

# Rye Election Results 2020

from the [Rye Civic League \(www.ryecivicleague.org\)](http://www.ryecivicleague.org)

"Informing citizens, enhancing direct democracy and supporting the will of the voters"

"Two truths about democracy: you can have whatever you want, you get what you deserve."

RCL Monthly Meetings & Public Forum last Wednesday of the month RPL 7pm  
[RCL Facebook Page](#) New 2019 Citizens' Handbook ( [Click Here](#) )

## RCL

### Annual

#### Meeting:

March 25th

RPL 7:00 pm

### Meetings

(at Town Hall unless indicated)

March 11th.

RTCC 5:30pm.

March 12th:

Conservation

Commission

7pm.

March 16th.

Recreation

Commission

6:00pm.

March 17th:

Mosquito

Control 5pm.

March 18th:

Rye School

Board. 5pm

RJH.

March 18th.

Zoning Board

7pm.

March 23rd:

Select Board

6:30pm.

March 28th

RWD Annual

Meeting 10am

RJH

## Town

### Reference

#### Documents

#### on the

#### Town Web

## Rye Water District Annual Meeting March 28th 10am RJH \$2M

**Rate Increase** as of April 1st: [Click Here](#)

**Editors Note:** *The 2020 usage rate increase arrived in the mail on March 9th and this letter does not promote the annual meeting. The RWD works for those in the district, if you are not happy with the lack of effort to help residents engage, you need to speak up.*

[Click Here](#) for budget

[Click Here](#) for the Warrant

[Click Here](#) Wallis Rd Main and Garland Well work presentation

1. 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

2. \$800K for the Garland Road Pump Station [More Detail](#)

3. \$315K Water main on Wallis Rd from Ocean Blvd to Odiome Drive [More Detail](#)

4. \$30K Storage Tank Maintenance Fund

5. \$1,498,091 for the RWD Operating Budget

## Open Positions

Approximately 1663 people voted

Candidates	Votes
<b><u>Town Moderator</u></b>	
Bob Eaton	1373
<b><u>Select Board</u></b>	
Phil Winslow	1279
<b><u>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</u></b>	
Donna DeCotis	1360
<b><u>Cemetery</u></b>	
Roger Philbrick	1414
<b><u>Library Trustee (Top 2)</u></b>	
Toral Coweison	390
Christine LeBlond	<b>981</b>
Mike Moody	<b>815</b>
<b><u>Sup. of Checklist</u></b>	
Madeline Chichester	<b>696</b>
Joane Meyer	569
<b><u>Trustee of Trust Funds</u></b>	
Jeffrey Balboni	1240
<b><u>Budget Committee (Top 2)</u></b>	
Jaci Grote	<b>1023</b>
John Loftus	556
Jeffrey Ross	<b>928</b>
<b><u>Planning Board (1 year)</u></b>	
James Finn	<b>816</b>
John Loftus	416
<b><u>Planning Board (2 years)</u></b>	
Jerome Gittlein	409

**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  
Managment:**  
[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:**

Katy Sherman	898
<b>Planning Board (3 years)</b>	
J. Merrill Lord	1154
<b>Zoning Board (Top 2)</b>	
Shawn Crapo	1034
Charles Hoyt	1035
<b>Sewer Commissioner</b>	
David Kolhouse	1276
<b>School Board (Top 2)</b>	
Matt Curtin	856
Jeanne Moynahan	876
Sharon Sparks	634

**Zoning and Building Articles**

[Click Here](#) for sample ballot.

#	Description	Yes	No
3-1	Height along the Ocean 28' plus 2'	1207	267
3-2	Illicit Discharge	1321	237
3-3	Demolition Hardship	1199	333
3-4	Demolition Review	1088	426
3-5	ZBA Applications	1205	330
3-6	Wetlands Best Management	1326	261
3-7	Sound Level	1322	259
3-8	Wetland Scientist	1265	302
3-9	Amnesty for Accessory Dwelling Units	1209	355
3-10	Chapter 190 changes	1342	192
3-11	Wireless Overlay District update	1390	168
4-1	Permits for Tents	1252	330
4-2	Tents two	1282	265
4-3	Chapter 35 Building	1350	189
5	Chapter 60 Floodplain	1316	228

**WARRANT ARTICLES 6 TO 21**

[Click Here](#) for sample ballot

#	Description	Yes	No
6	\$3M Bond for Conservation (received 67% so passes)	1074	520
7	Parsonage exchange for TD Bank	932	669
8	\$15.6K Survey for Parsonage	910	698
9	Sell Trolley Barn/Old Police Station	873	731
10	RTCC TAP Grant application \$300K from Town	942	666
11	\$350K for Salt shed site preparation	1077	527
12	Fire Fighters CBA	1145	434
13	Call Fire Fighters meeting	1140	422
14	Town Employees CBA	1089	492
15	Call Town Employees meeting	1101	455
16	Police CBA	1114	468
17	call Police meeting	1108	450

[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.

**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](#)

18	DPW Equipment Fund \$100K	983	569
19	Fire & Ambulance \$100K	1025	540
20	\$70K Dump Truck	1118	443
21	\$50K Town Accumulated Leave	954	599

### **WARRANT ARTICLES 22 to 37**

[Click Here](#) for sample ballot

#	Description	Yes	No
22	\$35K Municipal Building Maintenance	1074	485
23	\$35K Jaws of Life	1249	323
24	\$30 Revaluation Fund (total is \$60K)	896	651
25	\$10K Library Employee Accumulated Leave	1096	472
26	\$5K Library Maintenance	1294	313
27	\$10,320,486 Town Budget	967	603
28	General Code all in one document	1371	191
29	No Parking Ocean Blvd to One Church Rd	1122	459
30	Cable Rd make spots Resident only	1147	443
31	No Parking Concord Pt to 1214 Ocean Blvd	1079	496
32	Perkins Rd parking boxes	1030	502
33	No Central Rd Sunday parking by St. Theresa's	1115	432
34	No Dogs until 9pm on Saturdays in the summer.	930	622
35	Intent to protect Beach Parking	1118	424
36	Make Locke Rd resident only parking	938	591
37	Allow Select Board to Sell equipment	1427	128

### **SCHOOL ARTICLES 1 to 4**

Note sample school ballot was never posted.

#	Description	Yes	No
1	\$14,404,116 School Budget	1064	412
2	Support Staff 5 year contract	1096	419
3	Hold a meeting	1107	386
4	Use surplus to top off Maintenance fund	1074	437

**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.**

### **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](#)

## **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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.*