

Rye Civic News March 2019

from the Rye Civic League (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. 4th:

Recreation

Commission

6pm. Rye

Rec.

Mar. 5th:

Planning

Board Site

Walk 1215

Ocean Blvd.

3pm

Mar. 5th.

Energy

Committee

6:30pm.

Mar. 6th Water

District 60

Sagaamore

Rd. 8am.

Mar. 6th. Long

Range

Planning

9:30am.

Mar. 6th.

Zoning Board

of Adjustment

7pm.

Mar. 7th.

Perkins Rd.

Safety 6pm.

Mar. 7th.

Heritage

Commission

6:30pm.

Mar. 11th.

Select Board.

March 12th Town Election Support:

Rye Elementary School 8:00am to 7:00pm

1. Sample Town Ballot [Click Here](#) Sample School Ballot [Click Here](#)

2. Absentee Ballot request form [Click Here](#)

3. Printable sheet to record your selections: [Click Here](#)

4. Short Yes/No table of Warrant Articles [Click Here](#)

Note: Every year a reader suggests we provide this table, we have been doing this for years, but many people never open it.

5. Warrant Article Presentation - [Click Here](#) provides additional information and background. New this year is what happened at the Deliberative Meeting.

6. RCL Budget Analysis [Click Here](#) Video Recording [Click Here](#) (starts at 34:12)

7. Town Deliberative Meeting Minutes [Click Here](#)

8. Town Deliberative RCL Video Recording in 3 segments: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#)

RCL Short Summary: [Click Here](#)

9. School Deliberative Meeting minutes Not Available Recorded video [Click Here](#)

February Highlights

1. PlanNH for "Rye Town Center" has been scheduled for May 31st/June 1st. Friday May 31st will be when PlanNH listens to residents - **so save the date and donations needed (see General Announcements)**

2. Planning Board is hearing the Ocean Rd (Driftwood/Atlantic Four Winds) tear down and 4ft raised condominium buildings. Site Walk March 5th 3pm [Click Here](#) for diagram from resident. Board has yet to take jurisdiction. March 12th meeting at RJH.

3. School Deliberative Meeting did not allow any discussion and debate of school budget.

4. With \$20K for Rockingham Planning Commission, our Land Use Regulations are being re-written. See town internal communication and inputs from RPC. [Click Here](#)

5. Webster at Rye (in a residential zone) asking for expansion **ZBA March 6th** [Click here](#) for diagrams (note distance to residents homes on page 3)

6. Impaired Parson's Creek Watershed 2018 report [Click Here](#)

Of the 24 readings how many do you think were above the 104 level (count the red numbers in the Appendix) [Click Here](#) Findings have yet to be discussed in detail by the Select Board.

7. Jenness Beach Bath House project report update. [Click Here](#) (this link works, town website link still does not work)

8.. 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

General Announcements:

1. **State Legislative Forum March 14th 6:30pm Rye Public Library.** Our State Delegation (Murray, Grote and Sherman) will present an overview of State legislative activities.

2. **Rye Art Study Group:** March 18th 9:30am to 11:30am Rye Congregational Church. [Click Here](#) for information on this month's featured artist.

3. **March 7th 6:30pm** RPL final public information presentation on Fire & Rescue equipment.

4. **Plan NH Charette** is May 31st and June 1st. \$7,500 needs to be raised by April 15th. [Click Here](#) to donate online. Checks can be sent to RCL/Plan NH PO Box 971, Rye

6:30pm.

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

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5. Goss Farm Community Plots sign up [Click Here](#)

Mar. 12th:

6. Swap shop is jeopardy of closing unless volunteers organize and step in. If interested [e-mail](#)

Municipal

Election 8am to 7pm RES

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7. **April 10th: RCL and RPL** will host Prof Emily Baer, UNH Political Science Dept: "Decline in local citizen participation in town government affairs and what can be done about it"

Mar. 12th.

8. **Rye Recreation Spring Programs** [Click Here](#) **NEW**

Planning

9. **Rye Recreation Summer Programs** [Click Here](#) **NEW**

Board 7pm

10. **Rye Recreation Senior Program:** : 2018-2019 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)

RJH

11. **Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)

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12. **GIS Mapping** Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)

Mar. 12th:

FYI see RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on finding locations with the GIS

Sewer

Commission

8:00am RBVD

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Select Board Meeting February 21st Town FeesVideo Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: Not available

Mar. 14th.

Select Board February 11th meeting:

Perkins Rd.

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Safety.

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

6:00pm

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1. Rye's two State Representatives and one State Senator were all present, primarily to address numerous education bills, some of which could result in the return of donor towns. Selectman Winslow said that the impact to Rye could be \$2.5 million, or \$702 annually on a \$5 million house (0:49 elapsed).

Mar. 14th.

2. Two RJH Sixth Grade Students received approval from the Select Board to have reduced Electronics Recycling at a RJH Electronics Recycling Day. The DPW will move the material from RJH to the Transfer Station.

Conservation

[Click Here](#) to see a RJH Recycling Center Brochure from many years ago.

Commission

[Click Here](#) for information on food scrap recycling at the Transfer Station

7pm.

3. The members of the Perkins Road Safety Committee were selected, including one non-resident owner of a property in the area. There will not be any voting members from the Beach Committee, which did most of the foundational research (49:09 elapsed).

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4. An update was provided on the Dow Lane traffic changes which are ongoing (80:49 elapsed).

Mar. 14th.

5. There was further discussion regarding the presentation of several Rye police officers on the Beach Patrol Committee at a prior meeting (91:46 elapsed).

Conservation

Site Walk

10:00am.

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School Board Meeting: February 13thLearn more about the Rye Schools: [Click Here](#)Proposed 2019-2020 Budget: [Click Here](#)

Mar. 20th.

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

School Board

Superintendent's Bulletin: December 18 [Click Here](#) (no Jan or Feb notes)

5pm. RJH.

Draft School Board Meeting Minutes: Not available

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Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Mar. 20th.

1. The Lister Academy Agreement is being reviewed with the SAU 50 Joint School Board.

Zoning Board

This agreement is being reviewed after Rye Residents have asked questions regarding the funding of the agreement. Several residents of the town were present to complain about the fact that town voters approved the School Budget Warrant Article with no debate or deliberation at the February 5, 2019 School Deliberative Session (67:43 elapsed).

7pm.

2. The fifth grade teaching staff for the 2019-2020 school year was announced. Mrs. Gianforte and Mrs. Garcia will be moving to RJH next year. Mrs. Adams, current 8th grade science teacher, will join the fifth grade team in the fall.

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Mar. 21st.

4. Gun Free School Zones was reported by Superintendent Petraila & how the NH School Board Administration was responding to current proposed legislation. Here is the latest update from the NH House of Reps: [Click Here](#)

Perkins Safety

6pm.

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Mar. 25th

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Select Board

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Mar. 28th.

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Perkins Safety

6:00pm.

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March 30th

Rye Water

District Annual

meeting 10am

RJH

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5th Grade Transition Meetings - not updated:October 25th Meeting: Recorded Video [Click Here](#)October 5th Meeting: Recorded Video [Click Here](#)November 8th Meeting Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

1. Fifth grade moving to Rye Junior High for 2019/2020

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

Town Budget Worksheet:
Click Here.

2. Sub-committee unanimously agreed to recommend a 3-person teaching team for the 5th Grade School Structure (similar to current grade 6-8 model).
3. School Board is expected to approve the sub-committee's recommendation

Rye Districts Information: Feb. 5th Budget Committee mtg:

[Click Here](#) for information on Rye Districts

2019 Budgets

Recorded Video of Budget Committee meeting: [Click Here](#)

[Rye Water District Budget](#) [RBVD Budget](#) [JBVD Budget](#)

Rye Water District February 6th:

Rye Water District Website: [Click Here](#)

2019 RWD Budget: [Click Here](#)

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

RCL Recorded Video: None

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

Sampling Results: December [Click Here](#) Nothing for 2019 available

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

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

2018 Seacoast Drinking Water report: [Click Here](#)

1. Offices phones have been updated and the service is from Verizon.
2. No issues with the creation of 3 building lots at 410 and 412 South Rd.
3. Per request of the Budget Committee a plan will be developed for the work associated with the funds that will be encumbered for storage tank maintenance.
4. Discussion about not to consider South Rd as a possible location for a new well over concerns from Coakley Landfill. However, evaluation of this site will continue.
5. Discussion of a 2020 plan to replace 128 of the 300 fire hydrants, the cost is around \$5,000 per hydrant.

Rye Water District Warrant Article Preparation January 30th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Article 4: \$30K for Storage Tank Maintenance
2. Article 5: \$30K Distribution System Replacement and Improvement fund
3. Article 6: \$15K Expendable Trust for unanticipated expenses
4. Article 7: \$15K Equipment & Building Capital Reserve Fund
5. Article 8. Changing the name of the contingency fund
6. Article 9: \$45K for a new vehicle (from Capital Reserve Fund)
7. Article 10. \$100K Waterline work on Garland Road
8. Article 11: \$1,648,332 for the operations budget.
9. Annual meeting is **March 30th 10:00am RJH** where these will be discussed, possibly amended and voted on.

Planning Board meeting: February 19th:

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Starts 34 minutes into the meeting

RCL recording of the missing 34 minutes: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

1. 96 Pioneer/4 Elizabeth Lot Line Adjustment. Approved unanimously (RCL video 8:37 elapsed)
2. 1215 Ocean Blvd. Major site development (Samonas). Applicant introduced and many concerns were expressed by the Board and the public. Motion to take jurisdiction failed for the lack of a second. Site walk, **Tuesday, March 5, 3:00 p.m.** Continued to March 12, 2019 meeting at the RJH (RCL video 14:16 elapsed, continues with Town video 0:00 elapsed).
3. 388/410 South Rd., Minor 3 lot subdivision and lot line adjustment. Approved unanimously with conditions (Town video 118:06 elapsed).
4. Recreation Area storage facility was presented. Planning Board decided no need for a public hearing (Town video 143:19 elapsed).
5. 170 Brackett Rd. Two lot subdivision, conceptual consultation. Planning Board still opposed (previously rejected a number of years ago due to inadequate depth to seasonal high water table) (Town video 157:28 elapsed)

LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan) February 6th Meeting

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

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

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)
Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)
[Click Here](#) to see Durham's website and their master plan as reference.

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

1. Master Plan has been updated. [Click Here](#) to see Chapters
2. Land Use Regulations are being re-written [Click Here](#) for memo to DPW and Police
3. Rockingham Planning provided guidance on landscaping
4. February 20th meeting was canceled

Rye Beach Budget:
[Click Here.](#)
RBVD.

Rules & Regulations Committee December 19th

Recorded Video: Not recorded
Draft Meeting Minutes: Not posted

Treasurer's Report.
[Click Here](#)

Planning Board March 12th Agenda

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#) Not Posted as of March 3rd
Will be at RJH. 7pm

Jenness Beach Budget:
[Click Here](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment: February 6th:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

School Budget:
Here is a link to the Proposed 2019-2020 School Budget.

1. 27/29 Parsons Rd. 7 Zoning Variances, 3 Building Code variances, 1 Zoning Special exception all approved 5-0. Conditional on compliance to Conservation Commission. [Case #55a, 55b 2018](#)
2. 45 Pollock Drive Generator setback and tidal marsh variances approved 5-0 [Case #13-2019](#)
3. 147 Washington Rd. Expansion of non-conforming building 5-0 [Case#12-2019](#)
4. 140 Harbor Rd. Expansion of non-confirming building denied 5-0 [Case #44-2018](#)
5. 33 Washington Rd. Approved 3 variances, denied 2 variances 5-0 for the expansion of a non-conforming structure. [Case #01-2019](#)
6. 1 Willow Lane. Approved 5-0 conditional on adhering to the Conservation Commission recommendations. [Case #08-2019](#)

Rye Trust Fund Summary:
[Click Here](#)

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

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: March 6th:

- Agenda: [Click Here](#)
1. 1248 Ocean Blvd. - variance for expansion of non-conforming structure: height, setback and septic issues
 2. 795 Washington Rd., Rannie Webster Foundation -special exception for expansion of number of beds and square footage building expansion
 3. 60 Park Ridge Ave. - variances expansion of non conforming, surface alteration for new garage and driveway near wetlands buffer
 4. 47 Surf Ln. - variance "after the fact" for enclosure of porch
 5. 120 Garland Rd. - variances for well house and shed, setback issues
 6. 395 Washington Rd. - special exception for driveway near vernal pool and wetlands; setback issues
 7. 395 Washington Rd. - variances for total uplands soil, frontage, set back, vernal pool, wetlands, effluent disposal system;new building on non conforming lot
 8. 1681 Ocean Blvd. - variances for expansion of non conforming structure, deck, eave, roof height, parking, septic, effluent disposal. setback and seasonable high water table issues
 9. 1681 Ocean Blvd. - variance for driveway in wetlands buffer zone
 10. 55 harbor Rd. - variance for demo and replace non conforming structure, set back, septic system; wetlands issues
 11. 295 Harbor Rd. - variance for expansion of non conforming structure
 12. 103 Old Beach Rd. - variances for demo and replacement of non conforming structure; height. setback and building coverage issues

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](#)

Conservation Commission (CC) February 14th

Learn more about the Conservation Commission: [Click Here](#)
Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)
Wetlands Map [Click Here](#)
Town Forest map: [Click Here](#)
Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
Draft Meeting Minutes: Not posted
RCL Meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)
Goss Farm Community Garden Plots sign up: [Click Here](#)

Rye Junior High School [Click Here](#)

Portsmouth
High School
[Click Here](#)

**Other
Helpful
Links:**

Live Free or
Die Alliance

1. 1681 Ocean Blvd. wetlands application (next to Ray's Restaurant). Long thin lot has challenges. Will be going to ZBA. Site walk scheduled (4:02 elapsed).
2. Wentworth by the Sea County Club application. Will be heard in March, along with 125 Central (19:43 elapsed).
3. Goss Farm new farmers reported. Hope to grow more potatoes next year (20:18 elapsed).
4. Rye Recreation has moved and reconfigured storage facility (now 70 by 26 feet) to preserve view (39:51 elapsed).
5. Rye Water presented results on new well exploration activities to date. Possible sites: Cedar Run (off South Rd.), end of South Rd., former Rand Lumber property (41:00 elapsed).
6. Invasives control in Town Forest, Wallis Marsh: \$6650 voted (63:51 elapsed).
7. A majority of the Commission members appeared to be opposed to supporting rescission of the authority to buy land outside of Rye after the West Rd. Acquisition closes. NOTE: Article 20 this year would allow the Commission's to buy land outside of Rye. (65:13 elapsed).
8. The Commission expressed unanimous support for opposing the development at 1215 Ocean Blvd. (88:36 elapsed).

February 23rd Site Walk Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 0 Williams Street Tax Map 174, Lot 26vv Considered possible acquisition in lieu of taxes in arrears of an approximately 0.5 acre lot which abuts Brackett Marsh and CC land, identified for salt marsh mitigation and flood storage
- February 18th Site Walk Meeting minutes:

February 18th Site Walk Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 1681 Ocean Blvd Tax Map 013, Lot 011 Extensive renovation and flood zone raising of entire dwelling, replacement of septic, and native plantings. All within the wetlands 75' buffer on Awcomin Marsh. CC concluded project is well designed and an improvement.

Recreation Commission Meeting February 11th

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: No video at Rye Rec.

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

1. 2018 Annual Report was distributed, but is not available online.
2. Better placement of the Multi-purpose Storage Facility was discussed, waiting on approval from Conservation Commission.
3. Design/Build Contract is being reviewed by the Town Attorney and Primex (our Insurance carrier).
4. Lease with the Congregational Church is progressing
5. Rye After School Program still has children on the waiting list. Discussion of how to get the bathroom installed at RES and the 2019-2020 MOU.
6. Parking lot expansion was discussed.
7. Rye Art in Bloom will be April 12th and 13th at Webster at Rye.
8. Plans for a Youth and Senior Center to launch this Fall are underway

Heritage Commission February 5th

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. After the March vote, the Select Board is ready to start the RFP process to have an architect look at the interior of Town Hall. The Select Board is counting on Heritage Funding and Friends of Town Hall contributions.
2. Heritage will be funding No on Article 6 mailer.
3. Discussed information and options for replacing Town Hall windows.

Library Board of Trustees February 21st:

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

Library 2017 Usage Statistics; [Click Here](#) #1 NH Library [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

Mosquito Commission Meeting: December 18th:

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. Commission is recommending Dragon Mosquito, see minutes for quote comparison table.

Beach Committee January 19th:

Facebook Page [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. While Beach Committee meeting notes are on the town Website, all of the minutes and pictures presented to the Select Board are now posted on the Civic League website. [Click Here.](#)

Sewer Commission Meeting January 8th

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

1. List of sewer charges were presented and discussed. See minutes for table
2. Discussion of the warrant article to allow Portsmouth Sewer and developers to expand the Portsmouth Sewer into Rye.

Historic District Commission Meeting February 19th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not posted

Perkins Rd. Safety Committee Meeting February 19th& 28th

Feb. 28th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) No Meeting minutes

Feb. 19th Draft Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Charge is in the February 19th meeting minutes
2. Work must be completed by April 30th.
3. Chief Walsh provided pictures from 2015 and other information.
4. Discussed the State providing an officer to support traffic safety during summer beach days at Jenness Beach parking lot.

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: February 4th:

Learn More about the Energy Committee: [Click Here](#)

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

1. January 22nd speaking event was well received. [Click Here](#) for video
2. Work continues on the Solar Panels for public buildings report.
3. Membership will continue in Clean NH Organization. Member Kalet will attend the Commercial Energy Summit.

Rye Recycling Education Committee May 22nd

Video Recording: Not available

Draft town meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Rye Food Scrap Collection Information [Click Here](#)
2. Rye Recycling Center Brochure [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. 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.

Capital Improvement Plan: November 19th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. CIP accepted by the Select Board (Nov 26th), posted document is still the draft. [Click Here](#)

The 2019 projects total \$2,665,953.

The committee recommendations were:

- a. to complete the fire radio project as the number one priority.
- b. to build the Salt shed to protect groundwater;
- c. to purchase a stretcher to fit the new ambulance;
- d. to continue the Hampton waste water contract;
- e. to acquire the fire truck & pumper with Capital Reserve Funds and a long-term lease/purchase because our current ladder truck is inoperable

120 Brackett Rd Cell Tower ZBA

Planning Board has continued this to February 12th meeting.

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](#)

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](#)
 December 2018 Report: [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.

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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

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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 unbiased resolution. Its primary purpose is to help residents of Rye, NH to act as informed citizens and thereby improve and develop our community.

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