

Rye Civic News February 2020

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 **NEW 2019 Citizens' Handbook** ([click here](#))
RCL Monthly Meetings & Public Forum last Wednesday of the month RPL 7pm
[RCL Facebook Page](#)

RCL

Annual

Meeting:

February 26th
RPL 7:00 pm

Meetings

(at Town Hall
unless
indicated)

Feb. 5th
Zoning Board
7pm

Feb 6th:
Heritage
Commission
6:30pm

Feb. 10h:
Conservation
Commission
Workshop
1pm.

Feb 10th:
Recreation
Commission
6pm.

Feb. 10th:
Select Board
7pm.

Feb. 11th
Presidential
Primary 8am
to 7pm.

Feb. 11th.
Sewer
Commission
8:00am.

Feb. 11th.
Planning
Board 6pm.

Feb. 12th.
RTCC 5:30pm.

Feb. 13th.
Conservation
Commission.

Rye 2020 Town Election Key Dates

February 11th: Presidential Primary Absentee Ballot Form [Click Here](#)

March 5th Candidates Night 7pm RJH [Click Here](#) to see who is running (page 4)

March 10th Town Ballot Election 8am to 7pm RES Town Absentee Ballot form [Click Here](#)

RCL Town and School Budget Presentation [Click Here](#) Recording [Click Here](#)

RCL Warrant Article slides [Click Here](#) updated with Deliberative Meeting changes

March Civic News will have the table of warrant articles and printable My Voting sheet.

Town Deliberative Meetings February 1st and 4th

1. Only about 100 people, with just a handful under 50 years old. Slightly more when we got to the parking issues at the end.

2. Articles 7, 8 and 9 are to exchange TD Bank for the Parsonage, sell the trolley barn and use the proceeds to move some Town Hall employees to the TD Bank. Dan Philbrick would get the Parsonage buildings and make them market rate housing.

3. Article 30 was amended to say that parking changes should be based on a timely Parking Study. Petitioned article 35 on parking was gutted and petitioned article 36 was changed to "study", so the Select Board can have a discussion and say they are done.

4. Other key items on the warrant:

- \$350K for Salt Shed will be this tax year and then we would have to approve another \$350K next year. So two years of taxes would cover the total \$700K.

- \$3M Conservation bond, makes the money available, no tax impact until funds are used.

See presentation. [Click Here](#)

- \$300K for matching funds if the Town gets a \$500K of State funding for the side walk improvements. [Schematic view](#) [Today](#) [Concept Image](#)

5. Town Budget is up to \$10,320,486 (not including the \$1,237,950 of warrant articles)

6. Town Ordinances are now in one document [Click Here](#) for draft

7. School Budget is \$14,164,367 a 1.84% increase. 5 year collective bargaining agreement and a warrant to maintain the Property Maintenance Trust fund at \$150K leveraging unassigned fund balance.

January Highlights

1. 68 Portway Cell Tower Balloon Test. [Click Here](#) to see how visible the Tower will be.

2. Not that you didn't know it, but the Rye Library continues to shine. [Click Here](#)

3. Planning Board allows three large condominium buildings to be squeezed onto the Wallis Rd/ 1215 Ocean Blvd lot. There are three pages of conditions, plus three pages of Septic System conditions. [Click Here](#)

4. Rye Day has been set for September 27th. Mark your calendar.

5. Rye Recreation has signed a lease to use rooms at the Rye Congregational Church and will begin using the space soon.

7. Rye Beach, Jenness Beach and Rye Water District budgets available [Click Here](#)

6. [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. Rye Little League - [Click Here](#) to Register

2. Seacoast Lacrosse [Click Here](#) to Register

3. **Cabin Fever Tea** - Town Museum Saturday February 28th 2 to 4pm

4. **Rye Recreation Winter Programs NEW** [Click Here](#)

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

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

7pm.
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Feb. 18th.
Planning and
Zoning - 68
Port Way Cell
Tower.
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Feb. 19th:
School Board
5pm. RJH
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Feb. 19th
RTCC 5:30pm.
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Feb. 26th
RTCC 5:30pm
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March 5th
Candidates
Night 7pm
RJH

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

Select Board Meeting January 27th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes; [Click Here](#)

1. The town had to send 310 letters to residents in the Parson's Creek Watershed to assure they had their septic tanks pumped and inspected. 185 Residents responded.
2. Discussion about which Select Board Member would speak to the warrant article.

Select Board Meeting January 23rd

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Anticipate 2020 revenues may be \$7,078,045 and this includes \$390K if the Trolley Barn is sold.

Select Board Meeting January 21st

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: None posted

Select Board Meeting January 13th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Karen Allen informed the Select Board of the Library Statistics [Click Here](#)
2. Recreation Commission spoke against the proposal to use any of the scarce recreation land for anything but recreation. Its not a question of being against a cell tower, but of not utilizing the land for recreation.
3. DPW director indicated there is a decreasing number of options on where to dispose of Rye's trash, so the six town waste management district we belong to decided to negotiate directly with Waste Management. The rates will increase each year

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 5</u>
Solid Waste	\$66.02	\$84.03
Bulk Waste	\$78.47	\$101.50

- Rye pays \$232 a month for food compost and we currently compost about 3 tons a month, so roughly equivalent, but the more residents keep compostable food out of the land fill, that reduces our disposal costs.
4. For Bulk fees only cover 50% to 75% of the cost by weight, and this does not include labor and transportation costs.
 5. Board confirmed there will be a \$44,000 Perkins Road safety survey.
 6. Beach Commission and the Conservation Commission both agree that aggressive plantings by beach front owners is encroaching into the public easement.
 7. Karen Stewart and the Select Board worked out the details for the RTCC Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant work and warrant article. Project cost will be \$800K and the State could fund up to \$500K.
 8. Rye Day will be September 27th with a rain date of October 4th at Parson's Field.
 9. Board agreed to not include the Recreation Rd. location on the updates to the Wireless overlay district. Howard Kalet, the chair of the Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee suggested the town investigate if any of the cemetery property could be leveraged. Sally King also volunteered to work with Howard to investigate any of the Conversation lands in that area.
 10. The Heritage Commission would like to hire an engineer to get a current assessment of work to be done now and long term support and maintenance if the Town was to take ownership of Pulpit Rock Tower. If all goes well, the town taking ownership could be on the 2021 ballot.
 11. Conservation Commission explained the upcoming transactions that will deplete the last of the 2014 \$3M Conservation bond. There is about 100,00 acres of land the Conservation Commission is looking at now. Having funds available enables the commission to pursue matching grants.

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 [\(Click Here\)](#)

School Board Meeting: January 15th

Proposed 2020-2021 Budget: Draft not available yet

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

Superintendent's Bulletin: January 2020 [Click Here](#) School Policies: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: Not posted

1. Student presentation to board from RES Environmental Club's effort to reduce plastic waste at RES
2. Student presentation to board from RJH 6th grade students on their recent Fire-themed

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.

Jenness Beach Budget: [Click Here](#)

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

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

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

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

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

Rye Beach

project-based learning unit.

3. Revision Energy presentation on proposed solar panel installation at RES and RJH. This carries no cost to the district and will result in immediate cost savings. Board approved a motion to sign a letter of intent to proceed at the February board meeting.

4. Report from Asst. Superintendent Kelli Killen on ongoing efforts to assess the success of Rye students attending Portsmouth High School.

5. Board voted 4-0 to add \$20,000.00 to proposed budget to contract with the Center for School Climate and Learning.

6. Board voted 4-0 to add \$22,900 to the proposed budget to fund phase one of a multi-phase project to build a baseball field for RJH's baseball program.

Rye Districts Information:

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

NEW 2020 Budgets

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

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

1. Rye Beach Village District has \$15,000 Warrant to remove and reconstruct 265 feet of sidewalk on Rte. 1A

Rye Water District January 8th and 15th Meetings:

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

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

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

2020 Rye Water District Budget and Warrants: [Click Here](#)

January 8th Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

January 15th Draft budget meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Two Long John Road residents had questions and concerns about their bills.

2. The commission agreed that the billing system is confusing and can be better communicated. There could also be better public outreach.

3. It was agreed to not put forth warrants to add to the Capital Reserves and Trusts as they have sufficient funds now. A total over **\$438K** [Click Here](#) - back of the budget book

\$136,234 Distribution Replacement and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund

\$63,450 Equipment and Buildings Capital Reserve Fund

\$91,897 Storage Tank Maintenance Trust Fund

\$146,792 Rye Water District Expendable Trust Fund

4. \$800K for the Garland Road Pump Station - Public Hearing is needed

5. \$315K Water main on Wallis Rd from Ocean Blvd to Odiorne Drive

6. \$30K Storage Tank Maintenance Fund

7. \$1,498,091 for the RWD Operating Budget

Planning Board meeting: January 14th:

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. 1215 Ocean Blvd Major Site Development special use permits granted. 3 pages of conditions, plus three pages of septic system conditions. [NOD Case #1 2019](#)

2. 1242 Ocean Blvd. Lot merger approved [Click Here](#)

3. 95 Wallis Rd. Accessory Dwelling Unit approved NOD [Case #01 2020](#)

4. Webster at Rye postponed for Hydrologic Study, February 11th meeting

Planing Board Meeting: January 7th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. These discussion reviewed and finalized the zoning ordinances that are now on the ballot.

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.

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 number #2. maybe February 11th, but the Agenda is not posted. [Click Here](#) for the draft updated January 24th.

Resident did review and provide comments. [Click Here](#)

Planning Board February 11th

Agenda for meeting: Not available

Zoning Board of Adjustment: January 4th Site walk 68 Port Way

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

Tax Map location: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL short summary of site walk: [Click Here](#)

1. Moment of silence was held for Verizon Attorney Victor Manougian who passed away on December 18th.
2. Balloon Test January 11th: [Click Here](#) Photos refute the argument that the tower will be "hidden deep in the woods". Rather, the balloon test brings to light that several miles of the NH Coastal Byway views will be affected by the proposed tower.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: January 8th

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. The Rules of Procedure were modified. What those changes were are not posted nor described in the meeting minutes.
2. 824 Ocean Blvd. to raze existing building and replace with new expanded building. Three letters opposing this were received. ZBA approved all in favor of granting the variances, conditioned on meeting the septic requirements from the Town and State, meeting the Conservation Commission recommendations and getting Planning Board approval.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: February 5th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. 720 Brackett Rd. Appealing issuance of permit by the Building Inspector.
2. 140 Harbor Rd. Requesting changes to plans for expanding a non-conforming building. Property is in the buffers for wetlands and tidal marshes.
3. 67 Harbor Rd. expanding non conforming building and renovations are in the wetlands buffer.
4. 14 Farhill Ave. Deck and generator inside of the set-backs
5. 146 Perkins Rd. multiple variances requested for a deck, generator, and bulkhead

Conservation Commission (CC) January 9th

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

Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)

Wetlands Map [Click Here](#)

Town Forest map: [Click Here](#)

RCL Detailed Notes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Open Space presentation from Deliberative Meeting:

[Click Here](#)

1. 67 Harbor Rd Property is entirely in the tidal buffer. Site walk minutes [Click Here](#)
2. 2230 Ocean Blvd: Actions from 2015 construction where not completed. New plan appeared reasonable to Commission.
3. 140 Harbor Rd. Adding a second floor
4. 40 Brackett Rd. Septic system is being replaced [Click Here](#) for Site walk minutes
5. Hunting Tree stands are not being removed in Conservation Lands. State rules will be enforced, owner identification and removed after January 31st

Budget Committee January 15th and 18th:

Jan. 15th School draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Jan 16th Town draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Library Board of Trustees:

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

Library 2019 Usage Statistics; [Click Here](#) #1 NH Library [Click Here](#)

January meeting was a discussion with the friends of Rye Library about the ideas for an expansion.

Recreation Commission Meeting: January 6th

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. Howard Kalet for the Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee and Keriann Roman for the Select Board discussed the idea of adding Recreation property to the Wireless Cell Tower overlay district. There were concerns about the wireless broadcasting and preserving the land for its intended purpose - recreation.
2. The Multi-Purpose Storage facility is progressing, Discussions about improving the exterior aesthetics.
3. Lease with the Rye Congregational Church has finally been signed. Members discussed on what to name the space.
4. The after school ski program is down to 19 from 28 kids. There was discussion about combining with other towns and going other places.

Heritage Commission: January 9th

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

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click here](#)

Recorded Video; [Click Here](#)

1. Bev Giblin is stepping down as chair and Phil Walsh was nominated and elected as the new Chair.
2. An RFP to get an engineering evaluation was not completed, so there will be no warrant article for Pulpit Rock Tower, this has slipped to 2021.
3. RFP will go out with a deadline of April 15th and will address structural integrity and estimated cost of ongoing maintenance.
4. The Heritage Commission has had bylaws since 2011.

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: January 7th

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

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

1. Solar Proposal update may result in the RFP being re-issued.
2. Report on the results of the Select Board, School and Water District December presentations. The Water District was not interested, but the School Board is.
3. Discussed ReVision Energy presenting to stakeholders in February.
4. From past minutes: Revision Energy has provided a proposal for solar panels on five municipal locations.

[BOS Overview](#), [Executive summary](#), [Responses to Questions](#)

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 January 14th

No January meeting minutes

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Rye Town Center Committee January 8th, 15th and 22nd

January 8th: Draft Meeting Minutes [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

January 15th: Draft Meeting Minutes [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

January 22nd: Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

January 29th: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. [Click Here](#) for pictures presented at the Deliberative meeting.
 2. More information coming about the project to support Article 10
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5. See the [meeting notes](#) for the summary from the Library Consultant work

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.

Historic District Commission Meetings December 16th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Rye Opinions:

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

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

Recent posted opinions:

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

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

Capital 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

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.