

Rye Civic News May 2018

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:

May 30th RPL
6:30 pm

Meetings

(at Town Hall
unless
indicated)

May 1st.

Energy
Committee
6:30pm RPL.

May 2nd:

RWD 3:00pm
60 Sagamore
Rd.

May 2nd:

Zoning Board
of Adjustment
7pm.

May 3rd:

Select Board
1:30pm

May 3rd:

Heritage
Commission
6:30pm.

May 8th:

Sewer
Commission
8:00am RBVD

May 8th:

Planning
Board 7:00pm.

May 9th: Dogs

at Large 6pm

May 10th:

Conservation
Commission
7pm.

May 14th:

Recreation
Commission
6:00pm.

April Highlights:

- 120 Brackett Rd. Cell tower proposal was presented by the applicant at the joint ZBA and Planning Board meeting. Public comments at the May 16th meeting. [Click Here](#) for coherent overview of the variances, waivers and application.
- Five lot unit major subdivision near Goss Farm remains under consideration. April 23rd Site Walk, draft meeting minutes [Click Here](#)
- Select Board had a working session with the Housing Partnership about their management contract for the Parsonage Apartments we own.
- Bids were received for the Historical Structure Report on Town Hall.
- Committee on dogs had their first meeting. [Click Here](#) for charter and first draft minutes
- Resident Bob Jesurym is being forced to continue to fight the town and WBTSCC for public access and signage at Sanders Poynt
- Open Town positions: [Click Here](#)
- NH Fish & Game restricts Berry's Brook to catch and release because of pollution. [Click Here](#)
- Lee Arthur for Rye Recreation met with the RJH Student Council to discuss the lack of a Teen Center or other locations for Rye's teens.

General Announcements:

- If you know of **2018 Kindergarten** or 1st Grade children, please help the schools plan by registering children now.
- School Safety Program** May 2nd RJH 6:30pm [Click Here](#)
- Trail Gate Party**. May 6th 2pm Seavey Acres 179 Pioneer Rd
- 120 Brackett Rd **Cell Tower** Balloon Test May 5th 8:00am [Click Here](#) Site walk May 2nd at 5:30pm
- State update on **Jenness Beach Bathhouse** [Click Here](#)
- Grades 6 to 12 Writers workshop** May 23rd 6:30pm RPL [Click Here](#), need to register
- Rye Beach Walking tour no the big screen: May 20th 2pm RPL [Click Here](#)
- Rye Memorial Day Celebration** May 28th at [Click Here](#)
- Heritage Commission Spring Cruise** will be June 18th [Click Here](#) to sign up
- Many of the 63 **Rye Graveyards** have yet to be adopted. Contact the Heritage Commission
- Rye Recreation Summer Programs** [Click Here](#)
- Rye Recreation Senior Program:** 2017-2018 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)
- Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
- GIS Mapping** Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
FYI see RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on finding locations with the GIS

Select Board Meeting April 23rd:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available

- A resident letter proposing charging for beach permits prompted Selectman Jenness to suggest a special meeting to look at all fees, possibly including this proposal (6:40 elapsed).
- Water District Commissioner Art Ditto provided an update on the Seacoast Drinking Water Commission. The discussion included possible interconnection with other entities and contaminants in the water (16:15 elapsed). [Click Here](#) for Prescription Drug disposal program.
- Eight abatements were approved and three denied, as proposed by the Assessor. A total of 29 abatement applications have been received. Those denied were filed late (45:54 elapsed).
- The expanded Veterans Tax Credit approved by voters this year has resulted in 23 new applications. The cost to the town of the credits is estimated at \$148,500 (62:30 elapsed).
- The Dogs at Large Committee was discussed. Two non-members were improperly allowed to sit in for members. Expansion of the Committee by two members will be considered when Select Board member Roman is present (79:13 elapsed).

May 14th:
Select Board
6:30pm.

May 16th:
School Board
5pm RJH

May 16th:
Brackett Rd.
Cell Joint
Meeting 7pm
RPL.

May 28th:
Memorial Day
Celebration

May 29th
Select Board
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
Management
Plan**

Select Board Working Meeting April 18th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: not available

1. Citing an analysis of the financial return and the attractiveness of the financing opportunity to its investors, the Housing Partnership has declined to proceed with a new agreement to provide further renovation of the Parsonage Apartments once its management lease expires in 2019. The Housing Partnership is instead proposing a two year extension, during which it would arrange other housing for the existing tenants, leaving the town with a vacant building, no revenues and potential repair costs (0:30 elapsed).
2. A Charette (visioning session) was raised by Planning Board Chairman Bill Epperson, who cited that as a way to determine what to do with the Parsonage Apartments. However, he said that the Selectmen had failed to support 2018 Article 29, which would have provided \$6000 for that, and it was voted down. The Selectmen appear to now be entertaining this idea, which would need to be privately financed, due to the "no means no" provision in New Hampshire budget law (22:04 elapsed).
3. Three responses were received to the Request for Proposal for a Historic Structures Report for Town Hall. Town staff will do the initial review. Selectman Winslow's suggestion that someone from the Heritage Commission be included was not accepted (58:51 elapsed).

Select Board Meeting April 9th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

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

1. The RFP for painting of Town Hall is ready to be sent out (6:16 elapsed).
2. Senior Serve is pressing the Selectmen not to sell the Trolley Barn (Old Police Station), notwithstanding 2018 Article 27 which authorizes them to do so, as the facility currently houses their van (30:03 elapsed).
3. Seven beach permits for 2018 were approved (122:16 elapsed).
4. The charge was approved for, and members appointed to, the Selectmen's Committee on Dogs at Large (184:46 elapsed).
5. A no-bid proposal from CMA Engineers (former Selectman Musselman's firm) to do landfill monitoring at a charge of up to approximately \$12,000 was accepted (203:58 elapsed).

School Board April 17th:

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

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

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Superintendent Petralia read two letters of commendation from a parent and a community member. Both letters shared personal, very positive interactions with staff and students from both schools.
2. School Safety Forum May 2, 2018 @ 6:30 in the Rye Junior High Cafeteria.
3. RES & RJH presented their wish list to the School Board for final 2017-18 fiscal spending. All were approved. RES will install a fence & gate around the upper playground to keep K-2 students safe as well as electrical upgrades in classrooms. RJH will have front door moved to provide a secure vestibule.
4. \$12,600.00 to install a climbing structure at RES & a Gaga Pit for RJH. This is a joint effort between the Board, REF & the Rye PTA.
5. Water testing at the elementary school sinks was discussed. Lively discussion took place. Time Stamp 5:00 pm. To be discussed at future meetings.

Rye Districts Information:

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

RBVD Budget: [Click Here](#) RBVD annual meeting RCL video: [Click Here](#)

JBVD Budget: [Click Here](#)

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

Rye Water District April 4th:

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

[\(Click Here\)](#)Rate Increase Letter: [Click Here](#) Report is not yet posted for the public.Water in Rye and Grove Landfill presentations: [Click Here](#)**2015 Beach Report** [Click Here](#)

1. NH DES completed survey and was very complimentary of the RWD.

2. Seacoast Drinking Water Commission update

- Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) identified as a group to coordinate water resource protection, water planning and funding.

- Discussion enhancing existing programs for protecting water and education

- There is an RSA that covers mutual aid for replacing contaminated water

- There are only two possible interconnections; Rye with Portsmouth and Aquarion with Seabrook.

3. Garland Rd. generator still not delivered

4. There was discussion on the annual meeting results and how the water district can increase communications to the community.

5. Note the May 2nd meeting is at 3pm as the Commissioners are meeting with the the 3rd. Graders at that time.

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](#)**Planning Board meeting: April 10th:**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. 135 Wentworth Rd - Declined to accept jurisdiction, incomplete application

2. O Ocean Blvd (land between Harbor and Locke Roads facing Blvd. 5 lot major subdivision, application incomplete; site walk scheduled for 4/23

3. 17 Sea Glass Ln. add four season room. Application complete and accept

jurisdiction, continued to May meeting

4. 18 Glendale Rd. - conditional use permit for existing accessory apartment, Declined - incomplete application

5. 25 Lafayette Rd. - change occupancy and business use. Accept jurisdiction with conditions - all in favor

6. Airfield Rd. (Housing Partnership); Major subdivision of mixture of multi family and workforce housing, continued to May meeting

7. 51 Park Ridge Rd. voluntary merger of lots - all in favor

8. 0 Ocean Rd (across from Goss Farm) Major subdivision site walk draft meeting minutes.

[Click Here](#)**LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan) March meetings canceled, none in April**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: [Click Here](#) for February 23, 2018 minutes (first posted meeting minutes since 2016)**Rules & Regulations Committee****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 May 8th Agenda**Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. 0 Airfiled Drive - Major Subdivision

2. 17 Sea Glass Lane - adding four season room - continued to June

3. 0 Ocean Blvd.: Major subdivision 5 lots near Goss Farm

4. 437 South Rd.: Accessory Dwelling Unit

5. 170 Grove Rd.: Accessory Dwelling Unit

Joint Planning & Zoning Board: April 16th for Brackett Rd Cell Tower:Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)RCL overview of meeting, variances, waivers and application: [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](#)

1. ZBA posting sign says "must" be posted seven days in advance, but ZBA agrees to not make this "a must" and agrees to hear Verizon.
2. \$10,000 Escrow requested by the Planning Board
3. Verizon presented their application and a Real-estate expert saying that there will not be an impact on the resale value of adjacent properties.
4. Site Walk May 2nd at 5:30pm. Balloon test scheduled for May 5th 8am to noon.

Joint Planning & Zoning Agenda May 16th 7:00pm RPL[Click Here for Agenda - \[Click Here\]\(#\)](#)

1. Public's turn to comment

Zoning Board of Adjustment: April 3rd:Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)Draft Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. The continuation of the May 14th application for variances and relief from the Rye
2. Building Code for the construction of a house **adjacent to 711 Brackett Road** was approved with conditions and deferred Notice of Decision pending town attorney review.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: April 4th:Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)Draft Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. An application for a modest kitchen addition to a house on Park Ridge Road was approved unanimously.
2. An application for the addition of a deck, pergola, and rinsing station to a house on Baker Avenue was approved unanimously.
3. An application for relief from the Rye Building Code for a septic system in the rear of a commercial building in Rye Center for separation from ledge and seasonal high water level was approved unanimously with the condition the building remain in commercial use only.
4. An application was approved for variances permitting the continued use of a multi-dwelling "apartment" building on Washington Road in the single residence district, with conditions, including replacement of the septic system.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: May 2ndMay 2nd Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. 50 Lafayette Rd. Variances for size of sign
2. 0 Richard Rd. Building on a non-conforming lot
3. 300 Pioneer Rd. Variances to expand within the tidal wetlands buffer
4. 12 Fairhill Ave. Demolish and build new, multiple variances
5. 135 and 139 Wentworth Rd. Lot line adjustments
6. 31 Parson Rd. Variances for garage construction
7. 0 Brakett Rd. Vote on notice of decision. Variances for wetland buffer
8. New Business: Rules of Procedure and posting of the sign of notice

Conservation Commission (CC) April 12thLearn 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](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

1. 14 Fairhill Ave, a rebuild essentially on foot print was heard and s site walk was scheduled
- 2 261 Central Road Outdoor Pride was heard for a generator and a site walk scheduled Goss Farm's new farmers were introduced. They are very experienced.
3. Discussion of more timely response to abutter notification where the Conservation Commission is the abutter
4. Discussion of trails, trail signs, dog on and off leash and hunting regulation signs on conservation land. The area has 46% more deer than ideal per wildlife officials yet also a healthy hunt.
5. Notes on where to find things, [Click Here](#) for help on using the GIS maps

Conservation Commission (CC) Site Walks April 16th & 18th

Draft Meeting Minutes April 16th: Not Available

Draft Meeting Minutes April 18th: Not Available

Recreation Commission Meeting April 2nd:

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

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

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

Spring program Registrations: [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Lief Honda is working to better coordinate RJH athletics by building community. He is looking for individuals to attend the first meeting.
2. Rye Little League will be hosting District All-Star Tournament July 21st and 2nd.
3. School Space Use agreement was discussed at length.
4. Lee Arthur met with the RJH Student Council. Main topic was the lack of any place for students to "hang out" in town.
5. Recreation continues to work on the Memorial Day, Art in Bloom and 4th of July activities for Rye.

Recreation Commission Meeting April 21st:

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Reviewed field maintenance bids reviewed

Dogs at Large Committee April 19th:

[Click Here](#) for Charter from Select Board

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Charter was reviewed
2. Committee positions were nominated and approved
3. General discussion from the members

Heritage Commission Meeting April 5th

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

Heritage Commission Facebook page: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

1. Rye Merchandise will be available at the Memorial Day Celebration
2. Spring Cruise on the Thomas Leighton will be June 18th Tickets can be purchased from Town Clerk or online [Click Here](#)
3. Resident is promoting the creation of a brochure to educate residents on the historical significance of the Town Hall building
4. Heritage Commission has funds for helping with Town Hall, but is waiting on the Select Board.
5. With 63 graveyards in Rye, many are still waiting to be adopted.
6. A member reported on the great work the Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower have been doing.

Library Board of Trustees April 12th:

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

Library 2017 Usage Statistics; [Click Here](#) #1 NH Library [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Three responses have been received for architectural schematic designs.
2. Karen Oliver is continuing as Chair, Karen Allen is the Vice-Chair
3. Squirrel removal completed, tree trimming is next.
4. Evaluating material for replacement fence.

Mosquito Commission Meeting April 24th:

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

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

Video of meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. Posters are available [Ticked Off](#) [Wanted Not](#) [Bug Them](#)
2. There is no Zika threat in Rye.

3. The Rye Rec trail from Parsons Field has been swept, zero tick activity found. Even so this is the beginning of the season so tick will be an issue for Rye over the coming season.
4. Mosquito and Tick posters need to be displayed. Any help from residents is appreciated.
5. Larva-siding of the marshes and wetlands is underway.
6. Greenhead traps are being repaired and sited.

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: February 6th:

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

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

1. Michael Joyce has joined the Energy Committee.
2. The first municipal building energy report will be posted at the library.
3. The group will look at the 2012 Building Reports to see what has been implemented.

Rye Recycling Education Committee January 16th

Video Recording: Not available

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

Openings for three new members.

1. Discussion with the PTA about Terracycle.

Sewer Commission Meeting April 10th

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

1. Reviewed NHDES Sewer Use Ordinance Reporting requirements letter. Rye is in compliance and no indirect discharges have been made.
2. Planning Administrator provided the Sewer Dept. information on the Brackett Rd. Cell Tower application even though Brackett Rd is not in the Sewer District.
3. Goss Road 5 lot sub-division, no comment from Sewer Commission.

Historic District Commission April 19th Meeting

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not Available

Budget Committee April 26th Meeting

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not Available

1. The School Budget for the year ending June 30, 2018 is on track for a surplus of approximately \$250,000. A relatively small portion of this will be spent on unbudgeted projects and the rest returned to taxpayers (3:47 elapsed).
2. The Town legal budget is already overspent due to the South Rd. settlement. However, once the auditors become involved the \$100,000 settlement will be applied against the litigation reserve. (43:49 elapsed).
3. There was extensive discussion regarding the failure of \$4.6 million of \$5.6 million in Town warrant articles to pass. The tripling of the Salt Shed cost from the CIP Plan a month or two earlier was mentioned as something that should not have happened. The Chairman emphasized, and several members agreed, that better planning and visibility of projects is needed (50:58 elapsed).

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](#)
7. NH Fish & Game restricts fishing in Berry's Brook. [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](#)

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.

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 1,100 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 effective capture of meeting summaries, a much better website and more dynamic communication.

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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