

Rye Civic News December 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:
December 26th
RPL 7:00 pm

Meetings (at Town Hall unless indicated)

Dec. 3rd.
Historic
District
Commission
5:00pm.

Dec. 3rd.
Recreation
Commission
6pm. Rye
Rec.

Dec. 4th:
Energy
Committee
6:30pm RPL

Dec. 4th.
Zoning
Ordinances
7pm

Dec. 5th: Rye
Water District
9:00am 60
Sagamore Rd.

Dec. 5th:
Zoning Board
6:30pm.

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

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

Dec. 10th:
Select Board
6:30pm.

November Highlights

1. Tax rate staying flat [Click Here](#)
2. Zoning Ordinance Public Hearing December 4th 7pm RJH -See below - only chance to impact Zoning Ordinance wording. Links below in Rules & Regulations section.
3. Select Board accepted the Capital Improvement Plan
List of priority projects: [Click Here](#) Total Project Tax impact: [Click Here](#)
4. Plan NH Application submitted with Select Board supporting letter.
5. Select Board proposing adding 2 properties to Cell Tower Overlay district to help prevent lawsuit over Brackett Road application. [Click Here](#)
6. ZBA refuses neighbor group request for rehearing of variances for raised condo buildings at Atlantic Four Winds/The Drift Wood. [Notice of Decision](#), Site walk diagram [Click Here](#), resident Letter [Click Here](#)
7. Beach Committee voiced frustration with Select Board creating a budget line item for Sawyers Beach Porta Potty prior to discussing with the Beach Committee
8. RCL The Last 50 and the Next 50 years
[Click Here](#) for Presentation. Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
9. Recreation awarded contract for multi-purpose building,
10. Still no updates on Conservation Commission on moving forward to buy property on 81 West Rd. 79+ Acres. The Select Board "A through Q" document and public hearing need to occur.
- 11.. Open Volunteer Positions: Contact Select Board office [e-mail](#)

Rye Heritage Commission	1 Alternate
Rye Historic District Commission:	1 Alternate
Rye Recycling Education	2 Member vacancies
CIP Committee	1 Vacancy
12. Rye is not saving money like other towns since Rye voted down Pay as you Throw. [Click Here](#) to see recent findings from UNH.
13. Swap Shop is in jeopardy of going away, volunteers needed, [e-mail](#) here if you can help.

General Announcements:

1. Town Hall Historic Structural Report December 6th 6:30pm Rye Junior High [Click Here](#)
2. Rye Holiday Gifts: Rye Town Hall and Rye History Museum ([Click Here](#))
3. New RCL 2018 Citizen's Handbook [Click Here](#) If you know anyone new or old who needs to understand how our town is organized, tell them about the RCL Citizen's Handbook.
4. Rye Art Study December 10th 9:30am to 11:30am Rye Congregational Church meeting [Click Here](#) Rye Art Study Website [Click Here](#) or [e-mail](#) questions
5. **Rye Recreation Winter Programs NEW** [Click Here](#)
6. **Rye Recreation Senior Program:** : 2018-209 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)
7. **Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
8. **GIS Mapping** Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
FYI see RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on finding locations with the GIS
9. Track the Jenness Beach Renovation project [Click Here](#)
10. Rye Town Museum Annual Holiday Open House: Tuesday December 18th 3pm to 6pm Refreshments, music, [shopping](#).

Key Upcoming Town Meetings:

Zoning Ordinances: Tuesday December 4th 7pm Town Hall

Public Notice [Click Here](#)

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Note this is your only chance to impact the wording of these Zoning Ordinance changes. Amendments proposed include additional properties where cell towers could be located without obtaining a variance (expanded overlay district). Rules and Regulations section below has links to current wording.

Dec. 11th:
Sewer
Commission
8:00am RBVD

Rye Town & School Budgets

These are the upcoming planned purchases and investments for 2019. [Click Here](#) to see all Budget related meetings and discussion open to the Public. This information is provided by the Budget Committee.

Dec. 11th
Planning
Board 7:00pm

November 8th Town Budget Workshop Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
Summary Presentation: [Click Here](#) Budget Table Summary: [Click Here](#)
November 9th School Budget Workshop Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Work Sessions:

Dec. 12th
Budget
Committee
6:30pm RJH

December 6th: RJH 6:30pm Town Budget Work Session
December 12th: RJH 6:30pm School Budget Work Session

Budget Committee Public Hearings:

Dec. 13th.
Conservation
Commission
7pm.

Note the only outcome would be the Budget Committee modifying their recommendation vote to approve or not-approve the budget..
January 9th: 6:30pm RJH School Budget
January 10th: 6:30pm RJH Town Budget

Select Board Budget Meeting November 29th

Dec. 17th
Long Range
Planning
9:00am

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)
1. The two Select Board members present agreed that only charges which primarily affect persons outside of Rye should be at the high end of the range. Others should be at the middle of the range of similar municipalities.
2. Police Chief Kevin Walsh presented an analysis of parking fines, open container fines and permit parking violation fines compared to similar communities and recommended some increases (1:54 elapsed).
3. Building Inspector Peter Rowell is not recommending an increase in the building permit fee, which is 1%, but is recommending an application fee for permits and some other fee increases. Electrical and plumbing permits would fall under the 1% of value method of calculation, rather than being capped (57:51 elapsed).
4. Fire Chief Mark Cotreau recommended increases in ambulance charges that are mostly billed to insurance companies. The majority of ambulance transports are paid for by Medicare or Medicaid and cannot be increased. Other Fire Department fees are also candidates for increases (68:34 elapsed).

Dec. 27th.
Select Board
6:30pm.

Select Board Budget Meeting November 26th:

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

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)
Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available
1. Resident shows Select Board graph of how 50+ is the dominant demographic in Rye [Click Here](#)
2. A Coastal Ecosystems Specialist discussed potential dune restoration in Rye. Many of the dunes are high ground and have already have construction on them (16:35 elapsed).
3. The CIP plan, which provides for approximately \$2.7 million in capital expenditures in 2019 was presented to the Selectmen (50:09 elapsed).
4. Four Beach Committee members were present to oppose the installation of Porta-Potties at Sawyer's Beach. The Select Board Chairman said that, of over 10 communications regarding the issue, only one is in favor. There were complaints by Beach Committee members about the top-down process, lack of Beach Committee involvement, and the excessive speed with which a decision to add budget line time for the Porta-Potties was made (71:31 elapsed). At the end of the meeting, two selectmen expressed concern about an uprising if the Porta-Potties were installed (180:07 elapsed).
5. Approval was granted to proceed with the storage facility at Rye Rec., three bids having been received. The selected bid came in less than the \$150,000 budget (120:49 elapsed).
6. The Selectmen abandoned plans to make the assistant's position in the Building Inspector's office full-time after the proposal did not go over well with the Budget Committee . Instead the Selectmen will focus on efficiencies achievable from online permitting (172:37 elapsed).

Rye History
Museum:
Click Here

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

Select Board Meeting November 12th:

Town of Rye
Master Plan
(click here)
2014 FEMA
maps:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)
Draft Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)
1. Resident LTE read at the meeting, electronic copy not attached to the meeting, but a recited poem was included in the meeting minutes. [Click Here](#) for letter.
2. The Select Board agreed to sign the Plan New Hampshire application (with changes) for a resident-funded Charette (visioning session) of the Town Center (33:50 elapsed).

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
 Summary:
[Click Here](#)

3. The Select Board voted to proceed with two zoning amendment warrant articles to add two parcels (one town-owned) near the intersection of Port Way and Starboard Way (near Parsons Rd.) to the wireless overlay district, which would permit cell towers there without a variance for a non-permitted use. Residents of the neighborhood and also of Brackett Rd. expressed their views. The Brackett Rd. application its being continued until the end of March 2019 to see if Port Way can become an acceptable substitute in a less visible location (9:29 elapsed, 50:26 elapsed).

4. The Select Board discussed the settlement of the Brown case in which the Superior Court overturned the Rye ZBA and ruled in favor of the applicant with regard to a parcel near Big Rock Rd. And Cable Rd. The Selectmen summarized a number of concessions by the applicant in return for the town not pursuing its appeal before the New Hampshire Supreme Court. A resident of the area said that he does not know how a settlement could be reached when the abutters have had no say (103:35 elapsed).

5. The Select Board made a number of adjustments, mostly reductions, to their proposed budget following review by the Budget Committee on November 8. A number of capital items were also approved (121:38 elapsed).

6. A public hearing on three proposed warrant articles relating to dogs-at-large will be scheduled for the meeting after the next one (161:34 elapsed)

School Board Budget Meeting November 9th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available

School Board : Short meeting after the Nov. 9th Budget meeting

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

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

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

Superintendent's Bulletin: November 18 [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

5th Grade Transition Meetings:

October 25th Meeting: Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

October 5th Meeting: Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

November 8th Meeting Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

1. Fifth grade moving to Rye Junior High for 2019/2020

2. Sub-committee unanimously agreed to recommend a 3-person teaching team for the 5th Grade School Structure (similar to current grade 6-8 model).

3. School Board is expected to approve the sub-committee's recommendation

4. Staff announcements will be made in February

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](#)

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

Rye Water District November :

2018 RWD Budget: [Click Here](#)

Draft Water District Meeting Minutes: Not posted.

RWD 2018 Water Quality Report: [Click Here](#)

Sampling Results: [Click Here](#)

EPA PFOA and PFOS fact sheet: [Click Here](#)

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

Planning Board meeting: November 13th:

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft Meeting Minutes: Nothing posted as of December 2nd

LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan) November 15th Meeting

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

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: Not posted.

[Click Here](#) to see Durham's website and their master plan as reference.

1. Master Plan has been updated. [Click Here](#) to see Chapters

Rules & Regulations Committee November 30th

October 4th: Meeting Minutes [Click Here](#)

October 29th: Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

November 29th: Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

Public Notice: YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE INPUTS: December 4th [Click Here](#)

1. [Selectmen 2019-01](#): Adds the Condon Trust Property Tax Map 23 Lot 2
[Click Here](#) to see a color GIS Map
2. [Selectmen 2019-02](#) Adds Town Property Tax Map 23 Lot 1
[Click Here](#) to see a color GIS Map
3. [Zoning 2019-01](#) Correction of Erroneous Reference
4. [Zoning 2019-02](#) Zoning Frontage. Discussion about replacing the word "contiguous" with "continuous" in Section 402.3.
5. [Zoning 2019-03](#) Access to Lots, issue at Harbor Rd. [Click Here](#) for resident provided history of this issue.
6. [Zoning 2019-04](#) Adds to yardage definition of corner lots
7. Zoning 2019-05 None shown
8. [Zoning 2019-06](#) Clarifying what is the Principal building for Accessory buildings
9. [Zoning 2019-07](#) Coverage of area for a building changes

Planning Board Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinances December 4th

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance (see above for details)

Planning Board December 11th Agenda

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. 655 Wallis Rd. - new septic system, cut trees and reconfigure parking area
2. 23 Locke Rd. - adjust common boundary line for new pool
3. 6 and 10 Blueberry Ln - even exchange of land area
4. 0 Ocean Blvd. (bet. Locke and Harbor on salt marsh) 5 lot major subdivision; public hearing closed, board will deliberate
5. 120 Brackett Rd. - cell tower; continued to Feb. 12 meeting

Zoning Board of Adjustment: November 7th:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 753 Ocean Blvd. Request for rehearing of case #38-2019 denied 5-0
2. 11 Surf Lane Variances for building coverage and boundaries, Approved 5-0 [Case #40 and #41](#)
3. 119 Wentworth Rd. Variances for a shed approved 5-0 [Case #50](#)
4. 1021 Ocean Blvd.: 8 Variances approved 5-0 for non-confirming structure Cases 43a and 43b
5. 2165 Ocean Blvd.: Variances for non-confirming building approved 5-0 [Case 42-2018](#)
6. 1215 Ocean Blvd. (Corner of Wallis & Ocean Blvd) Denied 5-0 request by a butters for a re-hearing [Case 38 2018](#) Resident LTE: [Click Here](#)
7. 437 South Rd. Four variances for septic system approved 5-0 Case [49-2018](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: December 5th:

December 5th Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1./2 655 Wallis - new septic system on non residential lot; tree cutting within 50' boundary
- 3 140 Harbor Rd - expand non conforming structure on non-conforming lot; new septic system; set back and wetlands issue. Continued to January meeting
4. 1077 Ocean Blvd - administrative appeal from building inspector's notice of violation Continued to January meeting
5. 395 Washington Rd. - new driveway within 100' of vernal pool and wetlands setback buffer
6. 395 Washington Rd. - new septic system: soils, setback and frontage issues; new structure on non-conforming lot
7. 234 Washington Rd. - new generator: side setback issue
- 8.361 Central Rd. - building addition: front property line set back issue

9. 393 Brackett Rd. - expand non-conforming structure (garage, fence, deck) front and rear setback issues

10.11. 27/29 Parsons Rd.- expand non-conforming structure, septic tank, porous driveway: front and side setback issues, septic system and driveway within wetlands buffer.

Conservation Commission (CC) November 8th

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](#)

1. Discussion of the proposal to place a Porta-Potty at Sawyer's Beach. Members of Beach Committee spoke about their concerns. DES has supplied a statement while they will not rule the structure cannot be anchored down and they are not in favor due to potential threats to water quality.

2. A resident notified a member of invasive Japanese Knotweed growing at the transfer station and how the invasives are handled when residents dispose of them. Members will contact DPW director and Rockingham Conservation. It was suggested a letter to Selectmen be written as well as information/education on invasive species go in the Town Newsletter.

3. 2019 Budget will be \$90,000 as in 2018. \$35,000 has been spent year to date with \$30,000 to be encumbered for a West Road land acquisition

4. Dune grass plantings at 20 F Street and 2186 Ocean Blvd discussed. It encroaches beyond the 5' foot limit from property line. Only one of two properties got DES approval, the other "piggy backed". A site walk is planned.

5. A deck at 121 Lang was built without permits and there are wetlands according to the Building Department. New owners did not build deck but want to expand it. A site walk is scheduled.

6. A Conservation Commission parcel on Huntervale continues to be problematic. A resident asked for a portion to be filled, can't be as it is wetlands and yard debris continues to be dumped on it despite No Dumping sign. A plaque indicating donor name, native plantings, and a letter to abutters were discussed.

7. Complaint regarding Ray's Seafood was received. Lobster bodies used in the garden are attracting rats. Health officer notified, Building Inspector will be sending a letter.

8. Simpson property. Five foot buffer has not been planted and owner is pushing back. A letter will be sent.

9. Work continues on Marden and Pokorney properties surveys.

Conservation Commission Site Walks: November 14th:

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#) 121 Lang Road

1. The deck was built without a permit in the 75 foot wetland buffer.

2. The new owners would like to expand it by about 40 square feet. A lawn slopes down towards the wetland.

3. New owners have done considerable planting along the lawn wetland boundary. If owners plant a 2-3 foot wide buffer of native plants and not mow and allow areas which are now more moss than lawn to grow without mowing the Commission would approve of deck expansion.

Budget Committee: Town Budget Work Shop Nov. 8th:

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not available

Video of meeting: [Click Here](#)

Summary Analysis of Budget: [Click Here](#)

Budget Summary Table: [Click Here](#)

1. A Budget Committee member provided an overview indicating that the actual increase relative to 2018 is 6.43%. The budget increase is that high due to cost of living adjustment (COLA), health insurance, the conversion of two part-time positions without benefits to full-time positions with benefits and new debt incurred for the South Rd. settlement and Red Mill Ln. culvert.

2. All of the operating budget line items excluding capital outlay and warrant articles were considered and most were acted on.

3. Residents attending the meeting were successful in increasing the budget \$1200 for two Porta-Potties at Sawyers Beach. Vote: 9-1 (153:16 elapsed).

4. The Committee voted 6-4 to confirm the Selectmen's increase of the custodial budget to

provide a new full-time position, with benefits, for a facilities manager (175:56 elapsed).

5. The Committee reduced the street lighting budget by \$1650 to reflect savings from LED lights.

6. The Committee tabled the Building Inspector's budget after only 4 of 10 members voted in favor of an increased budget, as requested by the Selectmen, to convert the assistant's position to full-time with benefits (244:21).

7. The Historic District Commission budget was tabled after the Committee voted 5-5 to approve. An increase from the prior year was sought for a mailing to district residents (301:30 elapsed).

Recreation Commission Meeting November 5th:

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

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

Fall program Registrations: [Click Here](#)

2018-2019 Active, Alive and over 55 Programs: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: Met at Rye Congregational Church gymnasium

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

1. Tour of the space at the Congregational Church for possible recreational uses. A long term lease will be pursued with the Church for room on the second floor.
2. Discussions are continuing with the School Board, as Recreation would like a long term lease agreement for the two lower level rooms at RES.
3. A tour and more discussions are required for the space under the RJH Gymnasium.
4. Discussion of the basketball and soccer late registration fees. They remain as is.
5. Basketball schedules have not been set as the RJH has yet to confirm the 5th Grade program.
6. Multi-Purpose winning bidder was approved to go to the Select Board for approval.
7. SAU 50 Superintendent sent an updated MOU, Recreation changed the number of participants from 25 to 15 for the shared space and signed.

Dogs at Large Committee September 17th:

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

[Click Here](#) for Final Report

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Heritage Commission November 1st

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: not available

Library Board of Trustees November 20th:

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Strategic Plan progress report is available. [Click Here](#)
2. Teen Director Kat Gatcomb is leaving to accept a Full Time position in Portsmouth
3. 26 Children and teen programs had 338 attendees in October
4. Youth Director Lisa Houde's \$200 honorarium went to purchase new books for the professional collection.
5. Trustees met with the Friends of RPL group to discuss support for fundraising and other activities to support the planned expansion and renovation.
6. Review, discussion and edits of proposed policy for gifts will be considered at the next meeting.
7. Updates and schematic for proposed expansion was discussed.

Mosquito Commission Meeting: November 20th:

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

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not available

Video of meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. Posters are available [Ticked Off](#) [Wanted Not](#) [Bug Them](#)
2. RFP's for next year's vendors have gone out. All potential vendors will be using methoprine a more effective, less invasive treatment material, although more expensive it

falls within the proposed budget.

3. 16 new green-head traps will be built, bringing the number to 130, so Rye is up to strength.
4. There will be no cost increases for next year's proposed budget which has just been approved.

Capital Improvement Plan: November 19th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. CIP accepted by the Select Board (Nov 26th), posted document is still the draft. [Click Here](#) Select Board charge to Capital Improvements Plan Committee: to prepare and recommend a program of non-reoccurring municipal capital improvement projects with a cost of \$15,000 or more for the period 2019-2024.

Largest project submissions 2019-2024

Conservation Commission (\$3M),

Public Works culverts \$800,000;

Fire Department Quint and pumper (\$1.2M)

Rye Water District projects (\$9.3M)

Total \$14,421, 420M of proposed expenditures during the 6 years .

The 2019 projects total \$2,665,953.

The committee recommendations were:

- a. to complete the fire radio project as the number one priority.
 - b. to build the Salt shed to protect groundwater;
 - c. to purchase a stretcher to fit the new ambulance;
 - d. to continue the Hampton waste water contract;
 - e. to acquire the fire truck & pumper with Capital Reserve Funds and a long-term lease/purchase because our current ladder truck is inoperable
2. Fire Chief has proposed a multi-year plan for the Fire Equipment.
 - [Click Here](#) for Presentation, [Click Here](#) cost table, [Click Here](#) for consultants report
 - How much Equipment do we have in our area (produced by a resident): [Click Here](#)
 - Fire Department 20 year Plan Public Hearing
 - November 1st Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) (note, end is cut off)
 - Next presentations January 31st and March 7th 6:30pm RPL

Sewer Commission Meeting October 9th (Nov. meeting canceled)

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

1. Supporting the new Jenness Beach Bath House, final as built plans will need to be reviewed.
2. 9 Cable Rd connection documentation was reviewed and approved
3. Lago's Ice Cream let the board know they are interested in extending the Portsmouth sewer, but there have been no updates from the August request to Harbor Street Limited Partnership (Joe Falzone).

Historic District Commission Meeting November 19th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not Available

Beach Committee November 1st:

Facebook Page [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Discussion of Beach Grass plantings on G and F street by residents. NH DES granted permission, but the plantings encroach on the public beach.
2. Beach Committee is opposed to Port-A-Pot at Sawyers beach for multiple reasons.
3. Committee is in favor of increasing the fines for parking and littering.
4. Perkins Rd. residents attended over their continued concerns over parking on their street.

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. Rye's need for better planning: [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.

120 Brackett Rd Cell Tower ZBA

Planning Board has continued this to February 12th meeting.

Select Board is discussing expanding the Cell Tower Overlay District to include additional locations in the Parson's Creek Watershed area.

Sept 4th draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Sept. 4th recorded video: [Click Here](#)

1. Additional Information to meeting minutes

[E-mails and School minutes](#), [Donovan 08-28-18 to BOA](#), [Case #09 and #10-2018 Gemmet Port Herald submittal](#), [Donovan 8-31-18 links](#), [appraisal](#), [Crawford Analysis](#)

2. The abutters (Friends of Brackett Rd.) have been active and provided this information to the Civic League. Informational Flyer from Friends of Brackett Rd. [Click Here](#) [5 things to Know](#) Additional information [Click Here](#)

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: July 10th:

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

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

1. Municipal Buiding Audits - Oil Tank monitors for Recreation, coordinating lighting audits, weather sealing for the Public Safety building
2. Master Plan - getting some best in class examples from Portsmouth, Keene and Durham

Rye Recycling Education Committee May 22nd

Video Recording: Not available

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

1. Discussions about alternative places to recycle what the Transfer Station does not accept
2. Discussion about a larger swap area, one that could hold furniture
3. Discussion about improving RJH recycling as RES does a good job

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](#)

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. 120 Brackett Rd Cell Tower
2. How the School Board announced moving 5th Grade
3. Plan NH update
4. Road safety and paving

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: 2018 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

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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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