

Rye Civic News October 2017

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

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

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[RCL Facebook Page](#)

Next RCL
Meeting:
October TBD
RPL 6:30 pm

Save the Date: Water in Rye Presentation & RCL Annual Meeting

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

Meetings
(at Town Hall
unless
indicated)

Oct. 3rd:
Conservation
Site Walk 1pm

Oct. 3rd:
Energy
Committee
RPL 6:30pm

Oct. 4th: RWD
60 Sagamore
Rd. 9:00am

Oct 4th: ZBA
7pm

Oct. 5th.
Heritage
Commission
6:30pm.

Oct. 10th:
Sewer
Commission
8:00am
RBVD.

Oct. 10th:
Trustees of
Trust Funds
6pm.

Oct 10th:
Planning
Board 7:00pm.

Oct. 11th
Wetlands
Committee.
10:00am.

Oct. 11th:
Board of
Selectmen
6:30pm.

September Highlights:

1. Property Revaluation has been completed. Adjusted information is not yet posted. Next steps can begin once you receive your new tax bill. 400 people met with the Assessors.
2. Master Plan Public Comment October 12th 6pm RJH. [Click Here](#)
3. School Use Feasibility Public Discussion: October 25th 6pm RJH
4. Town is working on making Dow Lane safer (speed and traffic volume)
5. Sanders Poynt has been restored: THANK YOU Robert Jeserum. Note he used his own funds to get this beach access returned to the Public [Click Here](#)
6. More residents are expressing concerns over Clean Water (see information on November 8th Water in Rye informational meeting).
7. 421 South Road Developer and property owners are suing the Town's Land Use board [Click here](#)
8. Major Development proposal for a multi-family development (40 units) and a Workforce Housing component (20% of the units) on a 10 acre site off of Rt. 1.
9. Parsonage Apartments management lease will likely be extended for a year as the BOS has no plan yet.
10. With TD Bank closing the Town is investigating the building for Town Offices space even as existing space is underutilized.
11. Library Strategic Planning recommends expanding the facility to meet projected demands.

General Announcements:

1. Town Offices will be unable to process vehicle related transactions October 6th and is closed on October 9th (Columbus Day).
2. Trick or Treat is Monday October 30th 5pm to 7pm
3. Rye Rec. After School problem part time position [Click Here](#) Application [Click Here](#)
4. Open Appointed and Alternate Positions: [Click Here](#)
5. RCL **New** 2017 Citizen's Handbooks are available [Click Here](#)
6. **New** poster warning about Ticks from RMCC [Click Here](#)
7. **Rye Recreation Senior Program:** 2017-2018 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)
8. **Rye Recreation Fall Programs Registration** [Click here](#)
9. **Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#) (note, not expected to be updated for another week or so).
10. **GIS Mapping** Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
11. **Public Hearings:**
Master Plan Public Hearing: October 12th 7pm RJH
Capital Improvement Plan Public Hearing: October 19th 6:30pm Town Hall
School Use Feasibility Committee 6:00pm RJH

Board of Selectmen Meeting September 25th:

- Video Recording: [Click Here](#)
 Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available
 RCL Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)
1. There was a moment of silence for Father Mo, who had passed away the prior Saturday. [More Detail](#)
 2. The Heritage Commission Fall Cruise on October 2 was announced. Proceeds will be used for the painting of Town Hall. [More Detail](#)
 3. The town-wide revaluation was approved, with approximately 600 properties having changed in value from the previously-proposed revaluation following meetings with property owners. The total town valuation is up approximately 13 percent over the pre-revaluation

Oct. 12th:
School Use
Feasibility
8:00am

figure, to over \$2.2 billion (including non-taxable parcels and exemptions). [More Detail](#)

Oct 12th:
Master Plan
Public Hearing
7:00pm RJH

4. Preliminary design of a salt storage facility is proceeding. It is expected that bids will be obtained prior to the Deliberative Session, and that there will be a bond warrant article in 2018 to pay for a building with double the existing capacity. [More Deatail](#)

Oct. 16th:
Recreation
Commission
6pm.

5. State Senator Dan Innis was present to talk about issues facing Rye. Chief among those, from his perspective, were the Coakley Landfill, PFCs and Aquarion water quality issues. [More Detail](#)

Oct. 17th:
Mosquito
Commission
5:00pm.

6. A request for a utility pole license was tabled until Eversource has provided a schedule for the elimination of 45 double poles remaining. [More Detail](#)

Oct. 19th: CIP
Public Hearing
6:30pm.

7. It was agreed that Rye needs to improve its cell phone service. It appears that a consultant will be retained to look into the issue and possible cell tower sites. [More Detail](#)

Oct. 19th:
Conservation
Commission
7pm.

Board of Selectmen Meeting September 11th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

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

RCL Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

Oct. 18th:
School Board
5pm RJH

1. The Selectmen voted to file Robert Jesurum's letter on Sanders Poynt with no discussion of the points that it raises. [More Detail](#) [Click Here](#) for letter

2. New Fire Chief Mark Coutreau was sworn in. [More Detail](#)

3. The Housing Partnership will do more investigation of renovation costs and financing sources related to the Parsonage Apartments, but it appears unlikely that they will be willing to continue to be involved with the property after the lease expires in January 2019. [More Detail](#) [Click Here](#) for letter

Oct. 23rd:
Board of
Selectmen
6:30pm.

4. The TD Bank in Rye, which will be closing in December, is being looked at as a site for additional town offices. [More Detail](#)

5. The Police and Public Works are looking at various options for resolving the safety issues on Dow Ln. [More Detail](#)

6. Former State Representative Tom Sherman was appointed to the State Seacoast Cancer Cluster Investigation Commission with the proviso that he report to the selectmen before discussing any steps that the town might take. [More Detail](#)

Oct. 24th
Budget
Committee
6:30pm.

7. The Red Mill Ln. culvert expenditures continue to climb, with additional costs of up to \$70,000 on top of a revised projection of \$500,000, way beyond the \$150,000 authorized by voters in 2016. [More Detail](#)

8. The Rye Water District informed the Selectmen of a resident's request for an information session on water issues.

School Board September 20th Meeting:

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

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

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

Oct. 26th:
Board of
Selectmen
Work Session
8:30am

1. Facilities/Maintenance Plan -working on consolidating past work that was completed in both RJH & RES in order to get a plan moving forward

2. Electrical Survey completed at both RES & RJH. RES has 22 issues, RJH has 36 issues. Issues highlighted were: not enough outlets in classrooms, panels need updating and new panels added

3. Communication to parents and the community has increased. Positive responses from parents.

4. Principal Lull & Principal Soucy reported on excellent curriculum projects, integrations and programs happening at both schools

Oct. 26th:
School Use
Feasibility
Public Meeting
5:30pm.

5. Open House in October inviting current 5th grade students at RES & current 6th grade students from Newcastle to visit RJH. This is a new initiative.

School Building Feasibility September Meeting:

Recorded Video; [Click Here](#)

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

Draft Configuration Document: [Click Here](#)

1. Committee has concluded tours of Rye school and Greenland K-8 model.

2. Review of reports from Suzanne Lull and Marie Soucy on program impact if 10,000 SQFT of school space was used for town hall space needs.

3. Significant concerns expressed by committee member Sedam that town hall space considerations are outside the scope of the committee's mandate.

4. Committee to publish pro/con list for all possible school reorganization scenarios.

**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 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

5. Next meetings: Thursday, October 12th @ 8:00A at Rye Town Hall
6. Public Forum: Wednesday, October 25th @ 6P at Rye Junior High

Rye Districts Information:

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

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

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

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

Sept 12th Planning Board. Sept 15th deadline for public comments [e-mail](#) Presentation: [Click Here](#)

Rye Water District September 6th:

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

Rye Water Testing Data: [Click Here](#) Note no analysis included

Note: [Click Here](#) to see State Senator Innis discussion of legislation that discusses lowering the PFC level to 20 ppt (PFOS+PFOA), the Garland Well July 2017 test data shows 21ppt.

RCL Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Rate Increase Letter: [Click Here](#) Report is not yet posted for the public.

1. Residents asking for information about testing of PFC's at their homes
2. Residents requesting RWD host an informational meeting (note the RCL is doing this on November 8th)
3. Selectman Winslow informed the district about possible NH DES grants for water resources.
4. RCL Summary of carcinogens. [Click Here](#)

Clean Water Issues:

Note: November 8th RCL Water in Rye presentation

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

1. Testing shows PFCs are present in RWD and Aquarion Water.

Rye Water District (red & silver hydrants), Aquarion (yellow hydrants), Portsmouth Water (White hydrants)

2. PFCs from landfill seep from Coakley, Breakfast Hill and Grove Rd. landfills have been detected at high levels in monitoring wells.
3. Storm run-off into Berry's Brook near the Coakley Landfill and from neighborhoods impacting homes with private wells.
4. 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](#)

Planning Board Lawsuit: 421 South Rd Developer Lawsuit

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

1. Harbor Street LLC, the developer whose 17 lot subdivision was rejected in its entirety by the Planning Board in August, has filed three separate suits against the Rye Planning Board and ZBA.
2. The facts and arguments presented are repetitive and complex. The Planning Board and the ZBA have not yet responded to the suits. [Click Here](#) for summary
3. The first hearing, a Structuring Conference, is scheduled for October 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rockingham Superior Court in Brentwood.

Planning Board meeting: September 12th:

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. 0 Airfield Dr. - Major Subdivision (Housing Partnership) continued to October meeting

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 Beach****Committee**[Facebook](#)[Page Click](#)[Here](#)**Other****Helpful****Links:**[Live Free or](#)[Die Alliance](#)

2. Public Hearing - building code amendment (make building code consistent with wetlands ordinance) Action - moved to warrant

3. Jenness State Beach Redevelopment (new bathhouse) - presentation

4. Special Public Meeting on revised/new chapters in Master Plan will be October 12

Details on public input - [Click Here](#)

Chairman would not listen to residents concerns about the process, requested that they leave the Public Meeting [Click Here](#). Residents provided additional details to the BOS

[Click Here](#)

5. Non public session on exemption to Right to Know Law

LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan)**October 12th Public Hearing 6pm RJH**

1. What has happened since 2014: [Click Here](#) Additional 2016 information [Click Here](#)

2. Master Plan update discussions: [Click Here](#) (has links to draft sections)

3. Sanders Poynt letter also discusses Master Plan [Click Here](#)

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

4. See Letter to the Editor for residents of Rye: [Click Here](#)

Rules & Regulations Committee September 11, 13 and 25th

Proposed Zoning Amendments:

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

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

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

Video Recordings: Sept. 11th [Click Here](#)

RCL Sitewalk Well 5A Site walk; [Click Here](#)

Video Recording Sept. 25th [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes Sept 25th: [Click Here](#)

Sept 13th Well 5A

RCL Site Walk Notes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Site Walk Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. At the urging of two Jenness Beach Village District residents, the Rules and Regulations Committee has been working on providing groundwater protection for Aquarion Well 5A on Central Road, which delivers water to residents in the Rye Beach Village District and Jenness Beach Village District.

2. Chair Pat Losik has done a considerable amount of work and the Committee has been reaching out to NHDES for assistance.

3. The site walk provided background information in regards to Aquarion's operation at Well 5A.

4. Of concerns, the lack of existing land use regulations, especially within the 400 ft protective sanitary radius, which should be technically in a "natural state." [Click Here](#) for more information

September 11th

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Fences & Swimming Pools: discussion regarding the height of fences around swimming pools and how to streamline the Rye building code so that it aligns with the State and International Building Codes.

2. Fences: discussion about enforcement issues regarding the height of fences.

3. Wetland Buffers: discussion about buffer requirements aligned with the DES Shoreland Protection Act, the need to implement and the timing for placement of permanent monuments and markers to delineate wetland buffers.

4. Solar Panels: reflections/glare from solar panels resulting in complaints to the building inspector. How to address this issue in the Rye Zoning Ordinance? (Both Peter Rowell and Chuck Marsen had left the meeting.)

5. Follow-up on implementing an Aquifer and Wellhead Protection District for Aquarion Well 5A on Central Road. Kristen Swenson from DES has created a map to include Well 5A. Discussion regarding DES model groundwater protection ordinance and Section 306 of the Rye Zoning Ordinance with respect to drafting protection for Well 5A. Among other issues the 400 ft Sanitary Protective Radius of Well 5A is not in a "Natural State" as called for in the ordinance, with Rye Water District wells having a Natural State Protective Radius. A site walk was scheduled at the site of Well 5A.

Planning Board October 10th Agenda:

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. Public Hearing Accessory Dwelling Units [Click Here](#)
2. 60 Wentworth Rd (WBTSCC) replace 50' poles with 90' poles
3. 432 Wallis Rd. Accessory Dwelling Unit
4. 424 Sagamore Rd. Accessory Dwelling Unit
5. 780 Ocean Blvd. Solar array

Zoning Board of Adjustment: September 6th:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. 236 Sagamore Rd. - Request for re-hearing for variances granted to Section 203.1 Denied 4-0
2. 2 West Rd. - add porch Issues: front setback Approved 5-0
3. 610 Central Rd. - expand non-conforming building by adding deck. Issues: side setback and lot coverage Approved 5-0
4. 51 Central Rd. - expand non-conforming building. Issues: side setback Approved 5-0
5. 24 park Ridge Ave. - add shed. Issues: side setback and lot coverage Approved 5-0
6. 320 Brackett Rd. - request administrative appeal of letter from Building Inspector in reference to request for variances for two dwellings on one lot and an accessory dwelling in a detached building and continued use of septic system.
 - Detached accessory dwelling approved 5-0
 - Request for two dwellings on one lot was withdrawn as was the request of administrative appeal
7. 300 Washington Rd. - add to non-conforming building. Issues: side setback Approved 4-0
8. 1025-31 Ocean Blvd. - (condo assn.) - install generators and LP tanks. Issues: front and rear setback Approved 5-0
9. 1373 Ocean Blvd. - expand non-conforming building (add 2nd floor deck). Issues: side setback Approved 5-0

Zoning Board of Adjustment: October 4th Agenda:

[Click Here](#) for agenda

1. 5 Liberty Lane: Swimming Pool in the wetland buffer
2. 40 Old Beach Rd.: Allow a fence 1 ft from property line
3. 0 Richard Rd. Building on non-conforming lot
4. 731 Ocean Rd. Expanding a non-conforming structure in a wetland buffer
5. 179 Perkins Rd. Expanding a non-conforming structure
6. 0 Bracket Rd. Shed within the setbacks

Conservation Commission (CC) September 21st:

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

Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)

Wetlands Map [Click Here](#)

Town Forest map: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft Meeting minutes: Not posted

1. 3 wetland buffer permit requests - all requiring site surveys to be completed during first week of October.
2. Partial plan presented to mitigate wetlands buffer violation at 5 Libbey Lane. Approval pending additional action, clarifications and possible 2nd site visit.
3. Board planning on introducing more trail markers and granite posts to town conservation lands.

Recreation Commission Meeting September 18th:

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

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

Spring program Registrations: [Click Here](#)

Summer program Registrations: [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: None available

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

1. Part time Rye After Care Program staff needed [Click Here](#)
2. Four people offered to fill the open Recreation Commission met with the commission
3. The Beach Commission is suggesting that Beach Management be moved back under Recreation where it was years ago. This stopped when there was a Beach Committee, but

the BOS took control of the Beaches and has the Fire Department overseeing the lifeguards.

4. The School Use Feasibility committee surfaced that there is storage space under the gym.
5. Discussion of a 2018 Warrant article for storage and to construct new public restrooms.

Heritage Commission Meetings September 7th.

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

Recorded Video: Says "off air"

Town Meeting minutes: Not available

1. The Heritage commission and the Rye Historic District met jointly on 7th to hear a presentation by the NH Historic Resources Division regarding the Certified Local Government program, an opportunity for local government to become more directly involved in identifying, evaluating, protecting, promoting and enhancing the education and economic value of local properties of historic, architectural and archeological significance.
2. The joint boards expressed commitment to pursue such a designation for the benefit of accessing part of the allocation of federal preservation funds.

Mosquito Commission Meeting September 19th:

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. Positive batch of West Nile Virus mosquitoes found in Rye last week, raising our threat level to LOW, the same as surrounding towns.
3. The RMCC has ordered Parsons Field, the rec area, and both schools to be sprayed for adult mosquitoes (completed)
4. A new batch of mosquito awareness posters were distributed by the commission and RMCC is currently developing a new poster to increase tick awareness and explain how to prevent tick bites. The posters will be distributed next week,
5. See **NEW** Tick Poster [Click Here](#)

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: September 5th:

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

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

1. Solar at Major Consuming Locations in Rye on hold as NH is not taking more applications for refunds/rebates..
2. [Energize 360](#) Two jobs have been completed, one more is in process.
3. "Rye Eats Local" toes available at the Rye Farmers Market. If you want one [E-mail](#)
4. Offshore Wind program was September 20th
5. New members are needed

Rye Recycling Education Committee August 15th

Video Recording: Not available

Draft town meeting minutes: Not available - [Click Here](#) for Agenda

Openings for three new members.

Library Board of Trustees September 14th, 18th and 22nd:

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

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

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

Planning Meeting Sept. 14th: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Monthly Meeting Sept 18th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Draft Meeting minutes; [Click Here](#)
Strategic Planning Meeting September 22nd: [Click Here](#) Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Sept 14th Meeting:

1. Bids received for the parking lot repair project
2. Based on Strategic Planning inputs the Library does need more space

Sept 18th Monthly Meeting"

1. Matt Allen donated engineering time for the installation of the Stained Glass Window project.
2. HVAC work has been completed and funds moved to pay for the work
3. Similar to the Town employee fund for Accumulated Leave, the Library will have a warrant article to establish a trust fund for this ongoing liability.

September 22nd Meeting:

1. Parking lot project contract awarded (\$10,000).

Sewer Commission Meeting September 12th

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

1. The ownership of the sewer line at 13 Foss Circle was transferred to the Town
2. Discussions moving forward for the renewal of the agreement with the Town of Hampton

Capital Improvement Plan August 24th:

Approved CIP presented on 11-28-16: [Click Here](#)

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. The CIP committee has completed the plan for 2018-2023 except for all sections which rely upon the tax rate to be set for 2017-2018 for its comparative analysis.
2. This analysis has been delayed because the required Revaluation of all town properties has not been available and the new tax rate relies upon that number for its calculation.
3. A public hearing is scheduled for October 19th with the presentation to the Board of Selectmen scheduled for October 23rd.

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.

Budget Committee August 17th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. See resident letter committee rejected. [Click Here](#)

Editor's note: This is a case of the members not being able to see the forest through the trees.

Rye Opinions:

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

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

Recent posted opinions:

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

There is helpful information included in the sections for commissions and committees that are not actively meeting. Opinions, Public Discussion and additional content are also included below.

Historic District Commission June 8th Meeting

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not Available

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

Trustees of the Trust Funds August 22nd

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

Parson's Creek Pollution Committee November 15th 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. South Road stressing the land
3. Maine town that posts where the Chemical Free lawns are.

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, are 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.

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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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