

Rye Civic News June 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:

June 27th RPL
6:30 pm

Meetings

(at Town Hall unless indicated)

June 4th:
Recreation
Commission
6pm
Recreation
Office

June 4th:
Dogs at Large
6pm

June 5th.
Energy
Committee
6:30pm RPL.

June 5th:
Supervisors of
the Checklist
7pm

June 6th:
RWD 9am 60
Sagamore Rd.

June 6th:
Zoning Board
of Adjustment
7pm.

June 7th:
Heritage
Commission
6:30pm.

June 11th.
Select Board
6:30pm.

June 11th:
School Board
5:00pm RJH

June 12th:
Sewer

May Highlights:

- 1.. RJH Rye Regatta completed see [video](#) and Herald Story [Click Here](#).
2. **Two Dogs at Large** meetings were held. See below for meeting summary
3. **Verizon Brackett Rd. Cell Tower site** walk and balloon exercise completed, [Click Here](#) for RCL notes. Next joint meeting is June 21st 6pm RPL.
4. Select Board agreed to learn more about **PlanNH**, working session is June 13th
5. **Town Hall painting** contract was awarded. Work will begin in the Fall after the historic structure survey is completed this summer.
6. Dr. Sherman updated the Select Board on the **Seacoast Cancer Cluster** [Click Here](#) for hand out. Note Herald story requires corrections.
7. **Aquarion Water** is now testing for all "testable" PFA
8. Library select Architect firm for conceptual designs of a **Library expansion**
9. Town is moving ahead with the addition of two new vehicles budgeted this year: A town-wide vehicle and an incident command vehicle for the Fire Department.
10. **Conservation Commission** is getting close to purchasing the South Rd property as part of our Town's legal settlement with the builder. [Click Here](#) for more information on the South Rd. properties that make up the Stoneleigh Development
11. **Enforcement of Planning Board conditions** for developments has proven to be lax. Whitehorse Farms is now requesting that a condition be dropped. [Click Here](#). Note, the Conservation Commission was not informed of this request.
12. Open Volunteer Positions: Contact Select Board office [e-mail](#)

Rye Energy:	2 Members
Rye Historic District Commission:	1 member, 1 Alternative
Rye Energy Education Commission:	2 Members
Capital Improvement Plan Committee:	1 Member
13. NH Fish & Game restricts Berry's Brook to catch and release because of pollution. [Click Here](#)

General Announcements:

1. If you know of **2018 Kindergarten** or 1st Grade children, please help the schools plan
2. **Heritage Commission Spring Cruise** will be June 18th [Click Here](#) to sign up. [Click Here](#) for Heritage merchandise
3. **Rye Travel Soccer** Registration deadline is June 15th: [Click Here](#)
4. July 4th **Rye History Trolley** Tour 10:15am RPL [e-mail](#) to register (this sells out) Visit the Historical Society [website](#) and museum
5. Many of the 63 **Rye Graveyards** have yet to be adopted. Contact the Heritage Commission
6. **Rye Recreation Summer Programs** [Click Here](#)
7. **Rye Recreation Senior Program:** 2017-2018 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)
8. **Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
9. **GIS Mapping** Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
FYI see RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on finding locations with the GIS

Select Board Meeting May 29th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available

1. Former State Representative and Seacoast Cancer Cluster Investigation member Dr. Tom Sherman spoke about the status of the Cancer Cluster investigation, Coakley Landfill issues and the EPA's unwillingness to take action because contaminants are purportedly still within limits. Berry's Brook contamination was discussed, including the differing assertions by Dr. Sherman, as well as State Senator Dan Innis, compared to those of CMA Engineers (former Selectman Musselman's firm) that determined that there was no problem (11:07 elapsed). [Click Here](#) for summary provided to the Select Board.
2. A School Board member outlined plans to survey new residents when they register their cars in order better to project school enrollments. The Selectmen had no objection as long as the Town Clerk is willing to participate (66:42 elapsed).

Commission
8:00am RBVD

June 12th:
Planning
Board 7:00pm.

June 13th:
Select Board
PlanNH
Working
Session 3pm
RPL

June 14th:
Conservation
Commission
7pm.

June 19th:
Mosquito
Commission
5pm.

June 21st:
Brackett Rd.
Cell Joint
Meeting 6pm
RPL.

June 25th
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)

3. Toni Suslowicz was hired as Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector (78:22 elapsed).
4. The Town Hall painting contract was awarded to JG Painting for \$40,350 plus \$55 per sq. ft. for any siding replacement (79:53 elapsed).

Select Board Meeting May 14th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

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

1. A resident noted the May 2 closing of the transactions providing the land for the Stoneleigh development on South Rd., providing a total of \$3.6 million to the four property owners, including \$1.8 million to Selectmen Jenness' trust. He requested an increase in the assessment of that property inasmuch as that property sold for over 20 times its prior assessment (3:37 elapsed).
2. The Historic Structures Report on Town Hall was awarded to the Groundroot Preservation Group after representatives described their qualifications (21:42 elapsed, 158:36 elapsed).
3. Two residents requested Board of Selectmen support for a Charrette (visioning session) to be performed with privately-raised funds as the warrant article to provide funding in 2018 did not pass. The Selectmen agreed to meet with Plan New Hampshire on June 13 (80:47 elapsed).
4. Acquisition of a town-wide vehicle for \$22,814 was authorized. This is in addition to the town's existing vehicles (113:30 elapsed)

Select Board Meeting May 3rd:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

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

1. The Selectmen voted to authorize the borrowing of \$550,000, to include (a) \$300,000 for acquisition of conservation land in connection with the Stoneleigh subdivision, pursuant to the \$3 million authorization voted in 2014; and (b) \$250,000 for the Red Mill Ln. culvert approved by voters in 2018. Selectman Jenness was present but recused herself from the public portion of the meeting, which lasted ten minutes (1:22 elapsed).
2. There was a half hour non-public session on personnel prior to the vote on the bond and another 37 minute non-public session on acquisition of property by the town afterwards.

School Board May 16th:

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. New Personnel:

Sarah Holmes-Math Specialist at RES
Jennifer Adams-Special Education RES
Tricia Labelle-Paraeducator at RES

2. School Use Feasibility Update: At the June meeting, the Board will decide a path to move forward with which could include:

- a) Do nothing
- b) Move 5th grade to RJH
- c) Collaboration with Greenland for RJH students
- d) Other

School Safety Meeting May 2nd:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Portsmouth Herald Story: [Click Here](#)

1. Forum Hosted by Rye School Board to update community and provide Q&A on school safety
2. Panel personnel from school administration, student councilors, police, fire, emergency dispatch, seacoast tactical team and NH Homeland Security
3. Review of collaborative emergency planning conducted over the past 24 months
4. Updates on recent or planned building security upgrades funded by NH state grant program
5. Emphasis on "see something, say something" as a key strategy to prevent school violence

Rye Districts Information:

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

2014 FEMA maps:
Updated Dec 2017
Click Here

Rye Rec Master Plan
(Click Here)

Town Forest Management Plan
(Click Here)

2015 Beach Report Click Here

GIS Parcel Data: Click Here

Transfer Station and Recycling Flyer: Click Here.

Town Budgets
Budget Analysis:
Click Here

Town Budget Worksheet:
Click Here.

MS-7 Reporting document:
Click Here

Rye Water District Budget:
Click Here.

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

Jenness Beach Budget:
Click Here

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

Rye Trust Fund

RBVD Budget: [Click Here](#) RBVD annual meeting RCL video: [Click Here](#)
JBVD Budget: [Click Here](#)
Jenness Beach Bathhouse: State Information: [Click Here](#)

Rye Water District May 2nd:

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
April Sampling Results: [Click Here](#)
Rate Increase Letter: [Click Here](#) Report is not yet posted for the public.
Water in Rye and Grove Landfill presentations: [Click Here](#)
1. Rye Water needs to be informed when accessory apartments are added for when separate billing is required.
2. There was a break on Route 1A (south of Harbor Rd), due to other projects this will be monitored for.
3. Rye Water presented to RES 3rd grade class and has been asked to come back next year.

Planning Board meeting: May 8th:

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 Ocean Blvd.(btwn. Harbor Rd. and Locke Rd.) Major 5 lot subdivision, application complete - move to public hearing - all in favor. Five lots do not comply on frontage and will need to first go before the ZBA. Continued to June meeting
2. 437 South Rd. Accessory dwelling unit conditional use permit - move to public hearing - all in favor. Conditional Use permit granted all in favor.
3. 170 Grove Rd. Accessory dwelling unit - application complete move to public hearing - all in favor. Jurisdiction taken and application approved - all in favor.
4. 0 Airfield Drive - Major Subdivision, Housing Partnership. Multi family and Workforce housing. Discussion - continue to June meeting
5. New Business - Conceptual Consultation. 1215 Ocean Blvd.- Demo existing structures and build 8 new townhouses

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 June 12th Agenda

Agenda for meeting: Not published yet
1. Legal Notice in Portsmouth Herald [Click Here](#)

Joint Planning & Zoning Board: Site walk and balloon test:

Site Walk Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
RCL Notes of the sitewalk: [Click Here](#)
RCL overview of meeting, variances, waivers and application: [Click Here](#)

Joint Planning & Zoning Agenda June 21st 6:00pm RPL

Click Here for Agenda - [Click Here](#)
1. Public Meeting - Not a public hearing. Public should submit comments in writing before June 11th.

Summary:
[Click Here](#)

**Rye Library
 Strategic
 Plan:**

[Click Here](#)
 How good is
 our Library
[Click Here](#)

**Rye Police
 Homepage**

[Click Here](#)
 Facebook:
[Click Here](#)

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

**Other
 Helpful
 Links:**

[Live Free or
 Die Alliance](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment: May 2nd:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. 0 Brackett Rd: Notice of Decision amended and approved 4-0
2. Rob Patten has volunteered to be an Alternate on the ZBA.
3. 50-52 Lafayette Rd.: Sign variances granted, but will be off from 11:00pm to 5:00am 4-0
4. 300 Pioneer Variances for garage and breezeway. Approved 4-0 incorporating the compliance requests made by the Conservation Commission
5. 14 Fairhill Ave: Demolish and construct with variances for setbacks and the wetland buffer. Approved 4-0 with the conditions that they adhere to the Conservation Commission recommendations.
6. Rules of Procedure to change the wording on signs to say the ZBA "may" not hear the application if the signs are not posted.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: June 6th

June 6th Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. 135 Wentworth Rd. Setbacks and lot line changes
2. 31 Parsons Rd. Setbacks and in the wetland buffer
3. 0 Richard Rd. Building on an non-conforming lot in the coastal district and in wetland buffer.
4. 61 Washington Rd. Equitable waiver to move shed, deck and garage to become permanent
5. 47 Frontier St. Variances for a generator
6. 146 Harbor Rd. variances for deck within 75ft. of wetlands
7. 260 Pioneer Rd. variance for an after the fact generator with 100' tidal wetlands buffer
8. 4 Winslow Way variance for house height
9. 5 Wentworth Rd. Multiple variances for a tear down in wetland buffer zones.
10. 0 Ocean Blvd. Administrative appeal of frontage finding. Also asking for frontage variances

Conservation Commission (CC) May 10th

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](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#) Note: Links included to GPS mapping

1. The commission heard about violations of the wetland buffers (77 Parsons Road) now requiring restoration and new construction (1647 Ocean Blvd) where CC recommendations conditioned in ZBA approvals were not carried out.
2. To get ahead of situations such as the above, the Building Department will be giving notice of upcoming projects to the RCC (May example 4 Winslow Way) as well as notices of denial where wetlands and buffers may be involved. The ZBA will strengthen language in its Notices of Decision that compliance with CC recommendations are conditions of the Notice to assist with enforcement via the issuance or not of the Certificate of Occupancy.
3. Members attended the Brackett Road cell tower site walk and agreed that the tower compound did not have to be in the 100 foot wetland buffer.
4. Discussion of the potential for a dog park and issues to consider: liability, dog waste, fencing, running of deer.

Conservation Commission (CC) Site Walks May 20, 24, & 31st

Draft Meeting Minutes May 20th: [Click Here](#) RCL notes: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes May 24th and 31st Not Available

Recreation Commission Meeting May 14th:

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

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

Summer program Registrations: [Click Here](#)

Spring program Registrations: [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: Held at recreation area

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

1. Rye After School Program is full (except for Fridays) and there is a waiting list for the other days. Rye Recreation planned to discuss the need for space to accommodate demand.
2. Rye Recreation field topographic work was approved
3. Discussions on how to move forward with the Multi-purpose Recreation Storage facility was discussed.
4. Discussions of converting one of the recreation fields to turf.

Dogs at Large Committee May 9th and 24th:

[Click Here](#) for Charge from Select Board (only posted in meeting minutes)

May 9th Recorded Video [Click Here](#) Draft Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

May 24th Recorded Video [Click Here](#) Draft Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. The Committee is working on a more clear definition of whether a dog is under control or not. There have been proposals of a 75 ft. limit and a maximum of two opportunities for the dog to return to its owner after having been called. Police Chief Kevin Walsh has pointed out the difficulty of getting the current ordinance to stand up in court.
2. Restricting unleashed dogs to only certain locations or certain times is being considered.
3. The possibility of a tag, such as implemented in Lower Merion Township, PA, entitling the dog to be unleashed, has been discussed. There would likely be a training requirement and a fee.
4. The Town Attorney has been consulted regarding the ability of the Selectmen or the Conservation Commission to implement an ordinance or rule relating to dogs this year, prior to Town Meeting approval being sought in 2019.
5. Residents attending the meetings have complained about dog waste, dogs jumping on people, dogs running onto adjacent private property and aggressive dogs.
6. Other residents support continuing to allow unleashed dogs at times and places where dogs are currently allowed.

Heritage Commission Meeting May 3rd

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Spring Cruise on the Thomas Leighton will be June 18th. Tickets can be purchased from Town Clerk or online [Click Here](#)
2. Discussion about creating an informational brochure about the Town Hall building
3. Phil Walsh volunteered to become an alternate.
4. NH Old Graveyard Association will be contacted about a future event about Graveyard maintenance in October. Note, we have 63 old graveyards and many have yet to be adopted.
5. Discussion of the Heritage Commission to the Parsonage Apartments discussions in regards to a PlanNH Charette, the Federal Registry and other topics.

Library Board of Trustees May 10th:

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](#) Non-public draft notes: [Click Here](#)

1. Board selected the firm to develop conceptual designs for a Library expansion.
2. Board worked on the employee compensation policy
3. [Click Here](#) for presentation video of Alzheimer's Disease

Mosquito Commission Meeting May 15th:

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. Resident noted that our Mosquito control contractor was crossing their property and that they did not want larvicide on their property.
3. Control program survey was presented and discussed and control activity is on schedule
4. Plan is to have 144 Greenhead traps installed by the 3rd week in June when they move from ground dwelling maggots to flying insects.

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 May 8th

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

1. Church Road station was down and repaired. Electric company has not replaced the electric cabinet yet.

Historic District Commission April 19th Meeting

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not Available

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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