

Rye Civic News December 2017

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Next RCL

Meeting:
December 27th
RPL 6:00 pm

Meetings (at Town Hall unless indicated)

Dec. 4th:
Recreation
Commission
6:00pm.

Dec. 4th:
School Board
Budget
Meeting
5:15pm RJH

Dec. 5th:
Energy
Committee
6:30pm.

Dec. 6th: Rye
Water District
9:00am 60
Sagamore Rd.

Dec. 6th:
Zoning Board
of Adjustment
7:00pm.

Dec. 7th:
Heritage
Commission
6:30pm.

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

Dec. 12th
Sewer
Commission
8:00am
RBVD.

Dec.12th:
Planning
Board 7:00pm.

Correction and Updates

- a) We had a bad link to the PFC information (#2) below. [Click Here](#)
Two of the three presentations from the 11/29 Water 101 are now available (use the above link).
- b) Detail notes of the Budget Committee all day meeting are now available. [Click Here](#) or see the updated summary below.
- c) There are now 8 more DOE Home Energy Scores available for \$50 (normally \$300) [e-mail](#)
- d) Lawsuit related to the South Rd. subdivision has been settled, terms still unknown. [Click Here](#) for Herald story. See video of December 6, 2017 Rye Water District meeting at 20:15 elapsed for limited details (at least some houses will be allowed). [Click here](#)

Improving the Rye Civic News & Website

Believe it or not, all across our country, your Rye Civic News is cutting edge for citizen's helping to keep each other educated and informed. We have a vision for improvements, but we can't get there without a few webmasters. If you or people you know want to help move us to the next level, please let us know. [e-mail](#)

November Highlights:

1. Why is your tax bill up. [Click Here](#)
2. PFC (carcinogens) at levels above the NH DES standard have been leaching out from the Grove Rd. Landfill that sits 800ft from Rye Water District's main well. [Click Here](#)
3. Master Plan Update - Chapter 3 only. [Click Here](#) Still no plans to add the crucial "Implementation Plan section" for the Master Plan.
4. Selectman is improperly inserting himself into Library Trustees' salary decisions.
5. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) approved with \$6.5M of possible 2019 investments [Click Here](#) for summary. [Click Here](#) for final document.
6. In pursuing purchase of the TD Bank building, the BOS is now saying that town departments can be separated. However, co-locating all departments was repeatedly cited by the BOS (and their committees) as a major reason why building out the Public Safety Building above the equipment bay (Fire and locker rooms go above the apparatus bay and Town uses the rooms accessible with the current elevator). [Click Here](#) to see how under-utilized PSB space we own.
7. Wentworth CC is not allowing the previous Historic Sanders Point sign to be reinstalled. [Click Here](#) for Herald Story
8. A King Tide occurred in November [Click Here](#) for images
9. Public Forum discussion question: What do you think are the unresolved questions for Rye and what should the priorities be? [Click Here](#)
10. Longtime Energy Committee member Susan Anderson has stepped down. Two Recreation Committee members have also stepped down (different personal reasons).
11. Hampton is fighting Eversource's purchase of Aquarion, Rye is not involved. [Click Here](#) for Herald Article
12. Rye Civic League "Water in Rye" Presentation had full house (70 to 75 people). [Click Here](#)

General Announcements:

1. What do you want changed in Rye? Twenty-five resident signatures are needed to put a petitioned warrant article on the ballot. Contact the RCL if you have questions or need help with the process. [e-mail](#)
2. Budget Reviews: Draft Town Budget [Click Here](#) Draft School Budget: Not available
Work sessions: Dec. 13th School Budget, Dec. 14th Town Budget 6:30pm
Public Hearings: Jan 10th School Budget, Jan 11th Town Budget 6:30pm
Editor's Note: Public Hearings are normally too late in the process to impact change.
3. Open Appointed and Alternate Positions: [Click Here](#)
4. Open 2018 Elected and Appointed Positions [Click Here](#) Last day to file for an elected office is should be Feb 2, 2018 Example File forms from 2017 [Town School](#)
5. Have you seen the updated Rye Public Library Web site? [Click Here](#)

Dec. 13th.
Budget
Committee -
School Budget
6:30pm. RJH

6. DOE Energy Audits are available for \$50 until the end of the year. Evaluators are available. Contact Rye Energy Committee [e-mail](#) Find other assessors [Click Here](#)
7. RCL **New** 2017 Citizen's Handbooks are available [Click Here](#)
8. **New** poster warning about Ticks from RMCC [Click Here](#)
9. **Rye Recreation Senior Program:** 2017-2018 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)
10. **Rye Recreation Winter Programs Registration NEW** [Click here](#)
11. **Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
12. **GIS Mapping** Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
13. Rye Fire Fighter's Toys for Tots program [Click Here](#)

Dec. 14th.
Budget
Committee
Town Budget
6:30pm.

Board of Selectmen Meeting November 27th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available

RCL Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

1. Consideration of the Library budget was tabled for the third time, pending further investigation of the figures by the Library Director and the Town Finance Director, thus wasting the time of three Library Trustees who were present, as well as the Library Director, all of whom had come to discuss the budget. [More Detail](#)
2. The \$60,000 budget for document scanning in 2017 will not be spent, despite three bids in that range, because the government document scanning market is believed to be insufficiently developed. [More Detail](#)
3. Randy Crapo has not attended a CIP Committee meeting in three years. The town will write him a letter asking for his resignation and outlining the next steps to remove him if he does not resign. [More Detail](#)
4. The TD Bank building acquisition for \$540,000 is proceeding towards presentation at 2018 Town Meeting. [More Detail](#)

Dec. 19th.
Mosquito
Commission
5:00pm.

Dec. 20th:
School Board
5:00pm RJH

Dec. 21st:
Conservation
Commission
7:00pm.

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

Board of Selectmen Meeting November 13th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

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

RCL Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

1. The Wentworth-by-the-Sea Country Club has blocked reinstallation of the "Sanders Poynt, 1623" sign and DOT has refused to allow it to be installed in the State right-of-way. The Town Administrator will appeal to the DOT Commissioner. [More Detail](#)
2. The CIP Committee presented its plan for \$2.752 million in projects in 2018, however some project costs include only the initial principal and interest payments. The true capital cost for just eight major projects totals over \$5.8 million in 2018. [More Detail](#)
3. An engineering contract was awarded for the Shoals View Dr. paving. The estimated cost is now \$250,000. The project will proceed in either 2018 or 2019. [More Detail](#)
4. Beach parking sticker prices are being raised from \$20 to \$25. [More Detail](#)
5. The Selectmen rejected, for now, the hiring of a "Jack-of-all-trades" by Public Works at a cost, with benefits, of approximately \$72,000 annually. [More Detail](#)
6. The Library budget was tabled after a contentious discussion with the Library Trustees. Selectman Musselman incorrectly characterized recent wage studies to argue that the Library, but not the Town, employees are overpaid. Selectman Musselman also attempted to reduce the Library budget after the Library Trustees had left the meeting. [More Detail](#)
7. The 2018 Conservation budget of \$90,000 was approved notwithstanding only approximately \$8000 of the 2017 budget having been spent through September. A flurry of last-minute spending will use up most of the 2017 budget. [More Detail](#)
8. Despite the overwhelming rejection of a town-wide vehicle by voters in 2010, the acquisition of such a vehicle as part of 2018 operating budget was approved. It will be used for the transportation of injured seagulls, among other things. [More Detail](#)
9. Permission to display, at the Town Hall, information related to an upcoming petitioned warrant article to demolish and rebuild the building will not be given. The proponent will need to obtain his own legal advice to make his warrant article conform with legal requirements for bond issues. [More Detail](#)

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**

School Board November 15th Meeting:

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

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

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

Superintendent's Bulletin: October [Click Here](#) (no November update)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Discussed two bills in the NH Legislature:

(Click Here)

2015 Beach Report Click Here

GIS Parcel Data: Click Here

Transfer Station and Recycling Flyer: Click Here.

Town Budgets
Budget
Analysis:
Click Here

Town Budget Worksheet:
Click Here.

MS-7 Reporting document:
Click Here

Rye Water District Budget:
Click Here.

Rye Beach Budget:
Click Here.
RBVD
Treasurer's Report.
Click Here

Jenness Beach Budget:
Click Here

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

Rye Trust Fund Summary:
Click Here

Rye Library Strategic Plan:
Click Here
How good is our Library
Click Here

a) NH Bill 193 Title: establishing education freedom savings accounts for students. The NH Senate passed the House Education Committee Bill that has the potential impact on school funding. Still questions of whether this is allowed under the NH Constitutional Law; however, the new proposal for the Bill states the funds would be distributed through a scholarship clearinghouse before distribution. By funneling public money through a clearinghouse, the money could then be used at any religious school. It is unknown how it will impact Rye.

b) Manifest Educational Hardship Act RSA 193:3-to be amended which takes away some of the local control or Superintendents and School Boards. Portsmouth Herald Editorial SB 193 [Click Here](#):

2. The School Feasibility Committee will submit the final report to the town for December 1st

3. The Board is proposing having the School Deliberative Session on Tuesday, February 6th with a snow date of February 7th.

4. The School Board is considering moving to an Online Lunch Billing System. Options were shared with the Board by Ms. Curtis from SAU 50. Online Lunch Billing will be discussed further at the December Board meeting. Please share your comments with the Board prior to the December Meeting.

School Board Budget Meeting November 16th:

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

1. No information, but a special meeting is scheduled for December 4th, 5:15pm RJH Agenda [Click Here](#)

School Building Feasibility November 9th:

Recorded Video; No recording

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

Public Hearing Presentation: [Click Here](#)

Note to parents: [Click Here](#)

1. Committee noted most favorable public responses from 10/25 public meeting were: (1) preschool program, (2) moving 5th grade to RJH, (3) collaboration with surrounding towns.

2. Committee felt that there was an opportunity to market Rye schools better and create a formal student retention plan.

3. Committee to include the following recommendations in its final report: (1) census to improve school population projections (2) invite NH Listens to help evaluate town space needs.

4. Final report will be submitted to the School Board and BOS on December 1st with a formal presentation to the BOS to follow.

Rye Districts Information:

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

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

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

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

Rye Water District November 1st:

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

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

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

1. Submitted comments to the Rye Airfield development

2. Continued with the installation of the new generator at the Garland Well.

3. Connection with Breakfast Hill Road is almost completed.

4. Water District Conservation plan was discussed, but no information is included in the meeting minutes.

5. Rye Energy is discussing Solar Panels for RWD property.

6. Site walk for Harbor Rd. Water Main replacement will be discussed.

7. RCL Summary of carcinogens. [Click Here](#)

Clean Water Issues:

1. Summary of PFC carcinogens impacting Garland Well. [Click Here](#)

2. Water in Rye Presentation from the RCL [Click Here](#)

3. CMA Engineers Grove Rd. Landfill presentation: [Click Here](#)

RCL video of the November 29th presentation: [Click Here](#)

Rye Police Homepage

[Click Here](#)

Facebook:

[Click Here](#)

Rye Beach

Committee

Facebook

Page [Click](#)

[Here](#)

Other Helpful Links:

Live Free or Die Alliance

New - RWD Presentation: [Click Here](#)

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

5. Storm run-off into Berry's Brook near the Coakley Landfill and from nearby neighborhoods are impacting homes with private wells.

6. Cancer Cluster Final Report September 2017 [Click Here](#)

7. August 23rd Governor's Task Force Coakley Landfill Subcommittee Presentation (full overview) [click here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Additional Information:

NHDHHS Confirms CDC-defined Pediatric Cancer Cluster [Click Here](#)

Community Facebook page for the Cancer Cluster: [Click Here](#)

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

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

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

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

NHDHHS confirms uptick in pediatric brain cancers in cluster: [Click Here](#)

RCL Water in Rye Presentation: [Click Here](#)

Grove Rd. Landfill CMA Presentation: [Click Here](#)

Planning Board meeting: November 14th:

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 Drive: Major Subdivision by The Housing Partnership, residential, mixture of multi-family dwellings with a portion dedicated to workforce housing. Site walk was November 18th. Continued to December 12th meeting.

Editors Note: *This is a Major Subdivision and once again the Planning Department is not providing an overview, summary and list of variances and other pertinent information for residents.*

2. Master Plan Chapter 3 Coastal Hazards and Climate Adaption will have a public hearing at the December 12th meeting. [Click Here](#)

3. There are additional Zoning Ordinance changes, but drafts are not available to the public.

4. Wetlands Subcommittee is on hold waiting for more information.

LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan)

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

2. A core group of residents provided extensive public written & oral comments prior to, and at the October & November meetings, regarding chapter 3 of the Master Plan "Coastal Hazards and Climate Adaptation" in addition to the three other chapters being updated (Natural Resources, Land Use, and Transportation).

3. A public hearing on the new chapter "Coastal Hazards and Climate Adaptation" of the Master Plan is scheduled for the Planning Board December 12th Agenda [Click Here](#)

4. The process of planning for and drafting the new chapter 3 "Coastal Hazards and Climate Adaptation" began in January 2016 with the assistance of Julie Labranche from the RPC. The initial plan was to complete the updates of the Master Plan, including drafting the new chapter (3) and updating three other chapters, by September 2016, given the deadline of a grant provided in the amount of \$8,500 (additional money \$ 11,500 for the updates was provided by the Town). All money has been spent.

5. Extensive discussion regarding the process of updating the Rye Master Plan from the same core group of residents was heard at the October & November meetings, however, the "next steps" for the remaining three chapters will be simplified, i.e. no Visioning Session (via a survey) and no Implementation Plan, as was discussed/recommended at the October meeting by Julie Labranche from the RPC.

6. Chair Bill Epperson is proposing to complete the update of the three remaining chapters (Natural Resources, Land Use, and Transportation) with the help/participation of the same core group of residents in the upcoming months by meeting at the Rye Library.

7. [Click Here](#) for more information

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

Rules & Regulations Committee November Meetings

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](#)

1. November 28th meeting

Video Recording: [Click Here](#) Draft Meeting Minutes: not available

2. November 2nd meeting

Video Recording: [Click Here](#) Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

3. **No draft copies of these additional ordinances are posted for the public.**

Wetlands & Surface Water Committee:

Subcommittee is on hold waiting for additional information.

[Click Here](#) for the details of the October meetings.

Planning Board December 12th Agenda:

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. 0 Airfiled Rd - Major Subdivision including workforce housing
2. 491 Bracket Rd - adjusting lot lines
3. 382 Wallis Rd: Removing trees on a scenic roadway
4. Public Hearing on Chapter 3 of the Master Plan
5. Building Code Amendment 2018-02: Deletes pool requirements
6. Zoning Amendment 2018-03: Aquifer and Wellhead protection zone - no drafts are posted.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: November 1st:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. 48 Straws Point Rd.: Variances were granted for modest increase in coverage and boundary setbacks for an expansion of a property and exceptions from the Rye Building Code for a septic system upgrade.
2. 40 Baker Rd.: Variances were granted for a shed within the property line setbacks.
3. 30 F Street: Variances were granted for a modest increase in coverage for conversion of a porch into living space for year round occupancy.
4. 299 Wallis Rd.: Variances were granted for upward expansion of a building without impact on the footprint.
5. Applications for variances on Brackett Road and Pioneer Road were continued to later meetings.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: December 6th Agenda:

[Click Here](#) for agenda

1. 0 Bracket Rd. Multiple variances requested and relief to wetlands buffer zone and variances for a non-conforming lot

Conservation Commission (CC) November 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: Not posted

1. 300 Pioneer Road (Map 24, Lot 11) - New home, garage and deck. Site walk by end of year.
2. Straw's Point - Proposed revetment. Site walk complete. Request for minor revision of plan.
3. Brackett Road (Tax Map 17 Lot 34-2). New home, wetlands buffer. Several concerns to be documented and passed to the ZBA.
4. Reported conflicts between dog walkers in Town Forest and abutters during hunting season. Commission exploring possible mitigation strategies.

Recreation Commission Meeting November 13th:

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Two members are stepping down (different personal reasons), so there are two more open positions on the Recreation Commission.
2. Discussion about approaching the Rye School Board earlier in the year for After School Space needs.
3. BOS had tabled the \$150,000 budget request for the Storage facility.
4. Rye Recreation projects are partially funded through program revenue. Examples are: \$50,000 for the new Rest Rooms will come from Recreation revenue, not taxes, Recreation is funding \$10K for the Area Site Plan and funded \$15,000 of the Guard Rail/Fence project and \$20,000 field drainage work.
5. Storage Facility will also be a concession stand and maintenance facility, so it will be referred to as the multi-purpose service facility.
6. Local Government Center informed the Recreation Commission that BOS approval is not required for Revolving Fund expenditures and the Budget Committee has no authority over the fund.
7. Member Mikolaities sent a letter to the BOS about the Town's responsibility for funding a means for proper and timely winter maintenance at Rye Recreation.
8. There are 71 participants in the K-5 Recreational Basketball program. RES also has a 5th Grade Team playing in the Portsmouth Recreation League (Rye and Greenland 5th Grades have been participating for many years).

Heritage Commission Meetings November 2nd.

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting minutes: Not available

Mosquito Commission Meeting November 28th:

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. RFP's going our for next year.
3. The commission has spent less and done more with the annual budget.
4. For next year the Commission is currently figuring the cost of spraying the footpath between the Recreation Center and Parsons Field, which should be doable without increasing the budget requirement.

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: November 7th:

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

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

1. After seven (7) years as the Energy Committee Secretary, Susan Anderson is stepping down.
2. Michael Joyce indicated that he would like to join the Committee, request and supporting letters will be sent to the Board of Selectmen.
3. Uncertainty about Solar panels for municipal locations is causing the project to be put on hold until the new fiscal year (June 18).
4. Three Energize 360 Installations occurred during the program, so the town is eligible for three municipal panels.
5. Committee will provide the BOS with letters and Governor Sununu's support of the Offshore Wind Resolution.
6. Committee will check with Building Department about enforcing the State's Energy Efficiency codes.
7. DOE Energy Audits are available through the end of the year for \$50. Contact the committee [e-mail](#)

Rye Recycling Education Committee August 15th

Video Recording: Not available

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

Openings for three new members.

Library Board of Trustees November 2nd and 13th:

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

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

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

November 13th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Meeting Minutes Draft: [Click Here](#)

November 2nd Budget Planning: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Ned Tate who led the last Library renovation/expansion met with the Trustees.
2. The modified salary report from Thornton & Associates was accepted.

Sewer Commission Meeting November 14th

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

1. Route 1A Force Main Project Plan was presented. Waste water will be trucked to a Hampton manhole.
2. There have been seven (7) applications for secondary water meters. These are used for lawn irrigation as this water does not go into the sewer system.
3. NO word that Hampton notified Rye of termination, so the agreement should be renewed for another five years automatically, ending November 16, 2024.
4. Hampton Sewer Treatment plant is in dire need of repairs and Rye is responsible for 4% of the Hampton capital investments. See Portsmouth Herald story [Click Here](#)

Budget Committee November 16th

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not Available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Shawn Crapo was seated and permitted to vote over the objection of one member who had provided a six page memorandum on why that would be unlawful. It argued that the statute requires village district representatives to the Budget Committee to be appointed by their respective boards, and that Mr. Crapo is not a commissioner and thus has no "respective board" that may lawfully appoint him. [More Detail](#)
2. Most proposed expenditures were approved and the meeting ended at approximately 3:00 p.m. despite being planned to end at 4:30 p.m.
3. There was one vote against \$24,000 for the purchase of a town-wide vehicle to be used, in part, for the transportation of injured seagulls. The member voting against noted the lack of economic analysis and conflicting information on the mileage of police cruisers when they are turned over for use by town departments. [More Detail](#)
4. A member unsuccessfully sought to table most Capital Outlay requests so that they could be considered together with a possible \$5.8 million in warrant articles. [More Detail](#)
5. The budget that would have added a "jack-of-all-trades" for Public Works was tabled pending further discussion between the department head and the Selectmen. [More Detail](#)
6. Unlike during consideration of the 2017 budget, Shawn Crapo recused himself from voting on the Recreation budget after a member so requested. Mr. Crapo's company holds the contract for mowing at the Recreation Area. [More Detail](#)
7. The Library budget was not considered as there is, as yet, no consideration by the Selectmen of it. [More Detail](#)
8. There was one vote against, and one abstention, related to the Land Management budget because of reductions and/or insufficient funds to conduct water testing for PFCs and monitoring Parsons Creek for bacterial contamination. [More Detail](#)
9. There was one vote against the Legal budget by a member who felt that the town was not well-served by the current town attorney. [More Detail](#)
10. There were two votes against the Town Hall budget by members asserting that there were insufficient maintenance funds to properly maintain the building. [More Detail](#)

Capital Improvement Plan November 6th and 20th:

Current Draft of the CIP Plan [Click Here](#)

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

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

November 6th Meeting: Video Recording: [Click Here](#) Meeting Notes: not available

November 20th Meeting: Video Recording: [Click Here](#) Meeting Notes: not available

Beach Committee August 28th and September 28th:

Facebook Page [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes Aug. 28th: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: Not available

No updates available prior to publishing.

Rye Opinions:

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

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

Recent posted opinions:

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

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

Planning Board Lawsuit: 421 South Rd Developer Lawsuit (not updated)

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

1. "View" (site walk) will be December 1st. Only the attorney's will speak
2. Nature Conservancy has joined the town to defend the decision. They are an abutter to the adjacent conservation land.
3. Hearing has been scheduled for January 3rd.
4. Structuring Conference occurred on October 12th. [Click Here](#) for a summary.

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 J&J position based on possible negative impact of recent lawsuit
4. Next meeting will review ultra-short bond funds to support strategic liquidity

Parson's Creek Pollution Committee November 15th 2016 Final Report:

Organized Additional Information: [Click Here](#)

Information from the Planning Department: [Click Here](#)

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

RCL Discussion Page: [Click Here](#)

Summer Pollution Testing Results: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes of 9-28 Final Report: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording Sept 6th: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting Notes:

Septic System Presentation: [Click Here](#)

NH Storm Water Management Guide: [Click Here](#)

Committee Final 11/28 Report to Selectmen [Click Here](#)

Current Topics & When and Where can you help Rye?:

When a topic is being discussed at Town meetings, let us know if you would like to be notified, so you could attend so that the town can benefit from your inputs, guidance or support. The RCL will need to develop an automated system so please [e-mail](#) the RCL with topic(s) on which you may wish to be notified.

In order to promote dialog, the Civic News has an "Opinion" section where views can be expressed, Please send us any other suggestions to help you stay educated, informed and engaged..

Rye Public Forum Discussion Topics:

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

Topics discussed:

1. Town Hall and the Board of Selectmen

2. Cancer Cluster Report
3. Discussion of the School Use Feasibility hearing

Other Town Activity

How Good is our Library?

2016 Our Library has done a great job quantifying the huge value we get from our annual investment. [Click Here](#) to see the details

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

Rye Library Events Page [Click Here](#)

Rye Town Handbook from the Rye Civic League:

NOTE: 2017 Update are available at the Library, the Hungry Horse and other locations. All sections are also posted on the Rye Civic League website

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

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

[Click Here for a PDF version of the handbook](#)

About the Rye Civic League and the Civic News

The Rye Civic League (founded in 1968 by Frances Holway, Joan LaFrance and Marjorie Miller, disbanded in 1992 and revived in 2009) is a voluntary association that educates and motivates people to act as informed citizens of Rye.

To receive Town News via bcc go to the [Rye Civic League Website](#) and enter your name and e-mail.

All articles are written by the RCL editors. Questions or comments feel free to contact the RCL at civicnews@ryecivicleague.org

An Invitation to membership in the Rye Civic League

While the Civic News is free (distributed to over 1,000 people), the Civic League does have annual costs that are covered by members (people who contribute \$12 or more each year).

Our annual costs are: Note only about 10% of the people who open the Civic News are members.

- Website hosting and URL registrations
- Civic News E-mail distribution software (Constant Contact)
- NH Attorney General's fees for being a 501-C and NH Secretary of State filing fees
- Printing and other expenses
- Post Office Box

Members receive:

- Invitation to annual meeting in the Fall where members may discuss anything about the organization including the Civic News. Voting for directors, policy, etc... (NOTE, moved to the early Fall).
- Invitation with agenda to each end of the month RCL meeting at the library where RCL business is discussed followed by an open public forum (no longer an RCL meeting). Meetings are the last Wednesday of the month.
- The knowledge that you are participating in raising citizen awareness of, and promoting participation in Rye's important civic affairs.

Become a member or renew!!!!

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

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

Membership and donations can be made by credit card via our Paypal link

at www.ryecivicleague.org or by mail to Rye Civic League P.O. Box 971 Rye, NH 03870.

Get Involved:

The Rye Civic League is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and such organizations are only as good as their membership base whether that is through paid dues, gifts in kind and active participation. What RCL really needs at this time, in addition

to regular \$12 dues, is more active members who can assist with RCL tasks relating to the writing of the Civic News and other activities.

- Summarize a town meeting for the Civic News
- Editing the Civic News content
- Helping with Candidates Night and other civic events
- Social Media savvy person
- Website and help to fulfill our "digital transformation" vision. We envisioned a more dynamic capture of meeting summaries, a much better website and more dynamic communication.

We would be happy to discuss these opportunities with you at you if you so desire.

Contact Info

Rye Civic League: civicnews@ryecivicleague.org Steven Borne - President

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

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

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