

Rye Civic News January 2020

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RCL Monthly Meetings & Public Forum last Wednesday of the month RPL 7pm
[RCL Facebook Page](#)

RCL

Annual

Meeting:

January 29th

RPL 7:00 pm

Meetings

(at Town Hall unless indicated)

Jan. 4th: 68

Portway

Balloon Test

9:00am.

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Jan. 6th:

Recreation

Commission

6pm.

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Jan. 7th:

Planning Board

6pm

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Jan. 7th:

Energy

Committee

6:30pm.

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Jan. 8th:

Zoning Board

of Adjustment

7pm.

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Jan. 9th:

Conservation

Commission

7pm.

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Jan. 13th

Select Board

6:30pm.

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Jan. 14th:

Sewer

Commission

8am.

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Jan. 14th. RPL

Information

2pm RPL.

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Jan. 14th.

Planning Board

Rye 2020 Town Election Key Dates

January 14th: Last day to submit petitioned warrant article [Click Here](#)

January 15th: School Budget Public Hearing 6:30pm RJH [Click Here](#) for draft budgets

January 16th: Town Budget Public Hearing 7:30pm Town Hall **NO** information available

January 31st File to run between January 22nd and 31st 5pm (not posted yet)

January 29th: RCL Presentation on Budgets and Warrant Articles 7pm RPL

February 1st; Town Deliberative Meeting RJH 9:00am

February 4th : School Deliberative Meeting RJH 6:30pm

February 11th: Presidential Primary

RCL will publish a 2nd January Civic News once the Warrant articles, budgets and positions are available. This information is normally available at this time.

Rye Presidential Primary Tavern Jan. 26th 4pm to 6pm Atlantic Grill

Co-sponsored by the Rye Republicans, Rye Democrats, Rye Civic League, No Labels and Consuming Government. The Atlantic Grill has donated the function room.

Estimated head count is needed so please order [free tickets here](#).

Come and have civil and respectful conversations with Rye residents about what you think about the different candidates. Candidate representatives have all been invited to be available to answer questions.

December Highlights

1. Conservation Commission purchased land on West Road and had a public hearing on a 0.5 acre purchase on Williams Street. [More Detail](#)

2. Select Board signed the [Purchase and Sale](#) to swap the Parsonage buildings for the TD Bank property. Voters must approve in March. The Select Board property purchasing A-Q process was not used. [Appraisal](#)

3. 1244 Washington Road 5 building, 20 units approved with a 10 page NOD (52 line items). [Click Here](#)

4. Cell Tower at 68 Port-way joint Planning & ZBA meeting. [More Detail](#)

5. [Telecom Overlay District Report](#) presented to Select Board. Wording changes and adding area around 55 Recreation Rd. (Note, Recreation sent letter against the first location proposal, new location to be discussed). Consultant advises Town to develop rules for pole mounted broadcasting.

6. Rye Town Center Committee proposing safety changes and applying for State grant. [More Detail](#)

7. Select Board indicates they will be willing to sign document saying any Municipal Solar cells would be with Revision Energy for all the work they have been doing. [More Detail](#)

8. Some progress is being made on extending the Portsmouth Sewer line into Rye on Rt 1. [More Information](#)

9. RCL hosted a "Chairs" meeting for all of the heads of Rye's Boards, Committees and Commissions. Action is to develop an agenda and reconvene after the March election.

10. 40 Signature Drive in new South Rd. development has removed trees in Conservation lands. [More Detail](#)

11. Enforcement actions may move forward on Independence Farms and European Auto.

12. [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. January 7th 6pm second Public Hearing Zoning Amendments- [Agenda](#)

[Links below](#): Zoning 1, 2, 12, 13, 14, 15 and BC 3

6pm. RPL
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 Jan. 15th.
 School Board
 5pm RJH.
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 Jan. 15th.
 Budget
 Committee
 School 6:30pm
 RJH
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 Jan. 16th.
 Budget
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 Town 6:30pm.
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 Jan. 21st.
 Select Board
 6:30pm.
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 Jan. 26th.
 Presidential
 Primary Tavern
 4pm Altantic
 Grill.
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 Jan 27th:
 Select Board
 6:30pm.
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 Jan. 29th: RLC
 Budget &
 Warrant
 Articles 7pm
 RPL
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 Feb. 1st. Town
 Deliberative
 Meeting
 9:00am RJH

2. 68 Port Way Cell Tower balloon test is now January 11th at 9:00am.
3. Library information on possible Library expansion - Jan. 14th 2pm RPL
4. **Development updates:**
 - Webster at Rye 795 Washington - January 14th [Click Here](#)
 - 68 Port Way Cell [More Detail](#) and delay of 120 Brackett Rd Cell Tower. Next joint meeting is February 18th
 - 1215 Ocean Blvd (Wallis Rd/Ocean Blvd) [Documents and Next steps](#)
5. **Rye Recreation Winter Programs NEW** [Click Here](#)
6. **Rye Recreation Senior Program:** 2019-2020 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)
7. **Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
8. **GIS Mapping** Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
 RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on finding locations with the GIS

Select Board Meeting December 23rd

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes; none

1. In response to [this letter](#) Conservation Commission says they are following the new process. [Click Here](#) for the 2017 letter. Select Board noted that all boards and committees should have a document process for appointed positions.
2. Public Hearing on [Ordinance #22](#) Soliciting/Canvassing as it was pointed out that wording may not be compliant with current First Amendment interpretation. Discussion was continued to a future meeting.
3. Mosquito Commission is recommending the Town continue with Dragon Fly Mosquito as they have been doing a good job and their proposal was clear and comprehensive.
4. Mindi Messmer provided an update on the current Cancer Cluster Commission
5. Telecommunications Commission Committee and the Consultant discussed wording changes to the Cell Tower Overlay zone and the addition of land around 55 Recreation Road. [Click Here](#) for full report. The area identified is a hypothetical location.
6. Consultant informed the Select Board that the town has no regulations preventing installation of broadcasting equipment to be mounted on existing poles. Select Board did not acknowledge that the risks to the town or or would take action.
7. Energy Committee presented and discussed the Solar Panel proposal from Revision Energy [Overview for Select Board](#). [Executive Summary](#), [responses to questions](#). Proposal overviews and education is needed for the town. Energy prices, costs and future value are variables with risks that need to be understood.
8. Select Board agreed to move forward and sign a agreement that if the town moved forward the Revision Energy would be the supplier as they have invested working with Rye.
9. Town Center committee discussed the TAP proposal. [More Detail](#)
10. Warrant articles were discussed. There is posted parking signs without supporting town votes. Proposal to make some Cable Rd. Parking spaces resident only.

Select Board Meeting December 16th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Select Board decided to move forward with putting the Exchange/Swap of the Parsonage Buildings with TD Bank building on the March 2020 ballot. The agreement has been signed and will move forward if the voters approve.
[Click Here](#) for the agreement
[Click Here](#) for the appraisal of both buildings.
2. An A-Q step process was instituted for when the Select Board purchases property, but while some steps were completed, the Select Board chose not to use the Select Board the full process for land purchases.
3. Select Board stated that they will also have a warrant saying that if the swap/exchange is not approved, the Select Board can sell the Parsonage. This is not something the Town Center Committee has requested, but to avoid the costs and responsibility of maintaining an empty building.
4. Residents spoke up that this action appears to be encroaching on what the Town Center Committee should be leading.
5. The Parsonage uses a leach field on the RPL property and the DES will need to be involved. Town would need to grant an easement.
6. Select Board and the property owner were not willing to stop the process and consider a residents suggesting that the Town buy the TD Bank building and give the owner first right of refusal to purchase the Parsonage property if the Town decides not to utilize the building.
7. Steven Borne requested to discuss points from his [Letter](#), about no public discussion about the website, the lack of timely posted information and other points. Board asked Borne to resend the [Planning Communication](#) letter from November.

Select Board Meeting December 9th

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:
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.
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Budget:
Click Here](#)

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

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: None available (almost 1 month later)

1. Kate Drago has started as the new Select Board Executive Assistant
2. CMA Engineers discussed the work they would be doing to submit a TAP application for State assistance for the safety improvements.
3. 1090 Washington Rd (Independence Farm) is not in compliance with some of the building requirements and action is moving to the Town Attorney.
4. 487 Sagamore Rd. (European Auto) should have fewer cars parked in the front of the property, this will also be moving to the Attorney.
5. The Salt Shed has not received the 60% majority for bond approval, so the Select Board discussed a warrant article just for the site work that would be budgeted and only require a 50% majority.
6. Some of the "standard" warrant articles we see every year will be combined to reduce the number of warrant articles.

School Board Meeting: December 18th

Proposed 2020-2021 Budget: Draft not available yet

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. Draft School Budget information [More Detail](#)
2. Board agreed to move ahead with exploration of Solar Panels on the roofs of RES & RJH as part of a larger Town of Rye energy project.
3. Board voted to support a tentative agreement between the Rye School District and Association of Coastal Teachers.
4. Board hosted Mr. Preble from the Center for School Climate and Learning and presented on the topic of collecting data from the Rye schools with a focus on student directed learning.
5. The Board presented on Rye student education readiness covering the transition and performance of Rye students to Portsmouth High School. Data was analyzed over a three-year period. The PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the Rye School Board website.

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 December 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. Parson's Rd repair work has completed multiple bacteria tests and is now active.
2. The State will review four quarters of PFOA testing and then determine the monitoring frequency for Rye.
3. Work continues on a new Cedar Run Well, budget would be voted on at the end of March RWD meeting.
4. Approve encumbrance fo \$399,000 for the Route 1A project.

Planning Board meeting: December 10th:

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. 795 Washington Rd. "Webster at Rye" Jurisdiction [accepted](#) and will be heard on January 14th.
2. 1244 Washington Rd 5 4-unit town houses (20 total) were approved. [Case#6 2019](#) There are 34 Conditions for the conditions of approval. The second Conditional Use has 18 line items.
3. Board released \$93,750 of the surety for 0 Ocean Blvd (Corner for Ocean/Harbour), with 25% remaining. [Case#11 2018 NOD](#)
4. 40 Signature Drive - owners have been cutting trees in the Conservation Area. The Conservation Commission owns the property and if the total loss is over \$1,000 this could be a felony under the Timber Trespass statue. Attorney Donovan asked for time to review.

LRP Public (Master Plan)

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

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

[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
High School
[Click Here](#)

Portsmouth
High School
[Click Here](#)

**Other
Helpful
Links:**

[Live Free or
Die Alliance](#)

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 Public Hearing January 14th. [Click Here](#) for LDR Nov. 12th Draft is posted [Click Here](#)

Rules & Regulations December 3rd

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. **January 7th 6pm is the next Public Hearing** [Agenda](#)

[Agenda](#) ONLY CHANCE TO IMPACT THESE.

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

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

[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](#): Wording on Solar Panels for Historic District - Discussion to continue.

[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 2020-13 Adds 55 Recreation Road to the Cell Tower overlay district

Zoning Ordinance 2020-14 Part two of adding 55 Recreation Road

[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

Planning Board January 14th Agenda

Agenda for meeting: Not available

Zoning Board of Adjustment: December 18th:

Joint meeting with Planning Board for Cell Tower at 68 Port Way

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

Tower Building Application: [Click Here](#) (includes site drawings)

Tax Map location: [Click Here](#)

1. Balloon test now January 11h at 9:00am for 68 Port Way

2. Portions of driveway are below current flood levels and additional wetlands relief may be required and additional elevations were requested. Verizon refused to test pits to determine if driveway run-off can be handled. Town agreed will perform the test pit.

3. Resident asked about plans take into account a two foot sea level rise which will change this land from tidal wetlands to a salt marsh. Verizon's position is that the property is not tidal.

4. Residents pointed out Verizon's data on property values are not of comparable locations.

5. Verizon has ten items to follow up on for the next meeting that is scheduled for February 18th.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: December 4th:

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. 177 West Rd. Approved 5-0 Walkway within wetlands buffer, condition of native plantings every 10ft. [Case #44-2019](#)

2. 52 Wallis Rd. Approved 5-0 for a shed 12" from side boundary [Case #43-2019](#)

3. 33 Gray Court Approved 5-0 for generator rear and side variances [Case #42-2019](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: January 8th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. 314 Bracket Rd. Driveway in the wetlands buffer and wetlands buffer
2. 824 Ocean Blvd. Raze existing building build new closer to the boundaries.
3. 750 Brackett Rd. Appeal of the permit of the stonewall in the wetlands
4. 140 Harbor Rd. Request to change to slab vs. pilings in the tidal marsh and wetlands.
5. 67 Harbor Rd. Expansion of a non-conforming structure into the wetlands buffer

Conservation Commission (CC) December 2nd 12th and 17th

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

Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)

Wetlands Map [Click Here](#)

Town Forest map: [Click Here](#)

December 2nd: Recorded Video [Click Here](#) acquisition meeting

December 12th Recorded Video including Pollinator Workshop: [Click Here](#)

December 12th Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Detailed Notes: [Click Here](#)

December 17th: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Conservation Commission asked by Selectmen to consider a cell tower overlay zone on a 15 acre lot at end of Recreation Road. A letter from the Recreation Commission was read stating they are unanimously against. Note - this was when placement was near the parking lot, the "hypothetical location" is now in a different area.
2. Trees on conservation land at a new house on Signature Drive (South Road) have been cut and continue to be cut despite a notice of violation. Consideration of charging the owners with trespassing. Signs delineating the conservation land were not in place.
3. Joint Conservation, Select and Planning Board site walk to be scheduled for Verizon Port Way cell tower application.
4. The CC plans to appeal a DES permit issued for 314 Brackett Road as the permit was issued before the CC could fully evaluate wetlands impact as on their first site walk the driveway was not adequately marked and the number of trees (51) to be cut in the buffer not known.
5. The CC voted to acquire 0.49 acres for \$10,000 (assessed value \$37,000) off Williams Street adjacent to the Parsons Creek area marsh.

Budget Committee December 11th and 12th:

November 7th Workshop Day. Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

School Budget December 11th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: Not available

School Budget Preliminary Summary: [Click Here](#)

1 RES, 1 RJH support staff eliminated, IST Integrator position eliminated
Increases in SAU 50 costs

School Draft Budget (V3) overview: [Click Here](#) \$14,597,991

School Draft Budget (V3) line items: [Click Here](#)

Town Budget December 12th: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Town has not made any draft information available to the public. All information discussed in public meetings should be available for and after the meetings.

Library Board of Trustees: December 9th:

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. There will be a discussion of a possible Library expansion on January 14th at 2pm at RPL
2. A consultant is reviewing the employee manual and should be finished for the January meeting.
3. Friends of the Rye Public Library membership drive has been very successful to date.
4. The large meeting room has been used 160 times compared to 73 last year. Youth and Children programs in November had 191 participants across 19 programs.

Recreation Commission Meeting: December 5th

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

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

New: Winter 2020 program Registrations: [Click Here](#)

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Waiting to get support from the RES Janitor about adding bathrooms to the lower level where the After School program is now per-mentally
2. Basket Ball practice for 1st and 2nd graders starting at 6:15pm is too late for this age group. There were not enough girls for a program.
3. Commission is waiting to receive the updated lease back from the Church.
4. Next budget may include an additional 32 hour staff person with no benefits.
5. Rye Soccer is looking into a kick wall to be installed.

Heritage Commission: December 2nd canceled

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

Historic District Commission Meetings December 16th

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

Mosquito Commission Meeting: December 18th:

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. Based on the performance the last few years and comprehensive proposal Commission is going recommending Dragon Fly for next year.

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: December 10th

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

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

1. RJH Lighting replacement is now complete, other municipal buildings are next.
2. Group discussed in detail options for moving to cleaner sourced/powered electricity for both residents and buildings.
3. Revision Energy has provided a proposal for solar panels on five municipal locations.
[BOS Overview](#), [Executive summary](#), [Responses to Questions](#)
4. Meetings were set with Rye Water, Rye School Board and the Select Board.

Rye Recycling Education Committee Dec meeting canceled

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

December meeting canceled

Rye Town Center Committee December 4th, 11th and 18th

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

December 4th: Draft Meeting Minutes [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

December 11th: Draft Meeting Minutes [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

December 18th: Draft Meeting Minutes: None Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Road Safety Warrant Article presented to Select Board

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application that could pay for 80% of safety work If a \$1m project is approved the town pays \$200K and the program funds \$800K. Not all applications are accepted

Scope is: side walk on Washington Rd. dedicated bike lanes, lighting, cross walks and landscaping.

2. December 4th meeting was the CMA presentation and discussion about TAP application
3. Discussion of potential Surveyor and scope of work for the Washington Road work
4. Library Trustee Karen Oliver gave an overview of the library expansion discussions and thinking for fund raising.
5. See the [meeting notes](#) for the summary from the Library Consultant work

Cell Tower Committee

1. Consultant presentation for Select Board [Click Here](#)
2. Updates to the Cell Tower Overlay district suggested to be compliant with current laws.
3. Adding 55 Recreation Road is the only additional property being requested to be added. Other sections near the Grove Road tower are no longer needed and should be removed.

Rye Opinions:

The Rye Civic League Website posts opinions and discussions for Rye. These opinions reflect the views of residents, **NOT** the Rye Civic League.

The purpose is to help residents share their views and to have an online discussion between residents. We encourage you to share your opinions in the online discussions or sending an e-mail to the [RCL e-mail](#)

Recent posted opinions:

1. Rye's need for better planning: [Click Here](#)

There is helpful information included in the sections for commissions and committees that are not actively meeting. Opinions, Public Discussion and additional content are also included below.

Capital 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](#)

Demolition Review Committee: Oct. 4th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. 39 Jenness Rd. deemed not significant

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 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

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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.