

Rye Civic News October 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](#)

If you find value in the Civic News, please forward to 3 others who are not on distribution.

Next RCL

Meeting:
October 30th
RPL 7:00 pm

Meetings (at Town Hall unless indicated)

Oct. 1st.
Sewer

Commission
8am RBVD

Oct. 1st. Town
Hall
Committee
5pm.

Oct 1st.
Mental Health
Discussion
6:30pm RJH

Oct 2nd. RWD
9:00am 60
Sagamore Rd.

Oct. 2nd.
Zoning Board
of Adjustment
7pm.

Oct. 3rd.
Hermitage
Commission
11:00am

Oct 3rd.
Energy
Committee
6:30pm RPL

Oct. 7th
Recreation
Commission.

Oct. 7th CIP
7:00pm.

Oct. 8th.
Planning Board

September Highlights

1. First Town Center Committee meeting October 1st 5pm Town Hall [Agenda](#) [More information](#). Plan NH final report [Click Here](#)
2. Police are stepping up efforts to reduce speeding. [Letter to residents](#) from the Police Chief.
3. Seacoast Science Center looking to expand to add more aquarium space.
4. Land Development Regulations for sub-divisions, re-developments and commercial are being changed. Drafts are not online, but at the Library and Town Hall, now is the time for the Public to comment. [More information](#)
5. Demolitions are up, Committee reviewed five last month.
6. If Rye does not take ownership of Pulpit Rock Tower, NH Fish & Game will turn the property back to our Federal Government who will auction it. Friends of Pulpit Rock are working with the Heritage Committee.
7. Homeowners between F and G street have been planting eel grass on the beach to keep the public away from their homes. The Beach Committee is expecting an action plan from the Select Board.
8. Resident continues to raise the lack of action on Parson's Creek Watershed pollution as 2019 testing results can't be found on the Town Website. See [December 2018 report](#) to Select Board.
9. Goss Farm event was very well received. If you weren't there, you missed out.
10. ZBA refused to reconsider variances granted to 1215 Ocean Blvd (raised development at corner of Wallis and Ocean Blvd)
11. **Open Volunteer Positions:** Contact Select Board office [e-mail](#) or Planning Admin
 - Planning Board: 2 Alternates ([e-mail](#))
 - Zoning Board: 1 Alternate ([e-mail](#))
 - Rye Heritage Commission 2 Alternates
 - Rye Historic District Commission: 2 Alternates
 - Rye Recycling Education 1 Member vacancy
 - CIP Committee 1 Member Vacancy
 - Conservation Commission 2 Alternate
 - Rye Energy Committee 1 Member Vacancy
 - Budget Committee (until 2020 Election) 1 Member Vacancy

General Announcements:

1. **Mental Health Discussion** October 1st 6:30pm to 7:45pm RJH [Click Here](#)
2. **Town Budget** all day meetings are October 24th and November 7th, without Peter Crawford, there is no one to summarize key points for the Civic News
3. **Development updates:**
 - Webster at Rye 795 Washington - now October 8th Planning. NOD says November meeting.
 - 120 Brackett Rd Cell Tower pushed to December 10th, this is so Verizon can keep this location in their back pocket
 - 1244 Washington Rd. 5 four building units October 8th Planning Board
 - 824 Ocean Blvd. Breakers Condominiums October 8th Planning Board, Oct 2nd ZBA
 - 1215 Ocean Blvd (Wallis Rd/Ocean Blvd) continued to November 12th
 - 1 and 3 Cable Rd. October 2nd Zoning Board
4. Trick or Treat October 30th 5pm to 7pm
5. One School Board Member seat will be open in 2020. Parents are looking for candidates with children in the school. [Click Here](#)
6. Rye After School Program Staff is needed. [Click](#).
7. **Rye Recreation Fall Programs** [Click Here](#)
8. **Rye Recreation Senior Program:** 2019-2020 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)
9. **Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
10. **GIS Mapping** Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)

6:00pm RPL

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

Oct. 10th
Conservation
Commission.

Select Board Meeting September 23rd

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting notes: Not available

1. Seacoast Science Center contacted the Select Board about plans to add an aquarium. While this is State, not town property, the Planning Board should be involved.
2. High praise on the Goss Farm event.
3. Police Chief would like to cap the size of events such as Seacoast Half Marathon at 1K participants.
4. Dan Philbrick discussed trading TD Bank building for the Parsonage, as knowing this is an option can help the Town Center Committee. No definitive decision was made.
5. Based on the predetermined criteria the Select Board appointed Mae Bradshaw, Karen Steward, Kaitlyn Coffey, Nina Parot, John Loftus, John Mitchel and Victor Azzi. Phil Winslow is the Select Board representative. First meeting October 1st 5pm, Town Hall. [Click Here](#) for the charge **More Information**
6. Beach Committee is expecting the Select Board to communicate an action plan for the homes between G and F street who have planted eel grass on public beach.
7. Social Media policy was not completed for review.

Oct. 15th
Select Board
6:30pm.

Oct 15th.
Recycling
Education
Commission
6:30pm..

Oct. 16th
School Board
5:00pm RJH

Select Board Meeting September 17th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting notes: Not available

1. Approved another generous gift by Tate & Foss to the Conservation Commission in support of the upcoming Goss Farm event.
2. Discussion with the Library Trustee's on adjusting the Town Committee Charter to incorporate [Scenario 2](#) that makes it clear that the best approach for Rye is to have an inclusive plan. While there are still no Select Board meeting minutes, the Trustee minutes and the unchanged Select Board charge reflect the lack of response.

Oct. 17th
Historic
District
Commission
5pm.

Oct 21st CIP
7pm

Oct. 24th.
Select Board
all Day Budget
meeting RPL

Select Board Meeting September 9th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Library Trustees reached out once more to get the Select Board to work with them on Town Center planning. Meeting was held Sept 17th - no meeting minutes
2. With the Select Board scheduled to vote October 14th to move Becky Bergeron from acting to the Town Administrator, the job description to hire a full time Financial Director was approved.
3. Aquarion Water answered questions about the sequence of events surrounding the Boil Water Alert, why the Select Board was not notified and how communications can be approved. [Click Here](#) for time line of events. [DES Information](#) on water boil procedures.
4. NH is rolling out an alert system. Residents can sign up at [ReadyNH.gov](#) or [here](#).
5. Once Select Board had the list of people who expressed interest in the Town Center Committee they determined the mix of skills and perspectives for the committee.
6. Police Chief has distributed a [letter](#) concerning speeding to residents, Cheif emphasized that when there are crimes and other non-planned work, shift officers are not available to be on the streets deterring speeding. Chair Winslow reported that over the past 6 weeks Wallis Rd had 45 tickets issued, second only to Ocean Blvd's 47 tickets.
7. 2020 Budget may included staffing increases for Recreation & Sewer, Building Department part time (assisting Building Department and Planning Administrator, Clerk's office is looking at records retention, software upgrade for Tax Collector's office.
8. Fire Chief outlined CIP items, such as new gear, cardiac monitor, jaws of life, RTV four-wheel drive Utility with EMS (\$30K), training for Jet Ski.
9. Police Chief is looking at new cruiser, portable radios, rifles, training and new parking software.
10. DPW looking at Street Scanning for roads, drainage repairs, Shoals View Drive, Salt Shed, second Trash Compactor, Truck Replacement and paving.

Oct 28th
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

School Board Meeting: Sept 5th

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

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Rye Technology Integrator has resigned, no interim plan was discussed.
2. Schools will no longer buy single use water bottles.
3. Next year Budget review session will be November 4th at 8:30am
4. Bulk of the discussions where on the administration reports. [Click Here](#)

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

[Rye Rec Master Plan \(Click Here\)](#)

[Town Forest Managment Plan \(Click Here\)](#)

[2018 Beach Report \(Click Here\)](#)

[GIS Parcel Data: \(Click Here\)](#)

[Transfer Station and Recycling Flyer: \(Click Here\)](#)

[Town Budgets \(Click Here\)](#)

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

[Jeness Beach Budget: \(Click Here\)](#)

[School Budget: \(Click Here\)](#)
Here is a link to the Proposed 2019-2020 School Budget.

[Rye Trust](#)

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 September 4th Meeting:

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

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

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

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Resident who abuts the Cedar Run Well property informed the RWD that he was not notified or informed of the project adjacent to their property.
2. Discussion of the communication process from DES if there is a "chloriform hit" in the system.
3. Planning Administrator provided section 605 of the Land Development Regulations for the RWD to review.
4. The Acquirion boil water event has prompted RWD to review the Emergency Management Plan and make sure it is up to date. Notification systems and messaging options were discussed.
5. The new NH DES PFAS regulations are not very clear, the Superintendent will seek clarifications.

Planning Board meeting: September 10th:

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. 972 Washington Rd. Change two dwellings on one lot with an accessory unit was approved with three conditions. [NOD Case #16-2019](#)
2. 420 Brackett Rd. and 65 Wallis Rd had lot line adjustment approved. [NOD Case #13-2019](#)

Planning Board Work Session September 3rd. 1244 Washington Rd.

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. No drawings, information or summary available to help the public

LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan) Sept 9th Meeting

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

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

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. Land Development Regulations (LDR) process steps where discussed.
3. A flyer was discussed, but not attached to the meeting minutes or online. Should be available at the Library, Town Hall and Rye PO (Not Rye Beach)
4. The LDR are not the Zoning Ordinances, but they are similar as they do set what is permissible for new sub-divisions, redevelopment and commercial properties.

Land Development Regulations Public Hearing September 24th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

Land Development Regulations for commercial, new sub-divisions and redevelopments. [More Information](#)

1. This was a Public Forum in which no one from the public attended.
2. The Draft changes have been available since July at the Library and Town Hall, but NOT online. Copies can be requested from Planning Administer. [e-mail](#).
3. Public comments will need to be provided before the Planning Board review since the Public Hearings are typically too late to get changes considered.

Rules & Regulations September 9th Meetings

September 24th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Draft Minutes not posted

September 9th: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Sept 9th: Meeting Minutes; [Click Here](#)

1. Discussions for balance of 2019, Codification, Illicit Discharge, Demolition Review,

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](#)

Rye Junior
High School
[Click Here](#)

Portsmouth
High School
[Click Here](#)

**Other
Helpful
Links:**

[Live Free or
Die Alliance](#)

Conservation Flood Storage. See [minutes](#) for definitions.
2. Town Administrator communicated that Rye has no concerns over Air BnBs.
3. Rye has 5 different types of apartment regulations going back to 1952, the Building Inspector is requesting these be consolidated. Building Inspector is also asking for an "Amnesty policy for former un-approved and grandfathered apartments".

Planning Board October 8th Agenda

October 8th Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. 1244 Washington Rd. Major Site Development 20 Unit residential town houses of five 4-unit buildings. Property is in the Aquifer and Wellhead Protection district and Rye Landfill Groundwater Management district.
2. 825 Ocean Blvd. Breakers Condominiums to be demolished and new buildings
3. 1196 Ocean Blvd.. Add a dormer to unit #2.
4. Lafayette Rd (no number is provided) to store motor vehicles
5. Eversource to remove trees on Elwyn Rd, Pioneer Rd. and Brackett.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: September 4th:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 1215 Ocean Blvd.: Board voted 5-0 to deny request for rehearing and reconsideration of July 10th granting of variances. [Click Here](#)
2. 199 Locke Rd. Approved variances 5-0 for storage barn in side the set-backs [NOD Case #32-2019](#)
3. 2250 Ocean Blvd. approved four variance 5-0 with native planting conditions from the Conservation Commission. . [Case#33-2019](#)
4. 23 Harbor View Rd. Variances granted 5-0 to raze building and build new in tidal wetland. Two conditions (DWP review and Conservation Commission planting recommendations) [Case #36-2019](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: October 2nd

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. 200 Parsons Rd.- Quonset hut, greenhouse, wall, patio, wetlands and setback issues
2. 824 Ocean Blvd. - raze building and build new one on same footprint - setback issues
3. 1 Cable Rd. - raze two non conforming buildings and replace with one non conforming building setback, height and coverage issues
4. 112 Perkins Rd. - raze building and replace with new one, plus add generator and patio; setback and wetland issues

Conservation Commission (CC) September 12th

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

Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)

Wetlands Map [Click Here](#)

Town Forest map: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL CC Notes: [Click Here](#)

Library Board of Trustees: September 24th:

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Memorial gifts dedicated to Barbara Slater and Rich Kale were accepted along with a donation from authors selling their books at Goss Farm.
2. Friends of Rye Public Library are helping with the purchase of 7 new Chromebooks to replace older models.
3. Board approved Eversource project to replace Library lighting.
4. Since the Select Board did not modify the Town Center Committee charge the Trustees will continue moving forward with expansion planning and agreed to be sharing their activity with the Town Center Committee.

Recreation Commission Meeting: September 9th Meeting

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

[Click Here](#) to see the Rye Recreation Master Plan

New: Fall program Registrations: [Click Here](#)

New: 2019-2020 Active, Alive and over 55 Programs: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Eagle Scout project for Kiosk is tracking on schedule.
2. Progress is being made towards finalizing the lease with the Rye Congregational Church for utilizing space for programs. Discussions about a proper inter-generational name for the space.
3. RecTrac and WebTrac are now operational for online paying of programs.
4. CIP funding for a complete assessment of current building needs and goals. Town should be discussing, what is needed and how do we get there.
5. Congregational Church continues investigating an ice skating rink.
6. Rye After Car at RES can now expand to 50 from 40 now that the space is dedicated to Rye After Car. Only 2 5th graders are bused back to RES. Recreation staffing is preventing any RJH programs.
7. Discussions of renaming/branding the "Active, Alive and Over 55 Club"

Heritage Commission: Sept. 5th meeting

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Patty Weathersby for Pulpit Rock Tower met and presented to the Heritage Commission, since if Rye does not take ownership, NH Fish & Game will give it back to the Federal Government who will auction off the property.
2. Now that the major work to Pulpit Rock Tower has been completed, the operating costs are minimal. If you have not seen it recently, the improvements are impressive. Estimated over 500 people visit during the tours if weather is nice.
3. Discussion of how the Town could take ownership and how to present to voters. Commission will tour the tower on October 3rd.
4. Demolitions of properties is on the rise again (four or five in the last month).

Demolition Review Committee: September 3rd, 10th and 19th

Sept 19th: Recorded Video [Click Here](#) Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Sept. 10th: Recorded Video None Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Sept 3rd: Recorded Video [Click Here](#) Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. At Sept. 3rd meeting 824 Ocean Blvd, 23 Harbor Drive and 1 Cable have yet to file applications.
2. 55 W. Atlantic Ave was deemed not Historically significant.
3. 9 Perkins Rd. was deemed not Historically significant
4. 23 Harbour Drive was reviewed and deemed not Historically significant.

Historic District Commission Meeting July 18th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Design Guide lines are progressing.
2. Star Island signs were deemed to be in violation of Historic District regulations but also the Public Recreation District Zone.

Capital Investment Plan (CIP) Committee Meeting: September 15th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not available

Mosquito Commission Meeting: Sept. 1th:

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. EEE in York County led to Dr. Snow requesting a second adulticide at Schools, Rye Recreation and Parson's Field.
3. Green head traps that are not the current ones have been appearing. An inventory of Rye's traps shows that 152 traps were removed from the marshes. Traps will be numbered for next year.
4. Locally, Freemont, Newton and Litchfield has had positive tests. Massachusetts has had EEE and is in critical alert mode, canceling many evening events. Conditions are ripe for this to potentially migrate to NH next year.

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: September 10th:

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

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

1. Solar RFP responses are due October 1st.
2. RES and RJH Lighting upgrade is on schedule for Sept/October.
3. NH DES and EPA provided inputs and suggestions for the Energy Chapter of the Master Plan
4. Fuel oil and Bi-fuel use by and in town was discussed.

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](#)

Sewer Commission Meeting September

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not posted

Cell Tower Committee Sept. 27th

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not posted

1. Committee reviewed the charter and objectives. Goal is to have full recommendations for additional telecommunications coverage submitted to BOS by March 2020.
2. With the expert from Isotrope, the committee initiated a review of coverage maps and current town properties.
3. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Oct. 22.

Beach Committee Meeting September 18th:

Facebook page for Beach Committee: [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Major point of discussion was the dune grass in the area of F St and G St ocean front whereby the property owners planted well beyond the boundaries of their own property and planted on the public beach taking a good portion of access to the public's beach (including town residents) at high tide.
2. The beach committee sent a letter to the BOS which was entered into record at the 9/23/19 BOS meeting
3. The beach committee expects a course of action to be outlined by the BOS at the next meeting 10/7/19.
4. The committee is expecting to have a site walk of our beaches the week of 9/30/19 though no firm date has decided.

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.

Budget Committee August 6th:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. School Budget 2018/2019 year to date was reviewed. Boiler work is progressing.
2. Reviewed year to date of Town budget.
3. No closing or summary statement for the public

Trustees of Trust Fund Meeting August 15th:

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Accounts liquidity positions were discussed. Large accounts at approximately 9%.
2. Market conditions and political environment discussed.
3. Trustees decided to maintain liquidity levels.
4. Average performance of the Trust Funds were 11.23% YTD through July 31st.

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](#)

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:

Other Town Activity

Rye Town Handbook from the Rye Civic League:

NOTE: 2018 Update are available at the Library, the Lazy Bird, Native 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 partly 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: 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.