

Rye Civic News October 2018

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

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[RCL Facebook Page](#)

Next RCL
Meeting:
October 31st
RPL 7:00 pm

Candidates Night: October 17th 6:30pm Rye Junior High School

- NH State Senator (2 candidates)
- NH Executive Candidates (2 candidates)
- NH State Representatives (4 candidates for 2 positions)

[Event Flyer](#) (feel free to print and help post)

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

Meetings
(at Town Hall
unless
indicated)

Oct. 1st: CIP
7:00pm.

Oct. 2nd:
Energy
Committee
6:30pm RPL

Oct. 3rd: Rye
Water District
9am 60
Sagamore Rd.

Oct. 3rd: ZBA
7:00pm.

Oct. 3rd:
Conservation
Comm. Site
Walk 4:30pm

Oct. 4th:
Heritage
Commission
6:30pm.

Oct. 4th.
Rules &
Regulations
7pm.

Oct. 9th:
Sewer
Commission
8:00am
RBVD.

Oct. 9th:
Planning
Board 7pm.

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

September Highlights:

1. **West Nile Virus** risk from mosquitoes moved to Moderate on Sept 24, 2018 [Click Here](#)
2. **Final Dogs at Large Report** presented to the Select Board [Click Here](#) Select Board passed temporary ordinance for Town Forest.
3. Portsmouth is open to **extending Sewer along Route 1** to the N. Hampton Town Line in a similar arrangement that enabled the Sewer to be expanded to Foyes's Corner.
4. Historic Commission succeeded in having Rye recognized as a Certified Local Government Program under the National Historic Preservation Act. [Click Here](#) for letter
5. Town Attorney & Planning Administrator grant continuance to Verizon for 120 Brackett Rd Cell Tower. 30 days is the norm, 90 was granted. [Click Here](#)
6. **Demolition of the Atlantic Four Winds cottages** at the corner of Wallis Rd. and Ocean Blvd. and replacement with 8 condo units is on the Oct. 3rd ZBA Agenda. [Click Here](#) for diagram provided at the site walk.
7. Planning Board approved 3 updated chapters to the **Master Plan**.
8. 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.
9. DPW needs to take action at the **SWAP shop** as it is becoming more of a dump.
10. Select Board pushes back to the Planning Board considerations of standards for **widening roads and creating bicycle paths**.
11. Select Board wants RWD to be responsible for Grove Rd. RWD says no. [Click Here](#)
12. No updates or actions on [Impaired Parsons Creek](#) information sent in June to residents in the watershed. EPA reported only low levels in tested fish for PFOA.
[Click Here](#) for Informational flyer
[Click Here](#) for septic system replacement information
13. **Proposed 2019 amendments** to the Zoning Ordinances in progress (see below in Planning Board)). Only chance will be at the Planning Board meeting at which the public hearing is held." The October agenda reflects only one ordinance change scheduled for a public hearing
14. Resident found not guilty of recklessly shooting dog at Rye Recreation. [Click Here](#) for Herald story. [Click Here](#) for a residents' trial summary (not from the RCL).
15. Open Volunteer Positions: Contact Select Board office [e-mail](#)

Rye Heritage Commission	1 Alternative
Rye Historic District Commission:	1 Alternative
Rye Recycling Education	2 Member vacancies
CIP Committee	1 Vacancy

General Announcements:

1. Safety Building Open House: October 7th from noon to 2pm
2. Rye Water and Aquarion water main flushing October 1st to November 10th, expect some low pressure, discoloring or chlorine smell.
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 Oct. 17th Rye Congressional Church meeting [Click Here](#)
5. Rye Trick or Treating is October 30th from 5pm to 7pm
6. Rye Art Studio Open House November 4th and 5th [Click Here](#)
7. **Rye Recreation Fall Programs** [Click Here](#)
8. **Rye Recreation Senior Program: NEW:** 2018-209 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)
9. **Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)

Oct. 11th:
Conservation
Commission
7pm.

- 10. GIS Mapping Software Presentation Video:** [Click Here](#)
FYI see RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on finding locations with the GIS
- 11. Track the Jenness Beach Renovation project** [Click Here](#)

Oct. 15th: CIP
7pm.

Select Board Meeting September 24th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting minutes: Not Available

Oct 16th:
Mosquito
Commission
5pm.

1. Residents of Perkins Rd. and the Jenness Beach area attended to urge resolution of parking issues and extension of the plans for controlling dogs in the Town Forest to the beach as well (2:23 elapsed). Sept 10th [Letter](#)
2. The Selectmen approved an interim ordinance establishing leash-required zones in the Town Forest (12:47 elapsed).
3. The Dogs-at-large Committee made three recommendations (1) tighten the definition of "dog at large" to make enforcement easier; (2) establish a "tag" program for unleashed dogs in the town forest, which would prohibit unleashed dogs unless he dog has a town-issued tag and the handler has certified that he or she has viewed a video on keeping dogs under control; and (3) provide a "leash required" period for dogs on the beach during the summer, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays (28:13 elapsed). [Final Report](#)
4. The Selectmen voted to take enforcement against Ray's Seafood relating to seating capacity relative to its certificate of occupancy. Issues relating to the holding tank, operating under an expired state permit, will be addressed by the State (74:26 elapsed).
5. Options for the swap shop at the Transfer Center were discussed. It has become a dumping ground for what should be trash and that is now requiring a considerable portion of an employee's time to clear out unwanted items (103:11 elapsed).
6. The issue of clapboard replacement prior to Town Hall painting was discussed. It was agreed that the painting should proceed as soon as possible (173:59 elapsed).
7. A statement from the Town Attorney on the Verizon cell tower application 50 feet from Brackett Rd. was read justifying the continuance action with no vote and immediately upon Verizon request. Attorney Letter [Click Here](#), [Attorney and Administrator actions](#), letter questioning process from resident [Click Here](#) (122:45 elapsed).

Oct. 16th:
Budget
Committee
6:30pm.

Oct. 17th:
School Board
5pm RJH

Oct. 17th:
Candidates
Night 6:30pm
RJH

Oct. 22nd
Select Board
6:30pm.

Oct. 25th.
Select Board
Budget Work
Session
8:30am.

Select Board Meeting September 10th:

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

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

Oct. 29th. CIP
Public Hearing
7:00pm.

1. Numerous officials and boat owners were present to discuss the dredging of Rye Harbor, which should be done every 20 years. It has now been 28 years, but may soon happen (1:09 elapsed).
2. The Selectmen discussed the 2005 road widening policy which is not being followed and has a number of other problems. Among these, the policy seems to require bike paths on all roads being reclaimed, but bike lanes should not be placed on every road, according to the Public Works Director. (55:11 elapsed)
3. Numerous residents complained about problems on Perkins Rd. and asked that it be made no parking (65:12 elapsed).
4. The contract for the Harbor Rd. Bridge, for an amount well over budget, was approved (110:28 elapsed).

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

School Board September 19th:

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

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

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

Superintendent's Bulletin: none since June '18 [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: [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

1. From the Rye School Board: 5th grade transition: Each week, an update will be announced re: 5th Grade Transition and will be saved to the "Middle School Transition" section of the Rye Elementary School web site. [Click Here](#)
2. Community-wide reconfiguration working sessions are scheduled for October 18th (there will be two times offered). The committee is interested in gaining a better understanding of how many people plan to attend each session. If you plan to join them, let them know via this form: [Click Here](#)
3. SAU 50 just completed a technology audit. The findings will be shared at the next meeting October, 17th.
4. Meeting Schedule for the school board: , October 17th 5:00pm

for future capital expenditures

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

Rye Rec Master Plan (Click Here)

Town Forest Management Plan (Click Here)

2015 Beach Report Click Here

GIS Parcel Data: Click Here

Transfer Station and Recycling Flyer: Click Here.

Town Budgets Budget Analysis: Click Here

Town Budget Worksheet: Click Here.

MS-7 Reporting document: Click Here

Rye Water District Budget: Click Here.

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

Jenness Beach Budget: Click Here

School Budget:

Friday, November 9, 8:30 - 3:00 Initial Budget Review session and Regular School Board meeting *

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

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 Sept 5th:

2018 RWD Budget: [Click Here](#)

Draft Water District Meeting Minutes: NOT AVAILABLE

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](#)

Planning Board meeting: September 11th:

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. 135 and 139 Wentworth Rd.: Lot Line adjustment approved. [Case #06-2018](#)

2. All other cases were continued.

3. Planning Board approved Master Plan chapters - see below., this was the second Public Hearing on these changes, the first was in the Fall of 2017 and only one Chapter was discussed at that public hearing.

LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan)

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

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

Approved Chapter 6 Transportation: [Click Here](#)

Approved Chapter 7 Natural Resources: [Click Here](#)

Master Plan with these new chapter is not posted or available. Chapters are dated August 22, 2018.

[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 **still not** posted

October 4th meeting is on the Town Calendar. **No Agenda** is posted at this time.

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 incrementally 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 October 9th Agenda

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

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

Other Helpful Links:

[Live Free or Die Alliance](#)

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. Public Hearing of Zoning Ordinance 2019-01
2. 0 Ocean Blvd - Major Subdivision (Harbor Rd) 5 lots
3. 655 Wallis Rd. Minor Site Development - new septic, tree removal
4. 29 Fern Ave Minor two log subdivision
5. 320 Brackett Rd. Accessory Dwelling Unit
6. 155 Garland Rd. adjustment between properties
7. 85 Brackett Rd. Minor Subdivision 3 lots
8. 2263 Ocean Blvd.: Minor Site Development to allow Garden to be used for restaurant guests and to allow 20 paid parking spots
9. 170 Brackett Rd. Conceptual consultation for 2 lot subdivision

120 Brackett Rd Cell Tower ZBA & Planning September 27th

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. No public discussion of continuance was allowed despite resident attempts (1:15 elapsed). [Click here](#) for Attorney Donovan's letter read by the Chairman.. Resident letter [Click Here](#) was not read.
2. The Chairman asked for a motion to continue the matter to December 11. The three members and the alternate present supported the motion. The motion was made and seconded, and carried without any discussion whatsoever.
3. The Planning Board Chair told residents that the attorneys have everything under control and that they need to "respect the process" (40:20 elapsed).

120 Brackett Rd Cell Tower ZBA September 4th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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. AT&T's attorney was present to express their interest in collocating on Verizon's cell tower at 120 Brackett Rd., if it is erected (minutes, page 2)
3. Town Attorney Donovan inquired as to whether there might be interest in the town-owned land at the intersection of Port Way and Holland Dr. Verizon argued that it could take up to two years to put everything in place. Attorney Donovan disagreed, saying that the Selectmen could lay out a road and the overlay district could be expanded, all by March 2019 (minutes, page 10).
4. The Conservation Commission expressed opposition to the application because of the wetlands impact (minutes, page 21).
5. An appraiser hired by an abutter expressed the opinion that the value of the house directly across the street from Verizon's proposed facility would be reduced in value by \$40,000 (minutes, page 21).
- 6.. The owner of an alternate site on Brackett Rd., which would allow the facility to be located well away from the road said that Verizon acknowledged that his site was best, but said that Verizon's representative said that they had been able to negotiate a much more attractive lease with the owner of 120 Brackett Rd. (minutes, page 24)
7. An abutter said that Verizon has repeatedly provided misinformation (minutes, page 24)
8. Another resident of Brackett Rd. said that he and another person had been able to complete test calls at 15 of 16 locations throughout northern Rye. He said that both Verizon and the town's expert had used a transmitter power of only 55 milliwatts (thousandths of a watt) to compute the coverage maps, while another document submitted by Verizon indicates a transmitter power of 120 watts (minutes, page 30).
9. The possibility of Verizon being able to expand the compound in the direction of the road without seeking further approval, making it even closer than 50 feet, was discussed (minutes, page 35)
10. The abutter across the street disputed that his house was not in the fall zone, saying that he personally measured the distance (minutes, page 37).
11. Verizon's attorney responded that they used aerial photographs to create their drawings, refused to answer a question regarding the accuracy of that method, and said that, when their engineer is being challenged with a tape measure, things are getting out of hand (minutes, page 40).
12. 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: September 19th:Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 1174 Ocean Rd. Variances granted 5-0 under conditions of the Conservation Commission [Case #31-2018](#)
2. 24 Concord Point: Variance approved 5-0 for generator [Case 34-2018](#)
3. 2 Park Ridge Rd. Administrative appeal granted 4-1 [Case 33-2018](#)
4. 17 Brackett Rd. 5-0 Granted variance for fill with in 100' of wetlands setback [Case 32-2018](#)
5. 20 Brackett Rd.: Variance granted 5-0 for gazebo. [Case 35-2018](#)
6. 753 Ocean Blvd.: Variances and relief from building codes granted 5-0 with conditions [Case 28-2018](#). Administrative Appeal was denied 5-0 [Case 38-2018](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment: September 18th Cell Tower:Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Town communicated that the meeting was canceled.
2. 3 Zoning Board members held the meeting and voted for an indefinite continuance despite the ZBA Rules of Procedure requiring a decision within 30 days after the closing of the public hearing on September 4
[Click Here](#) to see announcements
[Click Here](#) to see Town Attorney justification

Zoning Board of Adjustment: September 5th:Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)Draft Town Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 0 Perkins Rd. Denied Request for Rehearing of Building Inspector letter 4-1 [Case #29](#)
 2. 4 Winslow Way: Denied 5-0 to allow height of 34 ft. [Case #20 2018](#)
- All else was continued.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: October 3rd:October 3rd Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. 1215 Ocean Blvd (corner of Wallis Rd and Ocean Blvd): Demolish existing buildings and replace with four buildings (8 condo units).
2. 33 Pollock Drive. Variance for generator inside property and marsh setbacks.
3. 11 Surf Lane: Equitable waiver where 24.5% is built, 19.2% was permitted, 15% is allowed. Also asking for variances.
4. 2165 Ocean Blvd. Variances for modifying a non-conforming building
5. 1201 Ocean Blvd. Administrative appeal and request for variances for setbacks
6. 140 Harbor Rd.: Expanding a non-conforming building in side, wetland and tidal buffers.

Conservation Commission (CC) September 17thLearn more about the Conservation Commission: [Click Here](#)Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)Wetlands Map [Click Here](#)Town Forest map: [Click Here](#)September 13th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)September 17th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not posted for either meeting

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. Rye Water District Commissioners Ralph Hickson and Art Ditto, as well as a representative from Wright-Pierce, met with the Conservation Commission to discuss possible sites for an additional well.
2. A number of sites, some on private property and four on conservation land, have been identified.
3. There was discussion as to whether the easement on the Town Forest would prohibit a well there. Permission was granted to investigate the former Rand Lumber property (tax map 16, lot 71-22) and Cedar Run (tax map 4, lot 14-2)

Conservation Commission September 13th:Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. There was a public hearing on the \$625,000 conservation acquisition on West Rd. Some of the land is in North Hampton; a town meeting vote will be required for that. Residents

complained about the lack of any of the required "a through q" documents established in 2014. A sizable portion of the acquisition price may be covered by non-town sources, however this cannot be assured (0:00 elapsed).

2. 1215 Ocean Blvd (corner of Wallis Rd): The plan to raze all of the buildings and construct eight 2 bedroom condominiums (in 4 buildings) was reviewed (29:58 elapsed). [Click Here](#) for Site walk video. [Click Here](#) for scanned site plan
3. 20 Brackett Rd. (gazebo) (site walk was scheduled)
4. 33 Pollock Dr. (generator) (site walk was scheduled) (74:34 elapsed)
5. 27/29 Parsons Rd. (New addition, new second floor, septic, move shed) (site walk was scheduled) (78:26 elapsed)
6. 140 Harbor Rd. (New home, new septic) (site walk was scheduled) (87:51 elapsed)
7. 24 Concord Pt. (Generator) (site walk was scheduled) (103:04 elapsed)
8. 1090 Old Ocean Blvd. (review of revetment) (109:12 elapsed)
9. 1647 Ocean Blvd. (planting of berm) (site walk scheduled) (116:10 elapsed)
10. The GIS manager for the Rockingham Planning Commission talked about possibilities for GPS mapping of trails (124:11 elapsed)
11. 1310 Ocean Blvd. (driveway in shoreland buffer, wetlands buffer questions) (site walk scheduled) (138:26 elapsed)
12. Signs for town forest approved (143:33 elapsed)
13. Ray's Seafood, 1677 Ocean Blvd. (more potential violations, new septic system is being required) (153:26 elapsed)
14. Pending site walks (7 locations listed on agenda) (157:23 elapsed)

Conservation Commission Site Walks: September 15th & 18th:

September 18th Draft Meeting Minutes: Not posted

September 15th Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Video of Sept 15th Site Walk: [Click Here](#)

Shoals View Site Walk: RCL Video: [Click Here](#) Site Walk Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recreation Commission Meeting September 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: At Recreation building

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

1. Guests Joe Tucker and Tyler Renz discussed building options for the Multi-purpose Recreation Storage Facility and new bathroom building.
2. Commission is moving forward with producing the RFQ for the building.
3. School Board communicated to begin the process of accommodating Rye Recreation in Rye Elementary for when the 5th Grade moves out of RES.

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](#)

Draft meeting minutes:

Heritage Commission Meeting September 6th

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Voted to contribute up to \$16,000 towards new clapboards for town hall recommended by Groundroot Preservation Group in its Historic Structure Report.
2. The town sent out a RFP for the work but no contractor came forward for that project. The money in all probability will be used to seed a grant application to fix the windows and storm windows for the Town Hall and cupola which is going to be proposed to the Select Board at an upcoming meeting once estimates have been secured.

Library Board of Trustees September 13th:

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.
2. Youth Program had 498 participants in August Programs, the 104 Harry Potter Movie Marathon had 104 people attend.
3. RPL will host the NH Library Trustees on October 11th at 6:30pm

Mosquito Commission Meeting: Sept 18th:

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

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not available

Video of meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. Posters are available [Ticked Off](#) [Wanted Not](#) [Bug Them](#)
2. West Nile Virus has been found in mosquitoes trapped in nine municipalities including Rye and North Hampton. The threat of WNV will continue until a hard freeze kills all of the mosquitoes. Because of this, the Elementary School, Junior High School, Parsons Field and the Recreation Area were sprayed on Monday, September 24, 2018 Public Notice. [Click Here](#)
3. The WNV threat to Rye remains LOW even so, best to keep covered if in the outdoors, spray exposed limbs etc. with bug spray containing DEET.

Capital Improvement Plan: September 4th and 17th meetings

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

2017 Current: [Click Here](#) for a summary of the projects.

2017 Current: [Click Here](#) for a list of all of the projects

Sept 17th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Fire Chief has proposed a multi-year plan for Fire Equipment. [Click Here](#) for Presentation, [Click Here](#) cost table, [Click Here](#) for consultants report
2. Public Hearing scheduled for October 29th 7pm Town Hall

Sewer Commission Meeting September 11th

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

1. Draft Bond from Hampton was reviewed as Rye Sewer is responsible for 4% of the bond. The preliminary annual cost of the 20 year bond would be around \$33K.
2. Portsmouth did hold an August 8th meeting to discuss extending the Portsmouth Sewer to Route 1 to the N. Hampton line as there are large planned developments that include septic systems.
3. Commission has not heard back from Developer Joe Falzone about information Portsmouth would need to evaluate extending Portsmouth Sewer to accommodate his current plans.
4. Ambit Engineering has provided the information for the 0 Airfiled Drive development.

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.

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).

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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