

# Rye Civic News November 2018

from the Rye Civic League ([www.ryecivicleague.org](http://www.ryecivicleague.org))

"Informing citizens, enhancing direct democracy and supporting the will of the voters"

Please share with your Rye friends & neighbors [NEW 2018 Citizens' Handbook \(click here\)](#)  
[RCL Facebook Page](#)

Next RCL  
Annual  
Meeting:  
November 27th  
RPL 6:00 pm  
Followed by  
50/50  
Presentation  
and  
Discussion

Meetings  
(at Town Hall  
unless  
indicated)

Nov. 5th:  
Recreation  
Commission  
6pm. Rye  
Rec.

Nov. 6th. State  
& Federal  
Election 8am  
to 7pm RES

Nov. 6th  
Planning  
Board 7pm

Nov. 7th:  
Water District  
9:00am 60  
Sagamore  
Rd.

Nov. 7th:  
Zoning Board  
of Adjustment  
7pm.

Nov. 8th: Town  
Budget  
8:30am.

Nov 9th:  
School Budget  
8:30am.

Nov. 12th:  
Select Board  
6:30pm.

Nov. 13th:  
Sewer

## **State & Federal Election: Nov. 6th 8am to 7pm at Rye Elementary**

Sample Ballot: [Click Here](#)

Survey link is to NH Citizens Count Candidates Night Handout [Click Here](#)

NH State Representative (vote for two) Candidates Night Video [Click Here](#)

Kate Catalano Survey [Click Here](#) Website [Click Here](#)

Jaci Grote Survey [Click Here](#) Website [Click Here](#)

Kate Murray Survey [Click Here](#) Website [Click Here](#)

Julie Tucker Survey [Click Here](#) Website [Click Here](#)

NH State Senate (vote for one) Candidates Night Video [Click Here](#)

Dan Innis Survey [Click Here](#) Website [Click Here](#)

Dr. Tom Sherman Survey [Click Here](#) Website [Click Here](#)

Executive Council (vote for one) Candidates Night Video [Click Here](#)

James Jarvis Survey [Click Here](#)

Joe Pace Survey [Click Here](#) Website: [Click Here](#)

Russell Prescott Survey [Click Here](#)

### **Ballot Questions:**

[Click Here](#) From the League of Women Voters

### **US Congress District 1**

Dan Belforti Survey [Click Here](#)

Eddie Edwards Survey [Click Here](#)

Christopher Pappas Survey [Click Here](#)

### **NH Governor**

Jilletta Jarvis Survey [Click Here](#)

Molly Kelly Survey [Click Here](#)

Chris Sununu Survey [Click Here](#)

Rye Democrats Facebook: [Click Here](#) Rye Republican Facebook: [Click Here](#)

## **Rye: The last 50 years, the next 50 years: RPL November 27th**

6:00pm Rye Civic League Annual Meeting

6:30pm Rye Civic League hosted discussion

**Rye: The last 50 Years** presented by the Rye Civic League

**Rye: The Next 50 Years:** Come prepared to discuss these questions

Young, Balanced community OR Older Retirement Community

More Open Space OR More Development

More, Less or the same Town Services

More Regional OR Local Control

Commercial OR Residential

**Bonus Discussion:** Where are the 50 and Under residents voting and participating in Town management (attending meetings and serving)

**Infographics:** If you have skills and can help, [e-mail](#) the RCL

### **October Highlights:**

1. Town Hall work has begun, replacing clapboards and painting.

2. Rye Police Association filed an unfair labor practice [Click Here](#) for Herald Article

3. Wallis Rd/Ocean Blvd (Atlantic Four Winds - The Driftwood) 12 variances and 9 conditions for the raised 8 condominiums approved by ZBA [Click Here](#) for Notice of Decision. Resident suggestions in letter to the editor: [Click Here](#) To see sitewalk diagram [Click Here](#)

4. Town and School Budget Meetings have started. Now is the time for residents to have an impact as the public hearings are too late in the process. All day meetings:

Commission  
8:00am RBVD

Town Budget: November 8th 8:30am Town Hall  
School Budget: November 9th 8:30am Town Hall

Nov. 13th:  
Planning  
Board 7pm.

- 5. Fire Department has started informational presentations on 20 year equipment plan. [Click Here](#)
- 6. Select Board discussing expanding the Cell Tower Overlay district to assist Verizon Wireless. Residents working to oppose plan.
- 7. Library has updated the Strategic Plan [Click Here](#)

Nov. 20th  
Mosquito  
Commission

- 8. Draft Capital Improvement Plan 2019-2024 is available [Click Here](#)
- 9. No updates on Conservation Commission is moving forward to buy property on 81 West Rd. 79+ Acres. The Select Board "A through Q" document and public hearing need to occur.

Nov. 26th:  
Select Board  
6:30pm.

- 10. **Proposed 2019 amendments** to the Zoning Ordinances in progress. Only chance will be at the Planning Board meeting at which the public hearing is held.
- 11. Updated Master Plan Chapters have been posted: [Click Here](#) (4, 6 & 7 are new)

Nov. 27th:  
RCL Annual  
Meeting 6pm.

- 12.. 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

**General Announcements:**

Town  
Reference  
Documents  
on the  
Town Web  
Site:

- 1. 5th Grade Transition Meeting November 8th [Click Here](#)
- 2. Rye Historical Society? November 14th 6:30pm RPL "Songs & Stories from WWI, 100 years later"
- 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 November 12th 9:30am to 11:30am Rye Congressional Church meeting [Click Here](#) Rye Art Study Website [Click Here](#) or [e-mail](#) questions
- 5. Rye Holiday Parade December 2nd. [Click Here](#) for entry form
- 6.. **Rye Recreation Fall Programs** [Click Here](#)
- 7. **Rye Recreation Senior Program: NEW:** 2018-209 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
- 10. Track the Jenness Beach Renovation project [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 Budget Meeting October 31st**

- Video Recording: [Click Here](#)  
Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available
- 1. The conversion of a part-time position in the Building Inspector's office to full-time was "begrudgingly" recommended by the Selectmen after sufficient fee increases were proposed to cover the costs (14:04 elapsed).
  - 2. The Parsonage Apartments maintenance budget was approved in the amount of the lease payment received from the Housing Partnership, even though it appears that those lease payments will cease (56:34 elapsed).
  - 3. A meeting with the Fire Chief will be scheduled to discuss all of his capital requests, including the \$992,000 pumper/ladder truck (65:59 elapsed).

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

**Select Board Budget Meeting October 25th:**

- Video Recording: [Click Here](#)  
Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available
- 1. Police Department wages recommended by the Selectmen are up 6.1% compared to the Cost of Living Adjustment ("COLA") (in effect for only 9 months) of 3.4%. The difference is attributed to three grade level changes (46:50 elapsed).
  - 2. Police cruiser replacement fund is insufficient due to lower annual outside detail revenue compared to prior years. Half of the cost this year is proposed to be borne by taxpayers rather than the fund (89:25 elapsed).
  - 3. The nine revenue calls for the second ambulance barely covers the maintenance cost. The cost of the capital tied up in the vehicle is not being considered (91:05 elapsed).
  - 4. Ladder Truck leaking hydraulic piston renders the ladder unusable. The repair cost has speculatively been estimated at \$5000 to \$20,000, but there was no discussion of budgeting for this. A new truck will be proposed for \$992,000 (109:30 elapsed).
  - 5. The beach cleaning budget request was increased a few thousand dollars to cover the cost of more Porta Potties (131:07 elapsed).

Rye Rec  
Master Plan  
(Click Here)

Town Forest  
Managment  
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](#)

**Rye Library Strategic Plan:**  
[Click Here](#)  
How good is  
our Library  
[Click Here](#)

**Rye Police Homepage**  
[Click Here](#)

**6.** A Public Works part-time position (part of the custodial budget) added in 2018 has been proposed to be made full-time this year, resulting in a substantial increase due to the cost of medical and retirement benefits required for full-time employees. Part time person left. (151:27 elapsed).

**7.** The proposed Public Works operations budget is up \$85,000 largely due to an increase in the paving budget (178:58 elapsed).

**8.** The Building Inspection budget was tabled so that potential fee increases could be identified that would cover the cost of changing the Building Assistant's position from part-time to full-time, which would substantially increase costs due to the addition of medical and retirement benefits (208:25 elapsed).

**9.** The Library budget is up nearly 6%. A major reason is that one of the employees will no longer be opting out of health insurance (231:34 elapsed).

**10.** The IT budget (part of General Government) is proposed to go up substantially. Connectivity between the various town buildings has become an issue after a squirrel chewed one of the wires. (263:04 elapsed).

**11.** The budget for maintenance of the Parsonage Apartments was tabled pending further consideration. The Housing Partnership is proposing to relocate all of the tenants at the expiration of their lease, leaving the town with an empty building and no revenue (275:44 elapsed).

**12.** Three major bonded warrant articles, totaling \$1,892,000 will be proposed for 2019: Salt Shed, \$700,000 (failed to pass in 2018), Pumper/ladder truck, \$992,000, and Shoals View road reconstruction \$200,000 (also failed to pass in 2018).

### **Select Board Meeting October 22nd:**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available

**1.** Former Selectmen Musselman and the Rye Water District Commissioners were present to discuss handing off the responsibility for testing of the Grove Road Landfill to the Water District. The landfill is near one of the Water District's wells. No agreement was reached, so it appears that the town will continue to have responsibility for the Grove Road Landfill testing (9:51 elapsed).

**2.** School Board member Paula Tsetsilas was present to discuss the planned 2019-2020 reconfiguration of the Junior High to include fifth grade. Efforts by the Town Clerk's office to gather information on households with pre-Kindergartners when vehicles are registered, so Kindergarten enrollments may be better projected, have been unsuccessful thus far (47:36 elapsed).

**3.** A resident is pushing for the installation of Porta Potties at Sawyer's Beach. There had been another recent request for a Porta Potty across from Petey's Restaurant (59:41 elapsed).

**4.** A letter to the Planning Board asking them to add two parcels near the intersection of Port Way and Holland Dr., off of Parsons Rd., to the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities District, was considered, but the matter was tabled after residents of the area opposed a cell tower there and suggested that a location near Odiorne Point State Park also be added to the District (80:24 elapsed).

**5.** The Cost of Living Adjustment ("COLA") for union employees will be 3.4%, effective April 1, 2019, based on an inflation index specified in the contracts. The Selectmen voted to request a budget increase of the same percentage for non-union employees. The increase for 2018 was at the floor of 2% as the inflation index applicable to that year came in below 2% (138:03 elapsed).

### **Select Board Meeting October 10th:**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available

**1.** A resident complained about the lack of transparency with the cell tower process and said that the town should come together to decide on a suitable location in northern Rye. If this had been done in 1993 when the Grove Rd. tower was agreed to in southern Rye, residents in northern Rye would have enjoyed better service at no cost to taxpayers, and the town might have accumulated enough money to buy a fire truck (4:00 elapsed).

**2.** Another resident complained about the lack of planning and presented information demonstrating that Rye and three surrounding towns have an excess of equipment compared to single larger towns of similar size (17:06 elapsed). [Click Here](#)

**3.** The Selectmen are deferring a decision on the Old Police Station (a.k.a. Trolley Barn) pending the Historic Structures Report on Town Hall and the Plan New Hampshire Charette on the town center (39:28 elapsed).

**4.** The Historic Structures Report on Town Hall has been completed. There was discussion

Facebook:  
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about foundation work in 2019. Americans with Disability Act changes will wait consideration of possible changes to the building layout (61:14 elapsed)

Rye Beach  
Committee  
Facebook  
Page Click  
Here

### **School Board October 17th:**

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

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

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. RJH Physical Education Teacher, Piper Cronin, notified the Board of her retirement at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

2. Tentative agreement reached between SAU 50 and the Rye Educational Support Professional Association (RESPA)

3. Board to allocate up to \$12,500 for the purchase of new playground equipment contingent on PTA and REF funding the remaining amount

4. School Board budget review meeting - November 9th 8:30A-3P at Rye Town Hall

5. Monthly meetings at 5pm at RJH: December 19th, January 16th, February 13th, March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, June 19th

### **5th Grade Transition Meetings:**

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

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

November 8th Meeting Flyer: [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](#)

### **Rye Water District October 3rd:**

2018 RWD Budget: [Click Here](#)

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

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

August 2018 Sampling Results: [Click Here](#)

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

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

1. Water District is in the process of getting permission to enter on private lands to investigate a new well.

2. Discussions about building Rye Water Website

### **Planning Board meeting: October 9th:**

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. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Change 2019-01 [Click Here](#)

2. 23 Fern Ave. Sub-divided into 2 lots, conditionally approved with 7 conditions. [NOD 21-2018](#)

3. 155 Garland Rd. and 80 West Rd approved lot line adjustment [NOD 23-2018](#)

### **LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan) October 30th Meeting**

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

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

[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 October 4th and 29th**

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

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

1 Corner Lots, Section 202.6.

2. Access to Lots, Section 202.14

3. Frontage. Discussion about replacing the word "contiguous" with "continuous" in Section

Other  
Helpful  
Links:

Live Free or  
Die Alliance

402.3.

4. Floodplain: the Committee requested clarification from the building inspector in order to proceed.

5. Walkways: the Committee tabled walkways and impervious pending DES updates regarding Shoreland.

6. "Amnesty" for the legalization of illegal apartments. The Committee felt the need to establish requirements in regards to accessory dwellings as opposed to grant amnesty.

7. This will go back to the building inspectors and Attorney Donovan.

Items from the building inspectors to be reviewed: Building code application fees, none under \$ 1,500; Height of fence; Parking and Signs.

### **Planning Board November 13th Agenda**

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. 0 Ocean Blvd. (bet. Harbor and Locke on edge of salt marsh) major five lot subdivision to be continued
2. 320 Brackett Rd - Accessory Dwelling unit
3. 85 Brackett Rd. - 3 lot subdivision
4. 17 Brackett Rd. two lot subdivision Conceptual Conception
5. Long Range Planning
6. Rules and Regs.

### **120 Brackett Rd Cell Tower ZBA**

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](#)

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment: October 3rd:**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 1215 Ocean Blvd (Atlantic Four Winds-The Driftwood): Variances approved 5-0 12 Variances with 9 conditions stipulated [NOD 36 & 37](#) Resident LTE: [Click Here](#)
2. 33 Pollock Drive: Variances for generator set backs and in the marsh [NOD 39](#)

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: November 7th:**

November 7th Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. 11 Surf Ln. - waiver of dimension requirements for building coverage
2. 11 Surf Ln. - waiver for setback issues
3. 2165 Ocean Blvd. - expansion of non-conforming structure on non-conforming lot
4. 1021 Ocean Blvd. - request administrative appeal from building inspector letter denying variance
5. 1021 Ocean Blvd. request variances for expansion of non-conforming structure, setback and building coverage
6. 140 Harbor Rd.- request variances for expansion of non-conforming building on non-conforming lot, wetlands buffer and setback
7. 1677 Ocean Blvd. - request administrative appeal for notice of violation from building inspector
8. 395 Washington Rd. - for new driveway; request variances relating to vernal pool and wetlands
9. 395 Washington Rd. - request variances for septic system that does not meet requirements: setback, soils, vernal pool and wetlands
10. 655 Wallis Rd. - request special exception for septic system - tree cutting within 50' of property line
11. 655 Wallis Rd. - variance for septic system in non-residential lot - tree cutting within 50' property line
12. 437 South Rd. - request relief from building code for effluent disposal system; does not meet requirements for impermeable substratum and seasonal high water table
13. 119 Wentworth Rd. - variance for new shed - setback issue

### **Conservation Commission (CC) October 11th**

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](#)

NOTE: Location of properties and property details can be accessed on the Rye GIS system [Click Here](#). Enter owner's name, address or map lot numbers to view.

1. \$25,000 of \$90,000 budget has been spent with another approx. \$10,000 to be spent before year end. Remaining funds will be placed in escrow account for future land acquisitions with some will be encumbered for ongoing survey contract
2. Town Forest Survey completed. Other easement properties to be surveyed by James Verra. A list will be created.
3. Monitoring of easements: Request to 377 Brackett to discuss easement as construction equipment was observed. Request of Seacoast Land Trust that CC do site walks of properties.
4. One new dog sign in Town Forest has been stolen and another partially pulled down. 395 Washington Road (New home and septic on 1972 subdivided lot near wetlands), 50 Alehson Street (trees on conservation land close to a home), Blake property off Willow Lane to be scheduled.

### **Conservation Commission Site Walks: October 3rd:**

October 3rd Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 50 Locke Road, Tax Map 12, Lot 08

Project has 11 feet in the wetland buffer. The lot slopes towards the buffer and a lawn is proposed to the edge of the buffer. Owner has purchased wetland boundary signs. A formal planting plan with 2-3 feet of native plants to intercept run off was requested.

Recommendation by CC will be made after receiving planting plan.

### **Conservation Commission Site Walks: October 23rd:**

October 23rd Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 395 Washington Rd. Tax Map 016 Lot 117.
2. 871 Ocean Blvd
3. 300 Pioneer Rd

### **Budget Committee: October 16th:**

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

Video of meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. Agreement has been reached on the School support staff contract after three years (2019-2020 budget impact). School spending is on track for the first 3 months of 2018-2019. School enrollments for 2018-2019 are down to 253 at the Elementary School and 127 at the Junior High, compared to 276 and 132, respectively, for 2017-2018. A major cause is that Kindergarten enrollments dropped from 51 to 38. The School Board is looking at underutilized buses (1/3 to 1/2 full) and the Lister Academy agreement that costs \$75,760 annually (1:46 elapsed).
2. The 2018 town budget is on track. The Fire Chief addressed a resident's letter regarding the larger amount of equipment possessed by Rye and three nearby small towns compared to larger towns of similar total size (26:36 elapsed).
3. The town health insurance rates for 2019 have been received. They will be up 13.6%. Retirement rates will be down (64:31 elapsed).

### **Recreation Commission Meeting October 10th:**

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: At Recreation building

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

1. Multi-Purpose Storage Facility had the mandatory site meeting and five builders attended. See meeting minutes for draft schedule with a September 2019 completion.
2. Recreation met with Rye Elementary as the Aftercare program would be assigned the lower two rooms and would need to make some investments. The RJH was also to be toured for using the space under the Gymnasium.

3. School Superintendent requested a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), but the wording is not aligned with the current use.
4. Public Works lost the part time person who was helping with the grounds. This continues to be a challenge for Recreation.
5. Parent inquired about going skiing every weekend and the child not being able to play basketball. Editors Note: When the editor last coached we played a game 1/2 the time and practices 1/2 the time during the week and on Saturday.

### **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 Meeting October 24th**

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Discussion of the demolition of 361 Central St.
2. As no contractors could be found, resident Richard Bartlett stepped and is completing the clapboard and trim work.
3. Heritage Commission looking to schedule a public forum to discuss the findings of the Town Hall Historic Structure Report
4. Discussion about the lost opportunity to clean and maintain graveyards before Halloween.

### **Library Board of Trustees October 9th:**

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. Budget was approved and to be sent to the Select Board

### **Mosquito Commission Meeting: October 16h:**

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. Mass. reported 42 Human Cases of West Nile Virus and 600 mosquitoes were tested as positive.
3. Rye Recreation and Parson's Field was sprayed on Sept. 24th and the walking trails on October 10th for Triple E.
4. Our vendor will be switching to Methoprene in April from BTI.

### **Capital Improvement Plan: October 1st and 29th**

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

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

October 1st Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Draft CIP is available [Click Here](#)
2. Fire Chief has proposed a multi-year plan for 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](#)  
 Next presentations January 31st and March 7th 6:30pm RPL

### **Sewer Commission Meeting October 9th**

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 July 19th Meeting**

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not Available

### **Rye Opinions:**

The Rye Civic League Website posts opinions and discussions for Rye. These opinions reflect the views of residents, **NOT** the Rye Civic League.

The purpose is to help residents share their views and to have an online discussion between residents. We encourage you to share your opinions in the online discussions or sending an e-mail to the [RCL e-mail](#)

#### **Recent posted opinions:**

1. 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.**

### **Beach Committee August 30th:**

Facebook Page [Click Here](#)

July 25th Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

August 30th Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. The committee outlined recommendations for areas of added resident permit parking, no parking, fines for both as well as control of outlying neighborhoods to assure the police department isn't working harder to maintain the peripheral neighborhoods which could expect more parking as a result of changes closer to the beach.
2. Parking was the purpose of the meeting and the committee will be working on these points for the next meeting to present to the town and warrant articles.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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*

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*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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