

Rye Civic News July 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:

July 25th RPL
6:30 pm

Meetings

(at Town Hall unless indicated)

July 2nd

Recreation Commission
6pm

July 5th Dogs at Large 6pm RPL

July 5th:

Heritage Commission
6:30pm.

July 9th:

Select Board
6:30pm.

July 10th:

Sewer Commission
8:00am RBVD

July

10th: Energy Committee
6:30pm RPL.

July 10th:

Planning Board 7:00pm

July 11th:

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:00pm.

July 12th:

Conservation Commission
7:00pm.

July 17th:

Mosquito Control
5:00pm.

June Highlights:

1. Impaired Parsons Creek information sent to residents in the watershed.
[Click Here](#) for Informational flyer
[Click Here](#) for septic system replacement information
2. Conservation Commission approves the \$300,000 for the South Rd. land that resulted from the Planning Board legal settlement. We also paid another \$100,000 as part of that Planning Board settlement. [Click Here](#) for more information on the South Rd. properties that make up the Stoneleigh Development
3. Planning Board is allowing Whitehorse Drive to change initial conditions from the original Planning Board approval. [Click Here](#) to see location of the wetlands and areas of high transmissivity
4. Rye School Parent Surveys need to be completed.
 RES Parents: [Click Here](#)
 RJH Parents: [Click Here](#)
5. Select Board and other Board Chairs listened to the PlanNH presentation.
6. Heritage Cruise was very successful with over a hundred people in attendance.
7. Open Volunteer Positions: Contact Select Board office [e-mail](#)
 Rye Energy: 1 Member
 Rye Historic District Commission: 1 Alternative
 Rye Energy Education Commission: 1 Member
8. RES Principal Lull stated that Recycling Program was recognized as one of the best in NH for Elementary schools.

General Announcements:

1. If you know of **2018 Kindergarten** or 1st Grade children, please help the schools plan
2. Rye July 4th Fireworks Parsons Field 7pm J.C. & the Elvis Experience, 9pm (dusk) Fireworks
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. Rye Rocks! Bedrock Geology of Rye and the Surrounding area. July 9th RPL 6:30pm
6. Music by the Seat - July 29th St. Andrews Church 3pm 20 Church Rd. "Songs to make you smile"
7. **Rye Recreation Summer Programs** [Click Here](#)
8. **Rye Recreation Senior Program:** 2017-2018 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)
9. **Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
10. **GIS Mapping** Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
 FYI see RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on finding locations with the GIS

Select Board Meeting June 25th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available

1. Acting Chairman Phil Winslow announced that Selectman Jenness will hopefully be back at the next meeting. Selectman Roman said that the non-public session earlier in the meeting had been to deal with delinquent tax issues (0:51 elapsed).
2. Selectman Roman was elected as the alternate to Selectman Jenness on the Planning Board, specifically to fill in for the Verizon Cell Tower meetings as requested by the Planning Board. After Selectman Roman declined to vote for herself, which would have left only Selectman Winslow in favor, Selectman Jenness was conferenced in by telephone (30:12 elapsed).
3. The Selectmen stated that they are generally in support of proceeding with Plan New Hampshire, but want to wait until Selectman Jenness has returned. The exact scope remains to be discussed (44:27 elapsed).
4. The search for a replacement for Town Finance Director Cyndi Gillespie is proceeding. Former Police Chief and Town Administrator Alan Gould's firm has apparently been hired to conduct the search. The hope is that her replacement will be on board August 1 to provide for overlap prior to her last day on August 30 (46:43 elapsed).

July 18th:
Budget
Committee
6:30pm.

Select Board Meeting June 11th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

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

1. The BOS took action on the last of the 30 abatement applications filed this year, including some that were not on the agenda. The Town Administrator said that the process went very smoothly this year compared to the prior revaluation year. The contract assessor said that the total value change is about \$1 million, resulting in only about \$14,000 in tax reduction (27:27 elapsed).

July 19th:
Historic
District
Commission
5:00pm.

Select Board Meeting June 13th PlanNH Working Session:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

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

Presentation slides from PlanNH: [Click Here](#)

1. Select Board needs to confirm that if they find the application acceptable that they would include a letter of support for the application.
2. Residents who will complete the application and raise the funds are on hold until notification from the Select Board

July 23rd.
Select Board
Meeting
6:30pm.

July 25th:
School Board
Retreat TBD

School Board June 11th:

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

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

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Board voted 4-1 to authorize the town to allow a Verizon consultant to explore the acreage that is available at Rye Elementary School for the potential installation of a cell phone tower.
2. Board accepted the following staff nominations: Ms. Leslie Bayse, as RJH Art Teacher, Mr. John Hirsch, as RJH World Language Teacher & Ms. Meagan Morgan, as Speech Language Pathologist.
3. Board accepted the following staff resignations: Mr. Mark Zartarian's resignation as Rye School Board Treasurer, Ms. Paula Rawding's resignation as Rye Junior High's Administrative Assistant & Kathy Collyer, teacher at Rye Elementary.
4. Annual School Board retreat scheduled for July 25, 2018 (8:30A) - location TBD
5. 2018/2019 School Board meeting schedule set for third Wednesday of every month at 5PM

July 31st.
Joint Meeting
for Brackett
Rd Cell Tower
7pm

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

Town
Org chart.
[Click Here](#)

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](#)

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

Rye Water District June 6th:

2018 RWD Budget: [Click Here](#)

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

RCL recorded video: [Click Here](#)

RWD 2017 Water Quality Report: [Click Here](#)

Rye Water Testing June 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. Notification of townhouse development at the corner of Lafayette and Washington Roads.
2. Radon Test results were received but minutes do not say if the readings are fine or a concern.
3. Discussion for how to track all of the accessory dwelling units for billing and capacity.
4. Monitoring the Housing Partnership proposal for Airfield Drive, application is anticipated for the end of the Summer.
5. Seacoast Drinking Water Commission final report is due November 1st.
6. The new generator will be installed. The old one is going to the Transfer Station.

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

Planning Board meeting: June 12th:

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

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

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

1. Presentation on "High Water Mark Initiative" by Rockingham Planning Commission. It is patterned after FEMA and signage will be going up soon.

2. White Horse Farms - amend covenants so each homeowner can hire their own landscaper. Application approved with conditions

3. 0 Airfield Drive: Major Subdivision - Housing Partnership, multi family and workforce housing, extensive discussion, continued to July meeting.

4. New Business: Washington Rd & Rt. 1 - conceptual consultation, proposal to build 20 units of housing in five buildings

**2015 Beach
Report** [Click Here](#)

**GIS Parcel
Data:** [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](#)

**Transfer
Station and
Recycling
Flyer:** [Click Here](#).

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#) for February 23, 2018 minutes (first posted meeting minutes since 2016)

Rules & Regulations Committee

**Town
Budgets**
Budget
Analysis:
[Click Here](#)

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

Town Budget
Worksheet:
[Click Here](#).

Planning Board July 10th Agenda

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. 110 Perkins Rd. Accessory Dwelling Unit conditional use permit

2. 2263 Ocean Blvd.: To utilize the Garden for patrons and to have 20 paid parking spots in the summer.

3. 0 Airfield Rd Major Site Development for residential development with workforce housing

4. 85 Bracket Road Conceptual consultation for minor subdivision

MS-7 Reporting
document:
[Click Here](#)

**Rye Water
District
Budget:**
[Click Here](#).

Joint Planning & Zoning: Site walk and balloon test (April & May):

Site Walk Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes of the sitewalk: [Click Here](#)

RCL overview of meeting, variances, waivers and application: [Click Here](#)

**Rye Beach
Budget:**
[Click Here](#).
RBVD
Treasurer's
Report.
[Click Here](#)

Joint Planning & Zoning Meeting June 21st Cell Tower

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL Summary: [Click Here](#)

1. Verizon fielded many questions from the joint boards

2. Balloon test results and material viewed as lacking

3. A total of nine different site plans have been submitted to date. Many are incomplete and missing key details.

4. As this is outside of the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Overlay District, this question should be addressed first.

5. Additional variances beyond the original set are now included.

6. Verizon appeared to dismiss suggestions and discussions of efforts to find other locations.

7. A resident believes that Verizon's attorney erroneously asserted that a binding federal (First Circuit) precedent creating a very high barrier for cell phone companies to demonstrate that a town has effectively prohibited cell towers is trumped by a state case that actually accepts the federal precedent. Town Attorney sided with Verizon and not the resident's opinion (141:16 elapsed). [Click here](#) and [here](#) for the two cases. If a town effectively prohibits cell towers a federal court may step in and allow it, notwithstanding town or state denial.

8. Town is going to use our hourly contracted attorney to "quarterback" this application.

9. Next meeting is July 31st, public needs to submit comments before July 26th.

**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:**

Zoning Board of Adjustment: June 6th:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

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

1. 135 Wentworth Rd Variances for setbacks approved 5-0 [Click Here](#)
2. 31 Parsons Rd. Variances for garage setbacks and in wetlands buffer approved 5-0 [Click Here](#)
3. 0 Richard Rd. Variances for new construction on a non-conforming lot and in the 75' Wetlands Buffer. Approved 4-1 [Click Here](#)
4. 61 Washington Rd. Equitable waivers granted for shed 5-0 [Click Here](#)
5. 47 Frontier St.: Variances granted 5-0 for generator and AC unit within the side setback [Click Here](#)
6. 146 Harbor Rd. Variances granted 5-0 for a deck inside of the setbacks and 75' wetlands buffer [Click Here](#)
7. 260 Pioneer Rd. and 4 Winslow Way continued

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: July 11th

July 11th Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. 260 Pioneer Rd. Generator within the 100' tidal wetlands buffer
2. 4 Winslow Way: Variance for house height
3. 5 Wentworth Rd. Tear down and new build inside wetlands buffer and more
4. 0 Ocean Blvd. Administrative appeal of lot 5 not meeting the frontage requirements.
5. 0 Ocean Blvd.: Variances to the frontage requirements
6. 1611 Ocean Blvd.: Expansion of a non-conforming structure
7. 8 Old Ferry Landing Rd.: Equitable waiver for house height
8. 0 Cable Rd. Variances for building height on non-conforming lots
9. 752 Ocean Blfvd.: Expanding a non-confirming structure

Conservation Commission (CC) June 14th

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](#) (time stamps and GPS location help)

1. Initial proposal to swap 220,000 of marsh and uplands in the Parsons Creek area for a 27,000 square foot "buildable" lot owned by the town off of Appledore Ave along with other lot line adjustments with abutters.
2. Goss property on Harbor Road. Engineers discussed less grading impact to the wetland buffer, septic design, and a narrower road. Discussion of how buffer should be managed and controlled.
3. Discussion of Dog Committee deliberations and discussion that certain conservation properties might become dog free with alternating days and/or dog free designated trails in the town forest.
4. Properties discussed:
 - 260 Pioneer Rd: Generator in the wetlands buffer
 - 31 Parsons Rd.: Rebuilding a garage
 - 800 Ocean Blvd.: FEMA issues with Units 1 and Units 2 - Site walk needed
 - 660 Central Rd.: Work being done in the wetlands buffer. Site walk needed
 - Hunternvale Ave: Reports of dumping trash

Recreation Commission Meeting June 4th:

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

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

Summer 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 at 40 students
Waiting List: Monday 6, Tuesday 7, Wednesday 10, Thursday 6 and Friday 4.
Recreation states that one dedicated room is needed to run the program (25 in the dedicated room and 15 in the shared room).
2. Looking to get a field topographic survey completed
3. Commission is working with Joe Tucker to get inputs from builders on options. The Select Board has asked Recreation if room could be created for the Senior Serve Van (currently housed in the Old Police Station building).

4. Flag Football numbers:

Grades 3-5 Co-ed: 10

Boys Grades 6-8: 6

Girls Grades 6-8: 0

Two parents for Boys 6-8 are available to assist coach

5. Crushed stone was agreed to be used for the backstop at the Ralph Morang Multi-purpose field**6.** Replacement of the Message board was discussed.**7.** Portsmouth Recreation fields are "Gun Free" and dogs must be on a leash. Rye's options are being investigated.**Dogs at Large Committee June 4th and 20th:**[Click Here](#) for Charge from Select Board (only posted in meeting minutes)June 4th Draft Meeting minutes; [Click Here](#) Recorded Video [Click Here](#)June 20th meeting minutes not posted. Recorded Video [Click Here](#)**June 20th Meeting:**

1. Town Attorney Donovan was conferenced in by telephone to respond to committee members' questions. While the town has no authority to license out-of-town dogs he believes that the town may require that they be permitted. Equal protection issues will need to be considered, however. He also distinguished between the Town Forest and other Conservation Land. The Conservation Commission has authority over the latter, he said. He also commented about the legality of enacting an ordinance conflicting with state law regarding dogs under control (10:21 elapsed).

2. The motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen an ordinance incorporating a definition of dogs under control (written and provided to those attending) carried unanimously (28:41 elapsed).

3. Police Chief Kevin Walsh recommended that there should be a leash law with an opportunity to get a permit allowing dogs to be off leash, applicable to both residents and non-residents. Only two committee members were in favor of restricting the permits to residents only (89:26 elapsed).

4. A motion to recommend a leash law in Rye with a permit available for a fee will be considered at the next meeting (124:41 elapsed).

Heritage Commission Meeting June 7thLearn 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 June 7th: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. Progress on the expansion, developing a building committee and a group to focus on fund raising.

2. Trustees will present draft compensation policy to the Select Board in July, as the Select Board created a lot of work and meeting attendance for the Library Trustees last year.

Mosquito Commission Meeting June 19th: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. Fewer mosquitoes than last year

Capital Investment Committee: June 11th:

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not posted

Video of meeting: [Click Here](#)**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 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

Sewer Commission Meeting June 12th

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

1. Discussion on how the Rye rate is much lower than what was just announced for Kittery, ME.
2. Secondary meters were discussed.
3. 11 Pine St. requested an abatement due to a leak

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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