

Rye Civic News July 2019

from the [Rye Civic League](http://www.ryecivicleague.org) (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:
July 31st RPL
7:00 pm

Meetings (at Town Hall unless indicated)

July 1
st.: Recreation
Commission
6pm.

July 3rd: Rye
Water District
9:00am 60
Sagamore Rd.

July 8th:
Select Board
6:30pm.

July 9th:
Sewer
Commission
8:00am RBVD

July 9th:
Planning Board
6:00pm RPL

July 10th:
Zoning Board
of Adjustment

July 11th:
Heritage
Commission
6:30pm.

July 11th
7:00pm
Conservation
Commission.

July 15th:
Select Board
Planning 6pm.
RPL.

July 16th:
Mosquito

Peter Crawford: May 8, 1954 - June 17, 2019

Peter passed away suddenly from colon cancer. He has been a Civic League Board Member and Officer since we became a 501(c)(3) organization. He delivered much of the "heavy lifting" to keep Rye residents educated and informed about our local government. Outside of the Civic League he personally championed many warrant articles that improve our ability to monitor how our local government is being managed. His family will be in Rye in late August and we will be organizing a memorial. While Peter was a very private person, those who knew him will appreciate this additional insight.

Tartan One: [Click Here](#) When not in Rye, Peter was with his Sailing community.

From Peter's Sister [Click Here](#) From his Nephew: [Click Here](#)

RCL Remembering Peter: [Click Here](#). Letter in the Herald: [Click Here](#)

June Highlights

1. Perkins Rd safety actions being implemented, removing parking spaces.
2. LCHIP grant application moving forward.
3. Major Developments updates:
1215 Ocean Blvd (Driftwood/Atlantic Four Winds): Moved to July [Click Here](#) for plans
1244 Washington Rd - 20-units in four buildings - corner of Washington Rd./Rt. 1 -
4. Police Union dismisses grievance complaint. Herald Story [Click Here](#)
5. Select Board discusses Plan NH suggestions. Library and others ask to be part of the discussions. July 15th 6pm RPL next working session.
6. ZBA changes rules requiring all information to be submitted 7 days in advance, if not the case will be continued.
7. Town IT Architecture RFP will be generated. Resident IT expertise is needed to guide Select Board and Town Administration. Please [e-mail](#) if you can help Rye with our IT Architecture planning.
8. Planning Board Land Use Regulation draft updates are available for resident review. [Click Here](#) to understand more about what the Land Use Regulations are. Discussed at July 9th PB 6pm RPL.
9. Parson's Creek Watershed pollution [Click Here](#) for December 2018 report. No public discussion of actions has occurred.
10. **Open Volunteer Positions:** Contact Select Board office [e-mail](#) or Planning Admin
Planning Board: 2 Alternates ([e-mail](#))
Zoning Board: 1 Alternates ([e-mail](#))
Rye Heritage Commission 2 Alternates
Rye Historic District Commission: 2 Alternate
Rye Recycling Education 1 Member vacancies
CIP Committee 1 Member Vacancy
Conservation Commission 2 Alternates
Telecom Infrastructure Committee 5 Member vacancies
IT Architecture Not defined yet

General Announcements:

1. Rye Fireworks on July 4th: [Click Here](#) for details.
2. July 4th Rye History Trolley Tour 10:30am to 12:30pm [Click Here](#) (pre-register as it sells out)
3. Rye Travel Soccer Registration is now open Boys & Girls 8-11, Boys 12: [Click Here](#)
4. Portsmouth Youth Football sign up: [Click Here](#)
5. Rye After School Program Staff is needed. [Click](#)
6. Swap shop is jeopardy of closing unless volunteers organize and step in. If interested [e-mail](#)
7. **Rye Recreation Summer Programs** [Click Here](#)
8. **Rye Recreation Senior Program:** : 2018-2019 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)
9. **Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
10. **GIS Mapping Software Presentation Video:** [Click Here](#)

Commission
5:00pm.

July 18th:
Historic
District
Commission.

July 22nd
Select Board
6:30pm.

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: \(Click Here\)](#)

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

Town Center Charrette with Plan NH:

1. Select Board held a Working Session on June 17th. Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
2. Select Board walked through the Plan NH suggestions. The Library Trustee's and other asked that this planning be with them and others, not just driven by the Select Board. Approximately 180 residents participated in the listening sessions, with about 70 at the readout. [Click Here](#) for presentation. [Click Here](#) for recorded video. Select Board Minutes: [Click Here](#)
3. Alex Herlihy created these Town Center supporting documents:
[List of Buildings](#), [Details on Buildings](#), [History of Rye Town Center](#)
4. Plan NH Stakeholders Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
5. Next Select Board Working Session July 15th 6:00pm RPL

Select Board Meeting June 24th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: Not available

1. Charrette Work Session July 15, 6 PM, RPL.
2. Select Board read a statement honoring Peter Crawford and a member of the public spoke about him as well.
3. During public comment section Mel Low and others spoke about their concern for residents of the Parsonage apartments and requested that the decision to change the building use be revisited so that affordable housing can still be provided in Rye Center
4. Discussed Grove Rd Landfill Ground water monitoring Results, April 2019
5. Sen. Shaheen wrote about Rye Harbor Dredging; both senators and Army Corps of Engineers will tour the harbor this summer
6. Discussed RFP's for interior of town hall architectural plan; will follow up to clarify differences in estimates
7. Discussed RFP's for consultant for Wireless and Telecommunications Services in town
8. Discussed timing of the Striping of Perkins Rd with DPW
9. discussed LCHIP Grant Application for town hall large windows and storm replacements; application will be submitted and then discuss with LCHIP officials about restrictions after receiving grant

Select Board Meetings June 10th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Resident stated that when significant Town Employee changes occur, such as Town Administrator, there should be some public discussion before the Select Board acts.
2. Public Hearing on the Perkins Road parking spaces was discussed at nausea, with the Select Board moving forward with the ordinance.
3. After the Perkins Road parking spaces and ordinance was approved Martha Leary who owns the commercial building on the intersection discussed the problem the bollards will cause. A site walk was required to progress this discussion.
4. Two abatements were approved as the assessment was in error.
5. A third assessed value was reduced by \$1,779,200. Resident suggested better public education as this last was significant and all three were mistakes.
6. Approved Rye getting in the queue for the State to upgrade Fire Department radios for better connectivity with other agencies.
7. Fireworks will be July 3rd, Rye Beach Club, July 4th Parson's Field, July 5th Surf Club.

School Board Meeting: June 10th

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

Proposed 2019-2020 Budget: [Click Here](#)

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

Superintendent's Bulletin: April 2019 [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Congratulations to retirees-Piper Cronin, Sally Welch and Chris Pimentel and their combined 30 years of service to Rye Schools.
2. Rye Energy Report Out by Mr. Tom Pfau. Proposed replacing CFL light bulbs with LED's; better light and energy savings. The savings would be \$16,000.00. This would cost approximately \$96,000, with EverSource covering half. With the 0% loan from EverSource, there would be no upfront out of pocket expenses and the district would repay the loan over two years. The Board voted to make these changes. [Click Here](#) for overview. [Click Here](#) for RJH/RES Consultant Report
3. Solar panels were discussed for both schools. This is an ongoing discussion. [Click Here](#) for report

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 2019-2020 School Budget.
[Click Here](#)

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](#)

4. Association Coastal Teachers Contract expires 2020; negotiations for the next contract will begin.
5. Business Administrator Amy Ransom is leaving-Mindy Ryan will begin July 1 as business administrator; they will spend some days together training before July 1
6. NH SAS Test (NH State Assessment): excellent test results; most students moved from a 3 to a 4. 4 is the highest score. There were 9 opt outs grades 3-8 [Click Here](#) for report.
7. August 1, 2019 summer planning retreat 8:30-3:00; at RJH
8. RES will be hiring a new classroom teacher to keep class sizes low in grades K & 1.
9. Principle Reports: [Click here](#) Superintendent's Report: [Click Here](#)

Rye Districts Information:

[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 June 5th Meeting:

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

2019 Rye Water Rates: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. June update to PFAS results [Click Here](#)
2. Underwood Engineering reported on the assessment of Rye Water to provide water to an additional 30 homes in Greenland. RWD currently provides water for the Bethany Church and 10 residential homes. Study was funded by Greenland utilizing a state grant.
3. Cedar Run well was reported to still be offline.
4. Garland well site work is underway.
5. Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) for Rye and Portsmouth are available.
6. Five hydrants will be replaced, this is within the budget

Planning Board meeting: June 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. Draft Rye Development Regulations update at the July 9th from Julie LaBranch, the public forum should be in September with a final draft for October/November.
2. 1244 Washington Rd (corner with Rt. 1): Five 4-unit residential building was moved to a public hearing. Jurisdiction for the Special Use Permits for the Aquifer Wellhead Protection was not accepted. Continued to July 9th. [Case #9 2019](#) waiver
3. 60 Wentworth Rd. (WBTSCC) Major Site Development: Replace existing outdoor tent with a new functioning building. Waivers granted 6-0 with condition that there not be events in the tent and pavillion simultaneously unless septic system upgraded [Case #08-2019](#) Waiver. Major Site Development approved [Case #08 2019](#) - Construction plans to be submitted to the Fire Department
4. 9 Perkins Rd.: Waiver for driveway 3ft from property line approved 6-0, pending ZBA approval [Case #10-2019](#)
5. Brackett Road Cell Tower continued to September 10th
6. 27 Parsons Rd. Accessory Dwelling Unit approved 6-0, pending Fire Chief approval Case #10-2019

Planning Board Site Walk June 25th:

1. A site walk was held on June 25 at 1215 Ocean Blvd at the Driftwood Motel. There were approximately 30 people in addition to the official towns' people as well as people with John Samonos. [Click Here](#) for plan diagrams
2. The four proposed townhouse buildings locations were marked with stakes. The existing leach field and the septic locations were also identified.
3. People were taken upstairs to see the views of the wetlands.
4. Questions were asked about the actual height but there weren't any clear answers given.
5. There were also concerns expressed about clean certified fill so that there wouldn't be more contamination in the wetlands.
6. There were heated discussions that the 3400 cubic yards of fill will raise the elevation on the site which will create runoff and flooding onto Wallis Rd.
7. This raised questions that the town may have to raise Wallis Road in the future due to runoff and flooding. New septic systems are planned to be placed in the buffer.

LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan) June 17th Meeting

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

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Rye PTA
Webpage
[Click Here](#)

Rye
Elementary
School [Click
Here](#)

Rye Junior
High School
[Click Here](#)

Portsmouth
High School
[Click Here](#)

**Other
Helpful
Links:**

[Live Free or
Die Alliance](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

[Click Here](#) to see Durham's website and their master plan as reference.

1. Master Plan has been updated. [Click Here](#) to see Chapters

As the meeting minutes of the LRP meetings have recently "surfaced" the RCL is filling a gap by providing a summary - meeting by meeting - with key points of the LDR updates. [Click Here](#)

2. [Click Here](#) for background on Land Use Regulations

3. Julie LeBranche will present to the Planning Board on July 9th.

Planning Board July 9th Agenda

Planning Board meetings are moving to the Rye Public Library

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. Development Regulations update from Julie LeBranche

2. 421 South Rd. Complaint

3. 1215 Ocean Blvd (Wallis Rd): Raise all buildings and build 4 duplex town houses

4. 1244 Washington Rd. (corner of Rt. 1) 20 units (five 4 unit buildings)

5. 135 Wentworth Rd. Lot line adjustment

Zoning Board of Adjustment: June 5th:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Board discussed and approved a change to section 10.1 requiring all material must be submitted seven days prior to the meeting. If materials are submitted in less than seven days prior to the meeting, then the board can continue the application. This change will be effective immediately.

2. 1248 Ocean Blvd Request for rehearing denied 4-0-1

3. 19 Glendale Rd.: Three variances granted 3-2 for construction on a non conforming lot. Conditional on receipt and approval of a storm water management plan by the Building Inspector Case #24 2019

4. 144 Washington Rd.: Variances granted 5-0 for expansion of a non-conforming structure and side 12.5' from side property line Case #12-2019

5. 3 Heather Drive.: Variance granted 5-0 for a house 30.1' from front property line Case #26 2019

6. 147 Clark Rd. Variance granted 5-0 for a shed 5' from the side boundary Case #28 2019

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: July 10th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. 1196 Ocean Blvd. Expand roof line of non-conforming building

2. 1215 Ocean Blvd. Administrative Appeal from Building Inspector

3. 1215 Ocean Blvd. Variances for septic tanks

4. 59 W. Atlantic Ave. Multiple variances for demolition and new build

5. 8 Alder Ave. Shed inside the setback

6. 9 Perkins Rd. Variances for a non conforming building, setbacks

7. 18 Tower Ave. Expansion of a non conforming building

Conservation Commission (CC) June 13th

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 Available

Goss Farm Community Garden Plots sign up: [Click Here](#)

Recreation Commission Meeting June 3rd

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. Field use was discussed for Little League camp and Soccer camp activity. Commission suggested these be run through Rye Little League and Rye Soccer Association.

2. Discussed improving safety at the construction of the new building

3. Middle School Program is waiting on updates from the Church on the lease.

4. Rye Congregational Church is exploring the possibility of a skating rink.

5. Still testing the system for accepting Credit Card payments

6. Rye After School program is full at 62 participants. Discussion a 5th and 6th Grade

program at the RJH. Note After school at RES is now only

7. After School MOU with the School now includes a \$1000 Custodial Fee. This is being questioned.

8. Summer camp first week was full, second week had fewer registrations, but the numbers are up from last year.

9. Discussion about increasing Recreation staff.

Heritage Commission June 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. LCHIP Grant for Town Hall and Parsonage will be submitted. Grants will not be awarded until December.

2. Town Hall windows quotes were received, but a decision was postponed until more members can be present.

3. Discussion of better inventorying who is maintaining the 60+ family grave plots in town. A walking tour of the Central Cemetery could also be interesting and educational.

4. Goss Farm event will be September 22nd from 11am to 3pm

5. A Select Board Rep is needed for the Heritage Commission as Select Board Member Epperson has a conflict and can't attend.

6. Working with Town Administrator and DPW about replacing Town Hall gutters with appropriately sized gutters.

Library Board of Trustees: June 13th:

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

Library 2018 Usage Statistics; **NEW** [Click Here](#) #1 NH Library [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. RPL received a \$50 donation for the Movie Matinees program and a \$1000 donation. Jeremy Wellman and son donated two glass dioramas that are now in the NH room.

2. New phone system, printer and copier are all now operational.

3. May Youth and Teen program had 213 individuals attend 26 different offerings. There were 144 requests for computer time.

Historic District Commission Meeting May 20th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. 42" 15 foot will be placed around Town Hall by DPW.

2. Commission pointed out that the Historic District fee and abutter notice fee was not included in the updated fee list.

3. Exeter HDC Standards and guidelines are being evaluated for the base, so Rye HDC can have standards and guidelines.

Mosquito Commission Meeting: June 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. Crews have been working flat out due to the large and recent and frequent downpours. 3. The path around the rec area will be sprayed. Parsons field will be sprayed prior to July 4th Celebration.

4. Public paths will be sprayed for ticks.

5. Bug awareness poster were "refreshed" around town, new locations include Early Bird Cafe, and Rye Beach General Store.

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: June 6th:

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

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

1. As part of the Right To Know education, committee was reminded that meeting minutes need to be posted within 5 business days.

2. Committee is ready to present to the Select Board on May 28th.

Town Lighting Report: [Click Here](#)

Lighting Audit Summary: [Click Here](#)

Municipal Solar Evaluation: [Click Here](#)

REC Summary: [Click Here](#)

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](#)

Beach Committee May 6th:

Facebook Page [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Speakers presented information about sand loss and erosion on the beaches.
2. Detailed discussion followed about various options.
3. Spring report to the Select Board - if you have not seen it yet: Presented to the Select Board are now posted on the Civic League website. [Click Here.](#)

Budget Committee Meeting May 7th:

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. School Budget large legal fees were discussed
2. SAU Business Administrator is leaving June 30th for the same role for SAU 15.
3. Vehicle registration and ambulance revenues are both down from last year.

Sewer Commission Meeting March 12th:

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

1. Rt. 1A and East Atlantic Ave manholes were discussed.
2. 8 Maple Ave sewer connection meets all conditions (note they are all listed in the meeting notes).

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.

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. Messmer) 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](#)

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. Election results and recount
2. School Deliberative
3. Plan NH update

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

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...
- 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, RPL 7pm
- 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: civicleague@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.