

Rye Civic News December 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](#)

RCL

Annual

Meeting:

Dec. 26th RPL
7:00 pm

Meetings

(at Town Hall
unless
indicated)

Dec. 2nd:
Conservation
Commission
5pm Public
Hearing for
Acquisition.

Dec. 2nd:
Heritage
Commission
5pm.

Dec. 3rd.
Planning Board
6pm

Dec. 4th.
Select Board
11:15am.

Dec. 4th: Rye
Town Center
Committee
5:30pm.

Dec. 4th:
Trustees of
Trust Fund.
6pm.

Dec. 4th.
Zoning Board
of Adjustment
7pm.

Dec. 5th:
Recreation
Commission
6:00pm.

Dec. 9th:
Select Board
6pm.

Rye Civic League Annual Meeting Nov. 18th

[Click Here](#) for Rockingham County Commissioner Kevin Coyle video recording

1. Your Rye Civic News celebrated our 10th anniversary.

We have new goals of increasing the Civic News distribution and we need HELP. Please help by checking with your friends and neighbors about the Civic News. Let them know you want to make sure they are staying informed! If they are new to town, you should help get them a copy of the 2019 Citizens Handbook.

2. See the Herald stories [pre-meeting](#) and [post meeting](#).

November Highlights

1. Deliberative Town Meeting is **back** to February 1st at 9am RJH.

2. Conservation Commission Flood planning: [Recorded Video](#). Discussions about protecting Rye from flooding. Handouts and video link are not yet available.

3. Town Hall Architect update. [Report](#) and [diagrams see more](#)

4. [Capital Improvement Plan](#) accepted by Select Board. [Click Here](#) for table of projects

5. Rye Recreation Elementary Basketball program needs additional coaches

6. 1/3 of Septic Systems in the Parson's Creek Watershed have not been inspected, deadline is June 2020. See Dec. 2018 report [Click Here](#). 2018 testing [Click Here](#) (red and over 104 is bad)

7. Now is the time to comment on 16 Zoning Ordinances Chances. [Click Here](#)

8. Subscribe to Town Alerts on new notification system. [Click Here](#)

9. **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

Rye Energy Committee 1 Member Vacancy

General Announcements:

1. December 3rd. 7pm RPL is the **Public Hearing for 16 ordinances** and code changes.

[Click Here](#) This is your only chance to have comments acted on.

2. Conservation **Acquisition Public Hearing** 5pm Town Hall. 51 West Rd and 0 Williams St. [Agenda](#)

3. Land Use Regulations Public Discussion is December 10th 7pm [Click Here](#) (no agenda posted yet)

4. Library Trustees present update to Friends of RPL Dec. 5th 1pm [Click Here](#)

5. Town Museum **Holiday Open House** Dec. 10th 3 to 6pm Refreshments and great holiday shopping.

6. January 14th: Last day for petitioned warrant articles [Click Here](#) [E-mail](#) the RCL if you need help.

7. Holiday Parade December 8th 1pm RJH [Click Here](#)

8. Development updates:

- Webster at Rye 795 Washington - December meeting

- 120 Brackett Rd Cell Tower pushed to December 10th, this is so Verizon can keep this location in their back pocket. December 18th joint ZBA and Zoning for 68 Port Way cell tower. Site walk is December 7th at 9am [Click Here](#)

- 1244 Washington Rd. 5 four building units - [Next steps](#)

- 1215 Ocean Blvd (Wallis Rd/Ocean Blvd) [Documents and Next steps](#)

9. Rye After School Program Staff is needed. [Click](#).

10. Presidential Primary will be February 11th. Rye Presidential Primary Tavern January 26th 4pm to 6pm. [Click Here](#) to RSVP10

11. **Rye Recreation Fall Programs** [Click Here](#)

12. **Rye Recreation Senior Program:** 2019-2020 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)

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

De. 10th:
Sewer
Commission
8:00am RBVD.

Dec. 10th
Planning Board
6:00p m RPL

Dec. 10th.
Energy
Committee
6:30pm.

Dec. 11th.
Town Center
Committee
5:30pm.

Dec. 11th.
Budget
Committee
Work session
6:30pm.

Dec. 12th.
Budget
Committee
Work Session
6:30pm.

Dec. 11th:
Conservation
Commission
7pm.

Dec. 16th.
Historic
District
Commission
5pm.

Dec. 17th:
Mosquito
Control
Commission
5pm.

Dec. 17th.
Recycling
Education
Committee
6:30pm.

Dec. 18th
School Board
5pm.

Dec. 18th
Town Center
Committee
5:30pm.

Dec. 18th,
ZBA and
Planning
Meeting
6:30pm.

14. GIS Mapping Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
FYI see RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on finding locations with the GIS

Select Board Meeting November 25th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes; none

1. [2020 to 2025 Capital Improvement Plan](#) presented and accepted. [Click Here](#) for summary of projects.
2. Updates to Cell Tower maps provided (not available), Zoning Ordinance change requested to include Town Recreation land at Recreation Rd.
3. Solar Energy for Rye update by Energy Committee [Click Here](#) Questions remain before next steps.
4. [Resident letter](#) to improve communications for Major Site Developments not mentioned at meeting.
5. Select Board member Winslow said the current median Rye home price is \$632K (so 1/2 of homes are below this number) and the average is \$832K.

Select Board Meeting November 22nd

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: None available

1. Goss Farm and Farmers market committee update
2. Rye Day discussion

Select Board Meeting November 21st

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: None available

1. Barba & Wheelock Town Hall Architect discussion to help Select Board understand:
 - Sq feet of office space available if all of Town Hall is office space
 - Sq feet of office space if only the 1st floor of Town Hall is used
 - Additional other space still needed by the town based on the above options.
2. [Diagrams](#) from Nov. 11th meeting. [Report from](#) Nov. 11th meeting
3. Non-public meeting covering Personnel, Hiring and Acquisition

Select Board Meeting November 15th Tax Rate

Video Recording: None

Town Meeting Minutes: No information available

1. Nothing on the Town Website to communicate this information to residents
2. First tax payment is due December 23rd. Happy Holidays

Select Board Meeting November 11th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. [PHS Student letter](#) requesting Select Board take action on micro-plastics [Click Here](#), Select Board Chair Winslow wanted the HS student to do the work, but Select Board member Roman indicated that the Rye Recycling Committee should review and respond to the Select Board first.
2. The State returned \$22K to Rye as unrestricted mutual aid, that was based on number of students qualifying for free and reduced aid. \$11,700 was agreed to go to CMA Engineers to support the Town Center Committee.
3. Cell Tower Committee's update indicated that only the Recreation Rd. property as all other locations do not require zoning changes. See maps presented at the meeting, more updated maps have been created. [Map 1](#) [Map 2](#)
4. Contracted Architect, Nancy Barba presented a [first draft](#) of Town Hall Architect review. Much of this was not new information for those paying attention the past 9 years. [Click Here](#). [Diagrams](#) of Town Hall. Charge to Town Center Committee expanded to "all other potentially available buildings in the Town Center".
5. Legislative update from State Senator Tom Shermam ([Click Here](#) to see that section of meeting). Rye/New Castle Bridge, adding \$5 to vehicle registration to be held by town, options for State Funding for large projects.
6. Budget workshop continued focused on Capital Reserves. Another \$30K for pavement analysis, safety equipment and \$175K Perkins Rd. Culvert replacement.

Select Board Meeting November 1st Budget Workshop

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: **1 Month later, nothing posted**

School Board Meeting: November 19th

Proposed 2020-2021 Budget: Draft not available yet

Dec. 23rd.
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
\(click here\)](#)

Flood
Management:
[Click Here](#)

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

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

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

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

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

[Town
Budgets](#)
Budget
Analysis:

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

Superintendent's Bulletin: November 2019 [Click Here](#) School Policies: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: not posted

1. Local parent seeks funding for baseball fields for RJH for RJH Baseball team
2. Budget discussion included: facility upgrades at both RES & RJH, possible classroom teacher reduction at RES
3. Board working to identify metrics to judge success of RJH students transitioning to PHS
4. Presentation by RJH Humanities Team
5. December 11 6:30 School Budget Review Meeting
6. December 18 5:00 Regular School Board Meeting

School Board Budget Meeting November 4th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Current budget proposal reflects increase of 3.75%, Board discussing whether this needs to be reduced.

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 November 13th 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. Wright-Pierce reports the Drinking Water Trust Fund has recommended funding the Garland Well update and the Wallis Rd. project. An addition to the Rand property, Cedar Run is also being investigated for an additional well.
2. Parsons Road had a main break and was report.
3. Rt. 1 Sewer is moving forward as it is being funded privately.
4. Discussion of how RWD would address a "Boil Order" as accrued with Aquarian this past summer. More work is required.

Planning Board meeting: November 12th:

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#) - No Notice of Decisions were completed.

1. Proposed Zoning Amendment 2020-01 Height within the Coastal Area District approved with no changes.
2. Proposed Zoning Amendment 2020-02 Illicit Discharge and Elimination Ordinance approved with no changes. DPW Director McCarthy discussed the Municipal Separate Storm Water System known as [MS-4](#). Resident reminded the board that Parsons Creek is over saturated with leach fields while the town appears stuck on the cause being faulty septic systems. See Dec. 2018 report [Click Here](#). 2018 testing [Click Here](#) (red and over 104 is bad)
3. The Housing Partnership was granted an 18 month extension, mostly as a sewer line will reduce development and maintenance costs.
4. Accessory Dwelling Unit for 371 Washington Rd. was approved with the condition that the septic system be inspected and pumped annually.
5. Lafayette Rd property diagonally from Dow Lane, behind the Farm Stand location is being sublet to Kia Automotive to store vehicles, permission granted to also store other vehicles.
6. 1215 Ocean Blvd (Driftwood - Wallis Rd): Changed from four to three larger units. Major concern over single access to Wallis that can be submerged at times. [Click Here](#) for documentation and next steps. *Editor's Note: Resident once again asked for the Planning Board to improve communication to residents and followed up with [this letter](#) to the Planning and Select Board that has yet to be discussed in public.*
7. 1244 Washington Rd. Five building, 20 unit subdivision. Continued to December. [Click Here](#) to read next steps
8. Webster at Rye expansion continued to December.
9. Attorney Donovan suggested a new Town Code to make regulations more coherent.
10. Land Development Regulations, December 10th Public Hearing - no agenda [Final Draft](#) Public Hearing January 14th.

LRP Public Meeting (Master Plan) November 7th

[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](#).

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

**Rye Library
Strategic
Plan:**
[Click Here](#)

How good is
our Library
[Click Here](#)

**Rye Police
Homepage**
[Click Here](#)
Facebook:
[Click Here](#)

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

Rye PTA
Webpage
[Click Here](#)

Rye
Elementary
School [Click
Here](#)

Rye Junior

Additional 2016 information [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: No cancellation but we believe there was no meeting

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

November 7th: Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

3. Land Development Regulations Public Hearing January 14th. [Click Here](#) for LDR

Rules & Regulations November 5th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. RV's, campers and recreation items setbacks to be addressed for 2021

2. Height in Coastal Area [2020-01](#) and Illicit Discharge [2020-02](#) ([more detail](#)) have been approved as written.

3. December 3rd 6pm Town Hall is the Public Hearing for these Zoning Changes. [Agenda ONLY CHANCE TO IMPACT THESE.](#)

[Zoning Ordinance 2020-03](#): Special Use Permit required in Coastal Area for new dwellings and substantial renovations

[Zoning Ordinance 2020-4](#): Adds "unnecessary" in the Historic District guidelines.

[Zoning Ordinance 2020-5](#): Adds wording to the Demolition Review

[Zoning Ordinance 2020-6](#): Increases time for ZBA hearing to 45 days. State RSA

[Zoning Ordinance 2020-7](#): Adds [Best Management practices](#) to wetlands

[Zoning Ordinance 2020-8](#): Allows solar panels in the Historic district.

[Zoning Ordinance 2020-9](#): Removes Rye's more restrictive noise requirement for small wind turbines

[Zoning Ordinance 2020-10](#): Replaces the definition of Certified Wetlands Scientist in Definitions of the new Town Code"

[Zoning Ordinance 2020-11](#): Apartment Amnesty ordinance

[Zoning Ordinance 2020-12](#): A ton of changes

[Zoning Ordinance 2019-x](#): Section numbering change

[Building Code Amendment 2020-01](#): Removes requirement for erecting a tent

[Building Code Amendment 2020-02](#): References the current International Property Maintenance Code.

[Building Code Amendment 2020-03](#): Adoption of Chapter 35, but text has additional changes

[Floodplain Ordinance 2020-01](#): says it is the new Floodplain ordinance

[Zoning Ordinance 2020-14](#): Not on the town website. Will add Rye Recreation at 55 Recreation Rd. to the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities District.

Planning Board December 10th Agenda

Agenda for meeting: NOT POSTED

1. Joint ZBA and Planning Board meeting for 68 Portway Cell Tower December 18th 6:30pm

Zoning Board of Adjustment: November 6th:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 8 Holland Drive Approved 5-0 shed 6' from rear boundary [Case #41-2019](#)

2. 1 & 3 Cable Rd. Approved 3-2 5 variances for tear down and rebuild new with garage on two lots. Five conditions to be met. [Case #39-2019](#)

3. 200 Parsons Rd. Approved 5-0 8 variances, multiple within the wetlands setbacks. 7 conditions apply. Two variances were denied. [Case #33-2019](#)

4. 161 Clark Rd. Approved 5-0 addition of non-conforming structure and side boundary [Case #40-2019](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: December 4th

Agenda: None posted 3 days prior to the meeting

Conservation Commission (CC) November 14th

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

Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)

Wetlands Map [Click Here](#)

High School
[Click Here](#)

Portsmouth
High School
[Click Here](#)

**Other
Helpful
Links:**

[Live Free or
Die Alliance](#)

Town Forest map: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Detailed Notes: [Click Here](#)

Conservation Commission Flood Planning November 18th: [Recorded Video](#)

1. Town Forest Management Plan is complete and calls for protection of soils, bog bridges, re routing of trails, better definition of borders and dealing with the abutter issues.

2. RPC has produced new maps for every town showing the Town's water bodies, water and sewer lines and conservation parcels. They also show the Wellhead Protection area and the location of the wells.

Library Board of Trustees: November 21st:

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. December 5th 1pm Discussion with Friends of RPL [Click Here](#)

2. RPL continues to be beneficiary of generous benefactors - almost \$4000 of donations were received.

3. Year to date meeting space for library and non-library purposes is tracking more than 2018, large downstairs room up 82%, smaller up stairs room (New Hampshire room) up 46%.

4. In October 379 children and 22 teens attended programs.

Recreation Commission Meeting: November 4th 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](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Cell Tower Committee has identified 55 Recreation Road. as a possible location for a cell tower. Commission voted unanimously **NOT** to support this.

2. Multi-purpose storage facility is just about completed.

3. Lease negotiations with Rye Congregational Church continues.

4. Winter youth basketball is short coaches.

Heritage Commission: November 7th

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

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Demolition Review procedure from Planning Board needs to be updated

2. There are currently two alternate positions open on the commission.

3. Town Finance department has not provided updated financial information as requested.

4. Investments will be made for maintenance of the TD Bank building

5. Louise Tallman Award will be presented December 5th at 5pm Historic Museum to Peter Crawford.

6. Detailed discussion of financial and resources commitments required for the Heritage Commission taking ownership of Pulpit Rock Tower. Plan is to establish a standing sub-committee to address operations, maintenance and groundwork.

Demolition Review Committee: Oct. 4th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 39 Jenness Rd. deemed not significant

Historic District Commission Meeting October 17th and 29th

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

October 17th: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

October 29th: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

1. The Commission met to review the materials for the refacing and reroofing of the so called TD bank building.

2. The materials are replacing synthetics with more natural products and the Chair exercised the prerogative to not require a formal Public Meeting to allow the applicant to proceed to obtain a building permit. The siding, roof and shutters will be replaced with materials and appearance more in harmony with the Historic District.

Capital Investment Plan (CIP) Committee Meeting: November 18th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not available

Draft Capital Improvement Plan 2020-2025: [Click Here](#)

1. 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Plan was presented and accepted by the Select Board on November 25th. The Department and Districts anticipated capital expenses for the next six years total over eighteen million dollars. The detailed report is available on the town's website.

The tax rate is set at \$10.22. Every \$21 thousand raise the taxes 1c per \$1,000

2. Largest requests:

- a) Conservation Commission: \$3M
- b) Fire Department: \$1,066,000
- c) RWD: \$11,783,000 (multiple projects)
- d) Public Works Culverts: \$550,000
- e) Paving projects: \$2,160,000

3. Table of Projects: [Click Here](#)

Mosquito Commission Meeting: November 19th:

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

Mosquito Complaint form: [Click Here](#)

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

Video of meeting: [Click Here](#)

1. Street spraying was added to the 2020 budget. The No Spray list is still maintained but may need to be updated as properties change ownership.

2. 2020 RFPs have been sent

3. NH had a very active season for arbovirus illness

16 Batches with EEE

1 Batch West Nile

2 Horses died of West Nile

1 Hawk died of West Nile

2 human cases of Jamestown Canyon Virus ((one in Kingston and the other in Laconia).

1 case of Powassan Virus (tick disease)

4. Ticks are still a concern until there is a snow pact

5. Greenhead traps

162 from 2019, 2020 construction 25 new traps. Inside winter storage has greatly preserved the life of the traps

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: Nov. 7th and 13th

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

Draft Town Meeting Minutes November 7th: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes November 13th: [Click Here](#)

1. RJH Lighting replacement is 76% complete.

2. Working session discussing NH Senate Bill 286 which allows municipalities to negotiate and purchase electricity. Member will attend a November 15th workshop to learn more.

3. Detailed report presented to Select Board on November 25th: [Click Here](#)

Rye Recycling Education Committee October 15th

Video Recording: Not available

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

1. Discussion of reducing the Swap Shop hours to two days a week.

2. Rye Food Scrap Collection Information [Click Here](#)

3. Rye Recycling Center Brochure [Click Here](#)

Sewer Commission Meeting October 8th

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

1. 21 Crabtree Drive is requesting to be connected to the Sewer as the house is for sale.

2. Discussion that flow to Hampton was approaching limits of the agreement

3. Jenness Beach Pump station failure was detected on September 16th and repaired.

4. Abeniqui Pump station will have valves, plug valves and gaskets replaced, the work is being planned.

5. Licenses for a number of installers were approved.

6. NHDES responded to the 2017 and 2018 reports submitted and the inspection from those years.

7. Current activity for sewers 9 Cable Rd. O Richards, 16 Myrica Ave., 8 Maple Ave.

8. E-mails were provided to the Sewer Commission on the process for extending the Portsmouth Rt. 1 Sewer. It was noted that those driving this work have not met with or presented to the Rye Sewer Commission.

9 Amendments to Sewer User Fee Ordinance Public Hearing on November 7th 8am RBVD Office.

Amendment 1: Amends the Hook-Up Fee by providing that it increases 2.5% annually on January 1st.

Amendment 2: Repeals the Capital Recovery charge.

Rye Town Center Committee November 6th and 20th

Draft Town Meeting Minutes November 6th: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video November 6th: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video November 20th: [Click Here](#)

Cell Tower Committee

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not posted

1. Chairman Howard Kalet presented to the Select Board November 25th

2. Consultant is proposing extensive revisions to the Cell Tower Zoning brings the town into alignment with state and federal law. To be presented at the Dec. 3rd Planning board meeting

3. Committee is recommending one other site for inclusion into the wireless overlay district. That piece of land encompasses approx. 14 acres that abut the Town Forest behind the Rye recreation center. This site could encompass either a hundred or a hundred forty foot tower and be far removed from any residential locations detailed coverage maps will be included in a subsequent presentation.

Budget Committee November 7th:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: Not available

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.

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.

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

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

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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.