

Rye Civic News September 2018

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[RCL Facebook Page](#)

Next RCL Meeting:
September 26th RPL 7:00 pm

Meetings (at Town Hall unless indicated)

Sept 4th: CIP 7:00pm.

Sept 4th: ZBA Cell Tower 7:00pm

Sept. 5th: ZBA 7:00pm.

Sept. 5th: Supervisors of the Checklist 5:30pm.

Sept. 6th: Heritage Commission 6:30pm.

Sept. 6th: Trustees of the Turst Fund 6:30pm.

Sept 10th: Select Board 6:30pm.

Sept. 11th: Sewer Commission 8:00am.

Sept. 11th Primary Election RES 8am to 7pm

Sept. 11th: Energy Committee RPL

August Highlights:

- 1..School Board announced **plans to move 5th Grade** to the Junior High. Timeline would be for the 2019/2020 school year. [Click Here](#)
2. **Final ZBA Public Hearing on 120 Brackett Rd Cell Tower** 50ft. from road in residential neighborhood. September 4th 7pm [Click Here](#) for overview/summary. Additional information [Click Here](#)
3. **Master Plan Draft** chapters for the Public to Review (Hearing on September 11th) [Existing and Future Land Use](#), [Transportation](#), [Natural Resources](#)
4. **Major Development** at 0 Airfield Rd for The Housing Partnership approved [Click Here](#) for Notice of Decision. Note there is NO Summary for the public of what will be done.
5. **Demolish of Atlantic Winds** (corner of Wallis Rd. & Ocean Blvd) to be replaced by 4 Condo units on the Sept. 5 ZBA agenda.
6. Dogs at Large ordinance (from now until the March 2019 voting) to require leashes adjacent to private property proposed to Select Board on Aug. 27th.
7. **Parsonage Apartments** lease with The Housing Partnership extended for 1 year. Discussions of relocating residents.
8. **81 West Rd. Conservation Commission purchase Public Hearing** September 13th 7pm Town Hall. 79+ acres [Click Here](#)
9. Planning Board Chair is leading a discussion about possibly expanding Sewer coverage for Rt. 1.
10. No updates or actions on [Impaired Parsons Creek](#) information sent in June to residents in the watershed. [Click Here](#) for Informational flyer
[Click Here](#) for septic system replacement information
11. Aquarion Water is starting to evaluate costs of installing PFOA treatment. [Click Here](#) for Herald story.
12. **Proposed 2019 amendments** to the Zoning Ordinances in progress (see below in Planning Board)). The public's opportunity to discuss and contribute is in the Fall as these can not be adjusted at the Town Deliberative Meeting.
13. The Heritage will donate \$1,000 of the required \$6,000 if Plan NH accepts the application residents are working on.
- 14.. Open Volunteer Positions: Contact Select Board office [e-mail](#)

Rye Heritage Commission	1 Member
Rye Historic District Commission:	1 Alternative
Rye Recycling Education	2 Member vacancies
Planning Board	1 Alternate

General Announcements:

1. Primary Election September 11th Rye Elementary School 8am to 7pm.
Sample Ballot: [Click Here](#) Absentee Ballot Application: [Click Here](#)
RCL will hold **Candidates Night** for State Rep, State Senator and Executive Council on Wednesday **October 17th** at R/JH (please plan to attend).
2. New RCL 2018 Citizen's Handbook [Click Here](#) If you know anyone new or old who needs to understand how our town is organized let them about the RCL Citizen's Handbook.
3. Rye Art Study Oct. 17th Rye Congressional Church meeting [Click Here](#)
4. Sunken Forest Program Sept 13th 6:30pm Rye Congregational Church from the Rye Historical Society [Click Here](#) for more details
5. Rye 1623 Committee of RHS has had first listening session and is working to expand 4th of July town celebration starting in 2019.
- 6.. **Rye Recreation Fall Programs** [Click Here](#)
7. **Rye Recreation Senior Program: NEW:** 2018-2019 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)
8. Rye Art Study Group October 15th 9:30am Rye Congregational Church [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

Sept. 11th:
Planning
Board 7pm.

11. Household Hazardous Waste Collection September 29th. [Click Here](#)

Sept 13th:
Conservation
Commission
7pm.

Select Board Meeting August 27th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available

Sept 13th:
Planning
Board 7pm.

1. A Brackett Rd. resident complained that only 30% of a submitted list of questions went to Verizon. (1:32 elapsed).

2. Resident urged Select Board to have Fire Services Long Term Strategy that coordinates fire equipment across N. Hampton, New Castle and Greenland (mutual aid from Portsmouth and Hampton) prior to acting on the Fire Chief's 20 year equipment plan. (7:10 elapsed)

Sept 14th: CIP
6:30pm.

3. Residents requested Select Board ban beach parking on one or more sides of Perkins Road for safety concerns. (13:53 elapsed)

4. The Library Trustees presented its compensation policy which provides pay for outstanding performance and provides for a survey, every two years, of other libraries in the state to ensure that pay scales are adjusted to be just above median levels (29:55 elapsed).

Sept 17th:
Dogs at Large
6:30pm.

5. Marty Chapman of The Housing Partnership presented his proposed one year extension to the Parsonage Apartment lease that includes a reduced rate, to provide time to relocate the residents(subtenants). The result would be an empty building and no revenues to the town after the end of the process (60:48 elapsed).

Sept. 18th:
Mosquito
Commission
5:00pm

6. A resident complained that plans to widen the shoulders of town roads to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians when the roads are repaved were started but then abandoned (75:43 elapsed).

Sept. 24th:
Select Board.
6:30pm.

7. TD Bank will be sent a letter asking for the elimination of "holes" to ensure that the town's deposits are backed by collateral under a broader range of scenarios than is currently the case. Government insurance applies to only the first \$250,000. Resident Mike Coutu was thanked for his assistance and valuable expertise on the issue (94:38 elapsed).

8. Revenue enhancement strategies were discussed (103:33 elapsed).

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

9. The Selectmen will move forward with temporary "leash required" zones in the Town Forest at the request of the Conservation Commission and in accordance with pending Dogs-at-large Committee recommendations. The plan is that these will be replaced next year by a program whereby special town "tags" will be required for unleashed dogs in a number of areas (108:58 elapsed).

Select Board Meeting August 13th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

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

Town
Org chart.
[Click Here](#)

1. Rebecca Bergeron was introduced as the new Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director, replacing Cyndi Gillespie who is retiring (9:17 elapsed)

2. The draft Historic Structures Report on Town Hall, presented by the Groundroot Preservation Group concluded that the building is a historic treasure and is structurally in really good condition, with mostly cosmetic issues such as the paint, glazing and clapboards. The Select Board agreed to look at getting some of the clapboards replaced prior to the already-contracted painting to occur this Fall (14:45 elapsed)

Capital
Improvement
Plan (CIP)
[Click Here](#)

3. Fire Chief Mark Cotreau presented his proposed 20 year capital plan for fire equipment which calls for maintaining three Class A pumpers, with a \$650,000 pumper/ladder scheduled as early as 2019. Discussion of how to educate the public prior to putting purchases on the ballot. (77:54 elapsed).

This plan is
updated annually
and
is a great way to
see what the
Town is planning
for future capital
expenditures

4. The Harbor Rd. Bridge repairs, budgeted this year for \$75,000 received only one bid for \$125,000. Another \$5000 to \$10,000 will be needed for engineering. The Selectmen agreed to proceed and make up the shortfall from elsewhere in the budget (142:19 elapsed).

5. Another public hearing will be scheduled on the removal of a CIP Committee member who has not been attending meetings, but refuses to resign (192:19 elapsed).

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

School Board August 15th:

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:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Board announces that 5th grade will be moved to RJH for the 2019/2020 school year. [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

Rye Library Strategic Plan:

2. Board announces subcommittee to create plan for 2019/2020 RJH 5th grade transition. Seeking 2 parent volunteers to serve on board.
3. Several parents express concern about lack of communication and planning for 5th grade move to RJH.
4. Plans for new playground equipment are put on hold because of cost escalation related to newly imposed EU tariffs. Board looking into alternative proposals.

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 August 1st:

2018 RWD Budget: [Click Here](#)

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

RCL recorded video: Click Here

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

Rye Water Testing June Data: [Click Here](#) Note no analysis included

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

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

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

1. The Select Board has asked RWD to take over monitoring of Wells 102 and 6 at the Rye Landfill. Discussion raised concerns and questions.
2. Portsmouth is raising household water rates, but RWD purchases in bulk and will not be impacted.
3. Quote received for grass mowing. *Editor's note: Rye contracts a lot of grass cutting between Recreation, Schools, RWD and the Cemetery cut their own. None of this is coordinated.*
4. Discussions about website updates from consultant Wright Pierce
5. Voted to combine office phone service with Verizon Wireless to save money.
6. Discussion about how to notify property owners, Conservation Commission and Town Administrator for next steps investigating potential locations for another well.

Planning Board meeting: August 14th:

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. 901 Ocean Blvd - build shed behind dumpster approved 7-0 [Case #17-2018](#)
2. Eversource Energy - tree and brush clearing Approved with conditions [7-0 Case #18-2018](#)
3. 655 Wallis Rd.- Carey & Giampa expansion with new septic system, long discussion; continued to Sept meeting
4. O Airfield Dr. - Major subdivision: multi-family and work force housing approved 7-0 with 31 conditions with all units on septic. [Case #07-2018](#)
5. O Ocean Blvd.(between Harbor and Locke roads), major subdivision - 5 lots, long discussion; significant public input, continued to Sept. meeting
6. Stoneleigh subdivision (new South Rd. development) Plot Plans were one of the conditions Registry of Deeds did not accept 8.5"x11"
7. Alternate Anne Arnold resigns, Alternate Kate Sherman taking a leave of absence.
8. Long Range Planning (Master Plan) - three revised chapters updated for Master Plan. A public hearing may be September 11th. There should be two, but not sure
9. Rule and Regulations changes to language of ordinances, tiny houses discussions not considered at this time, NH DES second draft for Wetland Rules is coming this Fall - significant changes are not expected. Committee is looking at impervious coverage calculation to exclude wetlands and beaches.
10. Ch. Epperson notes discussion about expansion of sewer on Rt. 1 as he sought support for this possibility.

LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan) July 19th and 26th Meeting

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

Draft Chapter 4 Existing & Future Land Use: [Click Here](#)

Draft Chapter 6 Transportation: [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 Chapter 7 Natural Resources: [Click Here](#)
Public Hearing could be September 11th - Agenda has not posted.
[Click Here](#) to see Durham's website and their master plan as reference.

Rules & Regulations Committee August 7th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

August 7th Draft Meeting minutes are not posted

July 25th Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#) (topics for proposed 2019 zoning amendments where introduced at this previous meeting)

1. Re-Index blanket ZO amendment. To allow the board to correct erroneous references in other sections of the ordinance via a public hearing.
2. Floodplain Ordinance Amendment. Homeowners in the floodplain making improvements to their house above 50% of the market value would be required to become compliant with the floodplain ordinance. Enforcement has been difficult due to homeowners not getting permits and/or doing the work in increment over a long period of time.
3. Definition of structure. Amend definition to exclude walkways & driveways. Suggestion by Chair Pat Losik to provide a list of what is a structure and not a structure in the appendix of the Zoning Ordinance. Discussion regarding differentiating impervious and pervious surfaces within the definition of structure/non structure.
4. Definition of rear yard for corner lots. Currently the definition is very confusing. Attorney Michael Donovan will be drafting the amendment.
5. Tiny homes ordinance discussion.
6. Impervious coverage. Amend the ordinance to not allow homeowners to include the beach sand and wetlands as the part of the calculation for impervious and building area coverage.
7. Frontage. Attorney Michael Donovan and ZBA Chair Patty Weathersby provided language for a proposed amendment to the definition of frontage.

Planning Board September 11th Agenda

Agenda for meeting: Not Published yet

120 Brackett Rd Cell Tower ZBA vote September 4th:

Sept 4th 7pm Town Hall: Meeting Agenda [Click Here](#)

The abutters (Friends of Brackett Rd.) have been active and provided this information to the Civic League.

Public is encouraged to be familiar with past discussions

Detailed summary with links to document cited at meetings: [Click Here](#) (should read first)

Informational Flyer from Friends of Brackett Rd. [Click Here](#) [5 things to Know](#)

Additional information [Click Here](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment: August 1st:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Many applications were continued to the September 5th meeting.
2. 0 Perkins Rd. 5-0 Granted an administrative appeal from Building Inspectors May 23rd letter.
3. 1611 Ocean Blvd. Approved 5-0 expansion of deck within 100' of tidal wetlands buffer. ZBA [case #25-2018](#)
4. 8 Old Ferry Landing Rd. Approved 5-0 an equitable waver for building height. ZBA [case #26-2018](#)
5. 17 Pine St. Approved 4-1 stairs and landing 10' from boundary line, condition if oil tank is moved, then the stairs are to be moved closer to the dwelling. [Case #01-2018 30-2018](#)
6. Discussion on the process of allowing the Planning Administrator to turn away an application for not being complete. The goal is to be respectful of board members and applicants time if the application is insufficient to discuss. There is concern granting too much authority to the Planning Administrator.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda Sept. 4th:

1. 120 Brackett Rd. Cell Tower: [Click Here](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: Sept. 5th

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

1. 0 Perkins Rd. Non-Public discussion of request for rehearing concerning compliance of the fence.
2. 4 Winslow Way Variance for house height
3. 0 Cable Rd. Variances for building height on non-conforming lots
4. 753 Ocean Blvd.: Expanding a non-confirming structure
5. 7. 1174 Ocean Blvd.: Variances for a deck in setback, a non-conforming structure
6. 17 Brackett Rd.: Variances to fill within the 100' wetlands setback
7. 2 Park Ridge: Administrative appeal request from Building Inspector letter.
8. 24 Concord Point: Generator within the setback
9. 20 Brackett Rd.: Gazebo within the 100' tidal buffer.
10. 1215 Ocean Blvd. (Atlantic Winds): Tear down existing structures and replace with four condominiums. [Click Here](#) for information on impaired Parson's Creek
11. 753 Ocean Blvd.: requests administrative appeal from Building Inspector's e-mail.

Conservation Commission (CC) August 9th

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 Notes: [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. Commission votes to allow a temporary (Sept. 2018-April 2019) leashed dog area on a trail in the town forest as there are "safety concerns for these animals" in that particular area. Select Board considering Dogs Under Control ordinance for the March 2019 warrant.
2. There was an 18 minute Non Public Meeting per (1) RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Acquisition.
3. 24 Glendale Road: Site Walk scheduled for August 16th. See Site Walk Minutes and RCL Notes.
4. Old Ferry Landing: (NH DES approved July 18, 2018) A new proposal with 196 sq ft of impervious impact in the buffer was discussed.
5. 77 Parsons Road, A Planting Plan was presented with partial completion October and full completion Spring 2019.
6. 1090 Old Ocean Blvd, Site Walk Minutes and RCL Notes
7. 0 Ocean Boulevard (Harbor Rd. and Ocean Blvd): 5 lot development across from the Goss Farm. Applicant presented plans shown to Planning Board at their August 14th meeting. Deed restrictions on each lot, a possible gift of 10 acres of wetlands, the sensitive area to the west of the cul de sac and wetland buffer planting plan. Members discussed the type of deed restrictions, plantings between lots 12 and 14, wildlife corridors and for all concerned having an understanding of the fill required.

Conservation Commission Site Walks: August 3rd & 16th:

RCL Meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

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

August 16th Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

August 16th Site Walk

1. 255 Central Road: A fence is proposed, partially in wetland butter. What is now lawn would be allowed to grow. Lawn clippings will no longer be piled in the buffer and lawn equipment removed. Owner will contact Rockingham Conservation Commission regarding some phragmites observed in the buffer.
2. 24 Glendale Road, A home, driveway, and septic will be rebuild in the 250' Shoreland Protection Zone with a very slight increase in impervious surface. The commission felt the new enviro septic system, pervious paver driveway, and storm water management plan would likely be an improvement over current conditions
3. 1090 Old Ocean Boulevard, A seawall is proposed to be rebuilt. The commission had some concerns it extended further into the beach than the prior wall and would like confirmation it does not. Recommended 2-3 feet of native plants just behind the wall for erosion control. Approved with these conditions.

August 3 Site Walk Notes

1. 8 Old Ferry Landing Road, The owners would like to remove 3 dead and 3 fallen trees and a pervious pathway to the marsh. The commission approved the removal of the trees and asked the pathway remain as now with no material added. It was recommended the owners seek professional assistance with

Recreation Commission Meeting August 6th:

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: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Discussions of what and when the New Buildings & Grounds person will be doing for Recreation.
2. Recreation will be working with the Rye Historical Society on the "Odiorne 1623" activities.
3. Rye After School Program has 16 students on the waiting list. The commission is working on a letter to go to the Select Board.
4. Reviewed topographic survey for the multi-purpose Storage Facility & Public Restrooms. Next step is to develop a site plan.
5. Select Board contacted the Commission as there is no CIP submission.
6. Summer Horyezons camp had declining enrollment for the second year.
7. Rye Congregational Church has not responded to the request to utilize the 3rd floor for Rye Recreation activities.

Dogs at Large Committee August 15th & 29th:

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

August 15th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

Presentation to the Select Board should be in September.

1. The committee has been discussing a leash requirement in certain areas of the Town Forest where there have been issues with abutting properties. Chair King from the official Conservation Commission minutes saying that there "is a safety concern for these animals. She thinks a temporary leash law in those areas is a good idea. "
2. The committee voted to allow a leashed zone for a specific section of Town Forest trail, on a temporary basis, from September 1st, 2018 to April 1st, 2019
3. The Select Board are planning a warrant article based on the Dogs at Large Committee recommendations likely requiring dogs to be leashed unless the owner acknowledges their dog can be controlled without and purchases a tag.

Heritage Commission Meeting August 2nd

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Heritage Commission voted to donate \$1000 toward the Plan NH Charrette.
2. The Heritage Commission has raised \$17, 000 to be used to restore Town Hall this fall by CONTRIBUTING to the cost of clapboards to be replaced prior to the painting of the building which has been contracted for by the selectmen.

Library Board of Trustees August 23rd:

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. Budget Committee and Select Board invited to the July 24th discussion of the compensation study.. [Click Here](#) for video recording
2. CIP projects include carpet replacement, interior painting, window replacement and parking lot lighting. Projects may be impacted from findings of the Strategic Plan and Space Needs and Utilization study.

Mosquito Commission Meeting August 21st:

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. The two school fields were sprayed on time, prior to school starting, along with the Rec area and Parsons Field. Vendors are keeping ahead of the pests, but it's challenging time with the heat and huge rains in August.

3. Check for ticks this time of year, kids especially. Keep covered if possible or use spray with DEET.

Capital Investment Committee: August 6th:

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not posted

Video of meeting: not available

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

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.

Sewer Commission Meeting July 10th

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

1. Planning Board Chair attended to let the Sewer Commission know about the discussion of 20 units at the corner of Lafayette and Washington Rd. and the 20 units at 0 Airfield Drive. Connecting to a Sewer is less expensive for developers if the Portsmouth Sewer is extended to Rye. See the meeting notes for more discussions
2. Building inspector asked about 32 Old Beach Road as high Bacteria levels were detected at the beach.

Historic District Commission July 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.

Budget Committee: July 18th:

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not posted

Video of meeting: [Click Here](#)

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

1. The School Budget was reviewed by School Business Administrator Amy Ransom, who has assumed full duties following the retirement of Jim Katkin. There may be some spikes in the salary line due to four retirements. Legal fees are being expended looking at the agreement with the R.J. Lister Academy for which \$75,760 is paid annually, but only one student in recent years has been enrolled and only briefly (1:05 elapsed).
2. Town revenues are up, but mostly because higher spending has driven up taxation. Hampton is looking at a \$45 million sewer upgrade, but Rye's share of that will be only about \$440,000 and that will likely be financed over a number of years. Any increased costs will raise sewer rates, not taxes (61:40 elapsed).
3. The Committee discussed the process for the upcoming budget season, including ways to increase public input, dovetailing the CIP Plan into the process, and limiting over budgeting relative to actual expenditures which ties up the taxpayers' money for at least a year before the unspent money is returned to them (160:30 elapsed).

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. 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

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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