

# 2019 Town Election Results

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 [2018 Citizens' Handbook \(click here\)](#)

RCL Monthly Meetings & Public Forum last Wednesday of the month RPL 7pm

[RCL Facebook Page](#)

Nov. 2018: RCL Rye the last 50 years, Next 50 years: [Presentation](#) [Recorded Video](#)

Next RCL  
Meeting:  
March 27th  
RPL 7:00 pm

Meetings  
(at Town Hall  
unless  
indicated)

Mar. 14th.  
Perkins Rd.  
Safety.  
6:00pm

Mar. 14th.  
Conservation  
Commission  
7pm.

Mar. 14th.  
Conservation  
Site Walk  
10:00am.

Mar. 20th.  
School Board  
5pm. RJH.

Mar. 20th.  
Zoning Board  
of Adjustment  
7pm.

Mar. 21st.  
Perkins Safety  
6pm.

Mar. 25th  
Select Board  
6:30pm.

Mar. 28th.  
Perkins Safety  
6:00pm.

March 30th  
Rye Water  
District Annual  
meeting 10am  
RJH

## General Announcements:

1. **State Legislative Forum NEW DATE: April 8th 6:30pm Rye Public Library.** Our State Delegation (Murray, Grote and Sherman) will present an overview of State legislative activities.

2. **Plan NH Charette** is May 31st and June 1st. **\$7,500 needs to be raised** by April 30th. [Click Here](#) to donate online. Checks can be sent to RCL/Plan NH PO Box 971, Rye

Volunteers to help Friday & Saturday [e-mail](#)

3. **Rye Water District Annual Meeting** March 30th 10:00am RJH

## Elected Positions:

Select Board	Bill Epperson - 1353
Budget Committee	Peggy Balboni, 1221      Mae Bradshaw 1128
Cemetery Trustee	Frank Drake 1354
Library Trustee	Victor Azzi 1308
Trustee of Trusts	Chris Nee 1277
Planning Board 3yrs	Pat Losik 1163 , Tim Durkin 1243
Planning Board 1yr	Jeff Quinn 1297
Zoning Board	Robert Pattern 1243
Sewer Commission	David Adams 1279
School Board	Margaret Honda 1035   Scott Marion 979
School Board Treasurer	Elizabeth Strandwitz Figliulo 1062

## Zoning Results:

Reference	Short Description	Yes	No
Article 3	Add 0 Port Way to the Wireless District	<b>1294</b>	274
4 Amend 1	Allow Planning Board to correct errors in land use ordinances without a town vote	<b>1305</b>	230
4 Amend 2	Changes "Frontage" definition for multi-family dwelling lots	<b>1307</b>	223
4 Amend 3	Clarifies that where the "Access to Lots" must be the same as the "Frontage"	<b>1196</b>	339
4 Amend 4	Clarifies which yard is which for corner lot setbacks	<b>1208</b>	319
4 Amend 5	The main building is now always called the "Principal Building"	<b>1337</b>	197
4 Amend 6	Makes consistent what is included in the lot coverage calculation	<b>1165</b>	356
4 Amend 7	Makes the definition of "Driveways" in the Zoning Ordinance the same as Land Use Regulations	<b>1294</b>	218
Article 5	Adopt the new State Model Flood Plain Ordinance to replace the current 1998 ordinance.	<b>1257</b>	260

## Money Articles:

Reference	Short Description	Yes	No
Article 6	Tear down Town Hall and build a new \$3.5MM Town Hall	407	<b>1219</b>
Article 7	\$700K Salt Shed Note: Failed for not getting 60%	920	<b>711</b>
Article 8	\$992K for a new pumper/ladder truck Achieved the 60%	<b>1019</b>	599

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

Rye History Museum:  
Click Here

Town Org chart.  
Click Here

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)  
Click Here  
This plan is updated annually and is a great way to see what the Town is planning for future capital expenditures

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)

**2018 Beach Report** Click Here

**GIS Parcel Data:** Click Here

**Transfer Station and Recycling Flyer:** Click Here.

**Town Budgets**  
Budget Analysis:  
Click Here

Article 9	\$9.7MM Town Budget	<b>1009</b>	598
Article 10	\$200K to pave Shoals View Drive - Failed not a majority	808	<b>808</b>
Article 11	\$100K Highway Equipment Reserve Fund	<b>1046</b>	517
Article 12	\$100K Fire & Ambulance Fund	<b>1057</b>	501
Article 13	\$50K Town Accumulated Leave Fund	<b>988</b>	567
Article 14	\$35K Town Municipal Building Maintenance	<b>1158</b>	401
Article 15	Dissolve the Ambulance fund that is no longer used.	<b>1160</b>	367
Article 16	If the Ambulance fund is dissolved move the \$11K balance to the General Fund	<b>1147</b>	382
Article 17	\$10K for Library Employees accumulated leave fund	<b>1119</b>	443
Article 18	\$5K for Library Maintenance fund	<b>1266</b>	301

**Decision Articles:**

Reference	Short Description	Yes	No
Article 19	Accept the builder's names for the two roads at the 420 South Rd development	<b>983</b>	598
Article 20	Allow Conservation Commission to purchase land outside of Rye unless and until repealed.	<b>981</b>	629
Article 21	Ratify the \$24K/year lease entered into by the Select Board and Verizon for a cell tower off Port Way.	<b>1325</b>	305
Article 22	Town to take ownership of the 14 acres +/- at Port Way and transfer it to the Conservation Commission (subject to the Verizon 10,000 sq. ft. lease)	<b>1334</b>	285
Article 23	Create a town road so Verizon can access the proposed Port Way Cell tower, if needed	<b>1265</b>	304
Article 24	\$4,000 for the taking of a slice of private property for the cell tower public road, if needed.	<b>1219</b>	386
Article 25	Allow Portsmouth to extend their Sewer to serve Rt. 1 to Washington Rd.	<b>1449</b>	175
Article 26	Dogs can't be on beaches until 9pm on Saturdays prior to Labor Day	<b>886</b>	737
Article 27	Definitions for controlling dogs	<b>907</b>	712
Article 28	Only allow dogs on town property once owners have been trained. Note: Article does not discuss town costs of the program. See Select Board March 1st news letter	782	<b>853</b>
Article 29	Allows rollerblading or in-line skating in Rye	<b>1139</b>	465
Article 30	Requires Select Board to develop a cell coverage plan for all of Rye. Does not impede Town's plans for Port Way	<b>1270</b>	319
Article 31	Requires the Select Board to develop a Town Hall Renovation plan and to keep Town Hall at its current location. Note: Much different wording than the original intent of residents.	<b>999</b>	590
Article 32	Requests the Planning Board to investigate regulations for clean fill	<b>1194</b>	369
Article 33	Increase the amount for parking fines	<b>1210</b>	388
Article 34	Requires the Select Board to develop a plan to make the Beach Committee permanent	<b>1270</b>	316
Article 35	Prohibit Porta-potties from Sawyers Beach	<b>1209</b>	404
Article 36	Investigate banning RV's from Ocean Blvd.	<b>1265</b>	361
Article 37	Allows Select Board to sell surplus equipment	<b>1539</b>	91

**School Articles:**

Reference	Short Description	Yes	No
School 1	Operating budget of \$14.15MM	<b>979</b>	449
School 2	<b>Support staff contract, \$65K in first year</b>	<b>1030</b>	408
School 3	Allows a special meeting if School 2 is defeated.	<b>1053</b>	343

**Now is the time to Volunteer**

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 2019-2020 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](#)

Rye PTA Webpage [Click Here](#)

Rye Elementary School [Click Here](#)

- 1.. Open Volunteer Positions: Contact Select Board office [e-mail](#)
- Planning Board: 2 Alternates
  - Zoning Board: 2 Alternates (3rd will also be open soon)
  - Rye Heritage Commission 1 Alternate
  - Rye Historic District Commission: 1 Alternate
  - Rye Recycling Education 2 Member vacancies
  - CIP Committee 1 Vacancy
  - New Parking Committee Looking for volunteers
  - Could also be Planning Board alternates

**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.**

**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. Cell Tower
2. How the School Board announced moving 5th Grade
3. Plan NH update
4. Wallis/Ocean Blvd Development, Webster Expansion

**Other Town Activity**

**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).

Rye Junior High School  
[Click Here](#)

- 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.

Portsmouth High School  
[Click Here](#)

**Other Helpful Links:**

**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.

Live Free or Die Alliance

**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](mailto: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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