Wentworth Rd. - request two year extension of variance, building code and special exceptions granted in 2015. One year extension granted - 5-0

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment: March 1st Agenda:**

Click Here for [agenda](#)

1. 0 Big Rock Rd.: Requests for variances
2. 12 Robin Rd. variance for septic system after tear down and rebuild
3. 371 & 365 Sagamore Rd. Variance for parking space length
4. 394 Wallis Rd. Variances for replacing an existing shed

### **Conservation Commission (CC) February 16th:**

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: [Click Here](#)

1. Non-Public Session (NPS) per RSA 91-A:3 (d) Acquisition. Members of the Conservation Commission (CC) left the Town Hall meeting room to go upstairs to conduct the NPS.
2. Wetlands application: John Thoret at 2316 Ocean Blvd, the application was tabled as the engineer representing the applicant was not in attendance.
3. DES Minimum Impact Expedited Sea Wall: tabled as it related to the above wetlands application.
4. Updates: Manuel Barbara Jr. 740 Washington Road. Continued until March.
5. Updates: Salvatore and Kathleen Petralia. The owners have planted a lawn in the wetland buffer (which is not on their property) and are refusing to comply with the request from the CC to remove the lawn and replace it with native plants/grasses. A letter from the CC will be drafted and sent to both the building inspector, Peter Rowell, and DES, regarding this matter.
6. A site walk was planned for 92 Old Beach Road on Monday, February 20th, at 4:30 PM.
7. Petitioned Warrant Article on Trail Feasibility Study. Member Mike Garvan stated that Brian Murphy who sponsored the warrant article was in agreement with the members of the CC to simply have citizens meet in an informal manner and to report their concerns/ideas/suggestions to the CC as opposed to creating a formal committee as was initially planned.
8. Correspondence: request from John Chiramito regarding hunting at Goss Farm. Members were against it given the multiple types of uses at the Goss Farm by different entities.
9. Member Mike Garvan stated that he has been working with member Susan Shepcaro to add information regarding the Town Forest on the Town website and at the site of the kiosks to inform the public of the "do's" and "don'ts."

### **Recreation Commission Meeting February 8th:**

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](#)

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

Recorded Video: Was held upstairs so no video

1. 2016 Recreation report was completed and distributed
2. Discussion of how to educate on Article 18. Friends of Rye Recreation are encouraged to promote and support this warrant article.
3. Discussion of leverage the REF model for supporting capital campaign.
4. Two members will not continue to serve when their terms end in March. Interested individuals should contact the Recreation Commission and notify the Board of Selectmen of

their interest.

**Article 18:**

- a) The \$80,000 for the next phase is to study what are the options to address Rye's Recreation space requirements. Only \$40,000 will impact taxes as 1/2 (\$40,000) will come from the Rye Recreation revolving fund.
- b) Residents are encouraged to view the large volume of programs for Kindergarten to Senior Citizens that Rye Recreation delivers.
- c) Recreation Space Needs findings:
  - a. [Click Here](#) for Report to BOS
  - b. . Architect's Report and Summary [Click Here](#)
  - c.. Architect's Presentation: [Click Here](#)

**Heritage Commission Meeting February 2nd.**

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Created two warrant articles to hopefully prevent the BOS from having Town Hall demolished.
2. [Click Here](#) to see Town Hall Document

**Mosquito Commission Meeting December 20th**

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

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

Video of meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. Posters are available [Wanted Not](#) [Bug Them](#)
2. Dragon Pest Control was recommended for 2017 with the provisions that resident complaints be addressed within 24 hours and if street spraying is needed it would be directed by the Mosquito Commission.
3. No January meeting is planned.

**Rye Energy Committee Meeting: February 7th:**

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

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

1. Prepared for 2-13 BOS presentation on the Solar Hub program
2. Information was submitted to the BOS to be included in the Selectmen's Newsletter.

**Rye Recycling Education Committee February 21st**

Video Recording: Not available

Draft town meeting minutes: Not available

**Library Board of Trustees February 14th**

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Monitoring Healthcare reimbursements of the new plan.
2. Strategic planning discussions continue to progress
3. Ask a team day will be held in the near future.
4. Job description approved for Youth Program Assistant

**Sewer Commission Meeting February 14th**

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: [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.**

**Beach Committee:** *No current member plans on serving on this Selectmen's Committee in 2017*

Facebook Page [Click Here](#)

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

the Selectmen.

### **Trustees of the Trust Funds January 24th**

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

Recoded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Audit report was submitted and reviewed by the Trustees
2. Discussed the Library's Excess Liquidity Investment Guidelines that they helped develop.
3. Reviewed and discussed economic conditions and the most prudent investment strategies.
4. Trustee's voted to move away from a fund that had done well in the past but has been recently trending in the opposite direction.

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

1. Owners of only 36% of septic systems in the Parsons Creek Watershed have reported last pump out dates, despite 2016 ordinance requiring all to have reported by now.
2. Process to date has discovered 5 or 6 decades old temporary holding tanks
3. Committee recommending a septic system inspection ordinance for the watershed when homes are sold.

### **Parsonage Apartments Committee Final Report Completed:**

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

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

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

Opinion piece on Parsonage Apartments and RCD: [Click Here](#)

Additional Information on the report from the RCL: [Click Here](#)

#### **Committee Recommendations:**

1. The Town should neither sell the Parsonage nor enter into a long-term lease with The Housing Partnership (THP), or any other entity.
2. The number of units at the Parsonage is not to be increased (on site).
3. The Town should hire Plan NH to conduct a design charrette for the future of the Rye Center.
4. The Town should lease the Parsonage to THP or someone else following the expiration of the lease, for a term not to exceed twenty-years, with a number of conditions attached.
5. The Town should explore potential alternate Town-owned sites for low income/workforce housing.
6. Additional information on the report from the RCL [Click Here](#)

### **Historic District Commission October 19th Meeting**

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

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

### **Capital Improvement Plan Presented to BOS November 28th:**

Approved CIP presented on 11-28: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video [Click Here](#) Starts at 4:09 on the video

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

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

After six months of work with the Town of Rye Departments and Commissions, the Capital Improvement Plan [CIP] Committee has completed the six year [2017-2022] study of capital outlay needs. The CIP Committee recommendations are based upon a scale of priorities.

Priority One is to secure life and property. Priority Two is to maintain the present standard of living. Priority Three is to improve the community consistent with the Rye Master Plan. The Recommendations made in this CIP are:

1. The CIP Committee agrees school security is the number 1 priority.
  2. The CIP Committee recommends the replacement of the Public Works Dump Truck #108. It is in poor condition.
  3. The Town Hall redesign reflects a revised placeholder of \$2.9MM in 2018.
  4. To fund a new Quint Fire Truck in 2018 the CIP recommends a warrant article to add to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. A new Quint Fire Truck estimated at \$575K.
  5. The CIP Committee recommends the delay of the Conservation Bond \$3MM and the Recreation Community Center Building at \$2.5MM pending the Town Hall design decision.
- The CIP was accepted by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on November 28, 2016.

### **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 Opinions:**

The Rye Civic League Website posts opinions and discussions for Rye. These opinions reflect the views of residents, **NOT** the Rye Civic League.

The purpose is to help residents share their views and to have an online discussion between residents. We encourage you to share your opinions in the online discussions or sending an e-mail to the [RCL e-mail](#)

#### **Recent posted opinions:**

None

### **Rye Public Forum Discussion Topics:**

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

Topics discussed:

1. School Budget, meeting minutes, PHS, Testing results
2. South Road stressing the land
3. Warrant Articles
4. Town Hall & lack of a overall facilities plan

### **Other Town Activity**

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

2015 Our Library has done a great job quantifying the huge value we get from our annual investment. [Click Here](#) to see the details

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

Rye Library Events Page [Click Here](#)

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

NOTE: 2016 Update are available at the Library, the Hungry Horse and other locations. All sections are also posted on the Rye Civic League website

The Rye Citizens' Handbook has been created by the Rye Civic League ("RCL") to provide a consolidated resource to assist citizens in interacting with the various employees, board and commission members of the Town. It contains a description of each of the positions and groups, together with the contact information for each. It provides a road map to assist citizens in interacting with each function. The document is fluid. The intention of the RCL is to revise the Handbook at least annually in response to changes in staff, board and committee memberships, and the laws.

Special thanks to **Mae Bradshaw** who created and maintains the handbook.

[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

### **Contact Info**

Rye Civic League: [civicnews@ryecivicleague.org](mailto: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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