

Rye Civic News March 2018

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

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[RCL Facebook Page](#)

<p>Next RCL Meeting: March 8th RPL 6:30 pm</p> <p>Meetings (at Town Hall unless indicated)</p> <p>March. 5th: Heritage Commission Town Hall/ TD Bank 6:30pm. RPL</p> <p>March. 7th: RWD 9:00 am 60 Sagamore Rd.</p> <p>March 7th: Zoning Board of Adjustment 7pm.</p> <p>March 8th Heritage Commission Town Hall/ TD Bank 3:00 pm RPL</p> <p>March. 8th Conservation Commission 7pm.</p> <p>March 9th: Rye Energy 9:30 am RPL</p> <p>March. 12th: Recreation Commission 6:pm Rec Modular</p> <p>March. 12th: Board of Selectmen 6:30pm.</p> <p>March 13th: Election 8am</p>	<p>Town Election March 13th: Rye Elementary School 8:00am to 7:00pm</p> <p>Absentee Ballot form: Click Here Sample Town Ballot: Click Here Sample School Ballot: Click Here Printable My Votes Sheet Click Here Candidates Night: Recorded video Candidate Information: Click Here Open the link to each office Short Table of Warrant Articles: Click Here Links will be updated in next Civic News Warrant Article Presentation; Click Here Pre Deliberative Recorded Video: Click Here This has additional information for articles RCL Budget Analysis: Click Here Recorded Video: Click Here Town Budget Executive Summary, MS 737, Default, Worksheet</p> <p>Supporting the Rye Civic League Now is a great time to spread the word about the Civic News to friends and neighbors and to show your continued financial support to help defray our operating costs. Money is nice, but participation is better and there are lots of ways you can help. Additional information: Click Here</p> <p>February Highlights:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Commission discussion of Town Hall misinformation Click Here Two information sessions: March 5th 6:30 pm and March 8th 3:00 pm RPL Residents supporting Town Hall tear down and build Information sessions Click Here Available space in the Public Safety Building not being discussed: Click Here Bracket Rd. Cell tower to be discussed April 16th 7pm RPL in a joint ZBA and Planning Board meeting Agenda Click Here Letter for a butter Click Here For the Cell Phone tower application Click Here Candidates night was Feb. 22nd. Watch the video and see the posted information Here Dog frustrations continue, there has been two dog shootings this winter. South Rd. settlement is not yet complete. Conservation Committee agreed to pay \$300,000 for land. BOS delayed approval until March 12th as a resident pointed out the BOS is not following the BOS process. 2018 Ballot has many large spending items <ol style="list-style-type: none"> \$700K Salt Shed (bond) \$250K Second Red Mill Lane Culvert (bond) \$200 Shoals View paving (bond) \$624 TD Bank \$150K Recreation storage/concession facility <p>General Announcements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rye police have launched a drug disposal program Click Here for more information Offshore drilling meeting at RPL Recorded Video Click Here Heritage Town Hall discussion March 5th 6:30 pm and March 8th 3:00 pm Rye Water District Annual meeting March 31st 10:00 am RJH Rye Little League Registration Open: Click Here Rye Youth Softball Registration: Click Here Seacoast Lacrosse Registration: Click Here Rye Recreation Senior Program: 2017-2018 Active, Alive Click Here Rye Recreation Winter Programs Registration NEW Click here Assessment Data: Online views of town lots Click Here GIS Mapping Software Presentation Video: Click Here <p>2017 Tax Rate information: Detailed explanation: Click Here Detailed Table Click Here Historic Tax Rates Click Here Click Here for the abatement application RCL Budget Analysis: Click Here</p>
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 March. 13th:
 Sewer
 Commission
 8:00am RBVD
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 March. 13th:
 Planning
 Board 7pm.
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 March 17th
 JBVD 5pm
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 March 26th:
 Board of
 Selectmen
 6:30pm.

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

Town
 Org chart.
 Click Here

Capital
 Improvement
 Plan (CIP)
 Click Here
 This plan is
 updated annually
 and
 is a great way to
 see what the
 Town is planning
 for future capital
 expenditures

Town of Rye
 Master Plan
 (click here)
 2014 FEMA
 maps:
 Updated Dec
 2017
 Click Here

**Rye Rec
 Master Plan**
 (Click Here)

**Town Forest
 Managment
 Plan**
 (Click Here)

2018 Town Deliberative Meeting February 3rd:

RCL Video Articles 1-9, 12, 27 and 29: [Click Here](#) RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)
 RCL Video Articles 10, 11, 13-16, 24, 17-23, 25, 26, 28. 30-32: [Click Here](#) RCL Notes [Click Here](#)
 RCL Video Articles 33-36: [Click here](#) RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)
 Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. The appropriateness of the Salt Shed and the Transfer Station being located 1800 ft. from the Town's main well and on highly transmissive soil was questioned. [More Detail](#)
2. The priority for the Red Mill Ln. culvert was questioned in light of potential weight limits associated with the Harbor Rd. bridge which would not be removed for a number of years [More Detail.](#)
3. The rationale of the proponents of the petitioned \$3.05 million warrant article to tear down and rebuild Town Hall was provided. [More Detail](#)
4. Article 12 to purchase the former TD Bank was amended to remove any reference to specific uses, but would still allow some town offices to be moved there for an indefinite term. [More Detail](#)
5. An amendment to constrain the price for which the Trolley Barn (Old Police Station) could be sold was defeated. [More Detail.](#)
6. Article 29, a petitioned article providing for visioning sessions (a Charrette) of the Town Center survived with some amendments and general support. [More Detail](#)
7. The \$9.2 million operating budget was placed on the ballot without amendment. Resident comments included noting the fact that the budget, after adjusting for reductions in capital outlay and debt service, was actually up over 2017, and describing the new tax environment now that only the first \$10,000 in state and local taxes may be deducted. [More Detail](#)
8. Article 15, changing the purpose of the Fire Truck Capital Reserve to encompass ambulances was amended to remove a provision that would have enabled the Selectmen to spend money in that reserve without a town vote. [More Detail](#)
9. Article 17, a new deck for the Harbor Rd. bridge was placed on the ballot without amendment. The bridge weight limit will not increase until 2025 or 2026 when a more extensive refurbishment is planned. Three of the Town's fire trucks have gross vehicle weight ratings exceeding the weight limit of the bridge. The Public Works Director said that overweight vehicles might damage it a little bit, but bridge collapses are rare. [More Detail](#)
10. Article 28, to close Dow Ln., was amended to recommend that the Selectmen address the intersections at each end. [More Detail](#)
11. Article 31, to rescind the Selectmen's authority to buy and sell land without a Town Meeting vote, was subject only to a clarifying amendment. [More Detail](#)
12. The Town Attorney threatened to make a resident "answer for" allegedly accusing him of violating the Code of Professional Responsibility for attorneys by entering into an allegedly unlawful settlement agreement on the South Rd. litigation committing a Town Board and a Town Commission to take certain actions, notwithstanding the requirements of prior public hearings [More Detail](#)
13. Article 33, which would have established a process to improve the timely posting of minutes in compliance with State law was amended to require only that State law be adhered to. [More Detail](#)
14. Article 34, which would have required the leashing of dogs on Town land, was amended to require only that they be under control. [More Detail](#)

2018 School Deliberative Meeting February 6th:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
 Town Meeting minutes: not available
 RCL Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

1. An attempt to decrease the operating budget by approximately \$76,000, the cost of Rye's contribution to the Robert J. Lister Academy in Portsmouth to which it has sent only one student in recent years, failed to pass. [More Detail](#)
2. An attempt to increase the operating budget by \$89,000 to provide pay increases to support staff, whose pay has been frozen due to the failure of union negotiations for the second year in a row, failed to pass. [More Detail](#)
3. The proponent of a petitioned warrant article to move responsibility for approving the default budget from the School Board to the Budget Committee explained his rationale. Adjustments to the default budget for 2017-2018 were a major reason for the \$900,000 increase in school taxation over the prior year, he asserted. [More Detail](#)
[Click Here](#) about NH court case.

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](#)

Rye Police Homepage
[Click Here](#)

Board of Selectmen Meeting February 26th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available

RCL Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

1. A long-time resident provided documents to the Selectmen that, she said, supports her assertion that Esther Parsons had not wanted the TD Bank parcel put to a government use. [More Detail](#)

2. Approval of the \$300,000 conservation acquisition associated with the South Rd. development settlement was tabled after a resident expressed concerns, including non-compliance with 2015 Article 27, which requires a hazardous waste study for land previously used commercially. [More Detail](#)

3. The Rockingham Planning Commission presented the results of their study on Dow Ln. traffic. [More Detail](#)

4. The owner of 56 acres of land adjacent to the Town Forest complained about the lack of effective action to control dogs and the fact that three members of the Conservation Commission are opposed the leash law. [More Detail](#)

5. Selectman Jenness' motion to support two New Hampshire House bills on Coakley Landfill remediation and a transparency requirement for the Coakley Landfill Group died for lack of a second after Selectman Musselman, admitting that he was a member of "the group," warned that the issue was none of Rye's business. [More Detail](#)

6. The Housing Partnership's proposal for the Parsonage Apartments, if any, will be presented in April. Rent increases of thirty percent appear likely. [More Detail](#)

7. The Fire Chief said that usage of PFC-containing firefighting foam in Rye has been minimal, however some may have been used on the Grove Road Landfill, which is near the Garland Well. [More Detail](#)

Board of Selectmen Meeting February 12th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

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

RCL Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

1. A resident expressed disappointment at the late disclosure of the fact that, if the Town were to purchase the property, the TD Bank building could not be used by any financial institution for five years. [More Detail](#)

2. Following inspection, only a few minor problems were noted with the TD Bank building. [More Detail](#)

3. Non-union employees will receive two percent raises if the budget passes. [More Detail](#)

School Board February 6th and 12th Meeting:

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

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

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

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

Draft February 12th Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

February 6th meeting post Deliberative meeting: [Click Here](#)

Recording is at the end of the Deliberative Meeting video: [Click Here](#)

School Board Feb.12th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

February 6th Meeting

1. A boiler repair ("day tank replacement") is needed for Rye Junior High. Estimated cost for the repair is a little under \$22K.

2. The RES/RJH maintenance funds can cover most of the cost and monies can be found in the unassigned fund to cover the balance.

3. Mr. Katkin to update the board on progress at the next regular board meeting.

February 12th Meeting

1. 2017 graduation data from Portsmouth High School: Rye had one student in the Top 10 and three students in the Top 20

2. Mr. Katkin (SAU Business Administrator) presented the Board with a list of capital improvement priorities for Rye schools. The board requested cost estimates on all items falling within the next 5 years.

3. Ms. Killen (SAU 50 Asst. Superintendent) presented information on a proposed learning management system (LMS) called Schoology. The board expressed general concerns about the benefits of adoption of Schoology in Rye schools. Mr. Petralia (SAU 4. Superintendent) suggested a demo of Schoology at the March meeting.

4. Mr. Petralia and Ms. Tsetsilas met with the principals to discuss potential next steps regarding school use. Most of the time was spent discussing RES becoming K-4 and RJH

Facebook:
[Click Here](#)

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

**Other
 Helpful
 Links:**

Live Free or
 Die Alliance

becoming 5-8.

5. The board discussed consideration for the 2018-2019 school calendar and will have a new revision for consideration at the April board meeting.

Rye Districts Information:

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

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

Annual Meeting: Not available

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

Jenness Beach Village District Annual Meeting is March 17th at 5pm Town Hall

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

Budget Committee Public Hearing February 6th:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

Postings of all three budgets: [Click Here](#)

Rye Water District February 7th:

2018 RWD Budget: [Click Here](#)

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

RCL recorded video: [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.

Water in Rye and Grove Landfill presentations: [Click Here](#)

1. South Rd. development will be discussed at the March 21st commissioners meeting.
2. Garland Rd. generator work on track for February activities
3. Breakfast Hill Meter building and Harbor Rod work are on track (traffic will be disrupted).
4. Commissioners will be meeting with the students to discuss the project.
5. RCL Summary of carcinogens. [Click Here](#)
6. Annual meeting will be March 31st 10:00am RJH

Clean Water Issues:

1. DES informs BOS that Parson's Creek is an impaired body of water. See more information on Parson's Creek. [Click Here](#)

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](#)

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

6. 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](#)

PFC's 101 from Rep. Messmer: [Click Here](#)

RWD presentation: [Click Here](#)

Planning Board meeting: February 13th:

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 120 Brackett Rd. - proposal by Verizon wireless to construct 120' mono-pine, continued to April meeting.

2. 309 Grove Rd. - New Town Salt Shed, application complete, unanimous vote to take jurisdiction. One resident had concerns which will be submitted in writing. application approved by unanimous vote
3. 731 & 733 ocean Blvd. - Condo Conversion. Unanimous vote -accept jurisdiction and approve application
4. 0 Airfield Rd. - major subdivision of multi family. Homes including some workforce housing. Unanimous vote - reduce driveway width from 24' to 22, some residents expressed other concerns.

LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan) February 23rd meeting

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

Master Plan has been updated with Chapter 3 only. [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: Nothing showing after 2016?

1. A "Planning Board Master Plan Committee" was formed to finalize the updates of the three chapters: Transportation, Land Use, and Natural Resources. Great emphasis was made that this was only an update of the three chapters, not a rewrite. (Editor's notes: The initial plan was to complete the updates of the three chapters by September 2016 with the assistance of Julie Labranche from the Rockingham Planning Commission. A core group of residents provided extensive input and comments at the September, October, and November 2017 Planning Board meetings, resulting in the Planning Board coming to grasp that more work was needed prior to adopting the chapters).
2. The Committee met on February 23rd and reviewed page by page the Transportation chapter. Chair Pat Losik is hoping that the Committee will have completed its review of the updates of the three chapters by April.
3. The "revised" Transportation chapter dated October 11, 2017, is not available on the Planning Board webpage under "Draft Master Plan Chapters" (the Natural Resources is posted twice and there is no revised version of the Transportation chapter).

Rules & Regulations Committee

Proposed Zoning Amendments: Will be voted on at the March 13th election.

Wetlands & Surface Water Committee:

Subcommittee is on hold waiting for additional information.

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

[Click Here](#) for more information on Parson's Creek

Planning Board March 13th Agenda:

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. 120 Bracket Rd. Continued to April 16th joint ZBA and Planning Board meeting
2. 511 Washington Rd (SeaGlass Lane 20 units to have generators added to each unit
3. 0 Airfield Drive Major Subdivision for multi-family and workforce housing
4. 51 Park Ridge Rd. lot merger

Zoning Board of Adjustment: February 7th:

Recorded Video: Canceled due to snow

Zoning Board of Adjustment: March 7th:

[Click Here](#) for agenda

1. 16 Myrica Ave. Variances for set backs, dwelling coverage and others
2. 0 Richard Road requested continuance to April
3. 24 Glendale Rd. Variances for replacing a non-conforming structure
4. 22 Myrica Ave. Expansion of a nonconforming structure
5. 21 Park Ridge Rd. expansion of a nonconforming structure
6. 0 Bracket Rd. Cutting trees in the wetland buffer
7. 80 Baker Ave. expansion of a nonconforming structure
8. 0 Bracket Rd. Closed to the public, Rehearing and Reconsideration of variance denial

Conservation Commission (CC) February 8th, 20th and 22nd

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

Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)

Wetlands Map [Click Here](#)

Town Forest map: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video February 8th: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video February 22nd (South Rd Settlement payment): [Click Here](#)
 Town Draft Meeting minutes: [Feb 8th](#) [2-20 site walk](#) [2-22 Public Hearing](#)

February 8th:

1. 24 Straw's Point Road (Tax Map 9.1, Lot 014): NH DES approved a Permit by Notification application on January 10, 2018 for a new garage. Following the site walk (February 20), Commission recommends that the owners add a row of native plantings to the edge of the lawn along the seawall.
2. 0 Brackett Road: Proposal was denied by the ZBA. The proposal is being revised with a smaller plan.

February 22nd South Rd Land purchase Public Hearing

1. Hearing is to discuss the expenditure of \$300,000 of Conservation Fund monies to be taken from a previously authorized bond to acquiring +57 acres of open space currently part of Tax Map 24, Parcels 32 & 25.
2. Following public comments and questions, Committee unanimously approved the acquisition. Two residents expressed opposition.

Recreation Commission Meeting January 12th:

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. Meeting held with Rye Little League, Rye Soccer and Seacoast Lacrosse about field use and other issues.
2. Much of the discussion was around mowing and field maintenance.
3. Recreation storage area and concession building is on the March 13th ballot
4. Positive response to Rye Recreation Flag Football (there is Seacoast Flag football). Pilot program would be co-ed 3-5th, 6-8 boys and 6-8 girls.

Heritage Commission Meeting March 1st

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

1. Two meetings will be held March 5th and 8th 6:30pm RPL due to the volume of misinformation
2. Town Attorney disagrees with residents interpretation of the deed
3. Selectman Musselman refutes multiple claims and assertions made by residents

Heritage Commission Meeting February 8th Work Session

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

Recorded Video: Not available

Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Library Board of Trustees February 8th:

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. LED lights for the parking lot will be \$1200 per pole and this will be deferred
2. Emergency action plan was approved.
3. Strange sounds from the attic will be investigated

Mosquito Commission Meeting December 26th:

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. Dragon was recommended to continue to be our mosquito control vendor.

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: January 10th:

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

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

1. 2018 activities were suggested and will be discussed at the next meeting.
2. Draft versions of the municipal energy reports looking at five years of energy use were discussed.
3. Discussions about questions for the residential energy survey. Plan is to launch before the Town Deliberative Meeting.

Rye Recycling Education Committee August 15th

Video Recording: Not available

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

Openings for three new members.

Sewer Commission Meeting February 13th

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

1. Financial and usage numbers reported, nothing noted.
2. Hampton \$11.8 million Warrant article will be voted on. Once approved the impact to Rye will be reported.

Historic District Commission February 27th Meeting

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not Available

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.

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 All Day Town Budget Meeting November 16th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

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

School Budget information: [Click Here](#)

1. [Click Here](#) to see the summary of this meeting
2. Town Meeting Minutes have been amended.
 - October 24th Meeting: [Click Here](#)
 - November 16th Meeting: [Click Here](#)
 - December 21st Meeting: [Click Here](#)

Capital Improvement Plan:

Completed and accepted CIP Plan [Click Here](#)

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

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

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.

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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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