

# Rye Civic News April 2020

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"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:

April 29th

Zoom 7:00 pm

### Meetings

(at Town Hall unless indicated)

Please go to the agendas to see the remote instructions.

April 1st. ZBA 7pm.

April 1st. Rye Water District 9am

April 2nd. Heritage Commission 6:30pm.

April 6th: Recreation Commission 6:00pm.

April 7: March 2nd: Select Board 6:45pm.

April 9th: Conservation Commission 7:00pm.

April 13th: Select Board 6:30pm.

April 14th: Sewer Commission 8:00am.

April 14th: Planning

## Rye Related At Home Activities

1. [Click Here](#) This page will be updated as needs and services evolve. It explains the current infrastructure for Rye helping Rye
2. Check/Connect with your neighbors - Elderly, challenged, with small children or properties people can't get to, they could need some help or just a conversation from a safe distance.
3. Existing Rye Online Networking (FB = Facebook)  
[Town of Rye FB](#), [Rye Police FB](#), [Rye Civic League FB](#), [Library FB](#), [Rye Schools FB](#), [Historical Society FB](#), [DPW FB](#), [NextDoor/Rye](#)
4. [Rye Helping Hands & Covid Kindness FB Group](#) (Private/Closed for Rye Residents, Property Owners, and their Families by simple application questions). Please [e-mail](#) if you can help administer this?

## Rye Related At Home Activities

These are some activities with a Rye connection.

1. Library has online services [Click Here](#) Scroll down from [home page](#) also RPL News Letter [e-mail](#) to be added. Will be weekly while library is closed.
2. Take care of some Town Hall business online. [Property](#), [Car](#), [Dog](#), [Beach Stickers](#)
3. Consuming Government **Online Book Discussion** [More Details](#) (free PDF for the first discussion). First Zoom discussion April 5th at 8pm.
4. [Rye Historical Society](#) Activities
  - a) Download the [Rye Beach Walking Tour](#) and take an isolated walk
  - b) Have an interesting Rye Story - [record a story core](#)
  - c) Go to [Resources Page](#) for even more.
- 5 Explore Rye Trails (at a safe distance) [Click Here](#) for trails and where to park.
6. Find people you know who don't get the Rye Civic News by sending them the Civic News or the [Link to sign up](#). Residents must request to be on distribution.  
Note, this should include college students who can and should vote locally
7. Help out the Seacoast Science Museum (closed but there are animals) [Newsletter](#)
8. [Read up on Rye](#) - for very interesting information  
Free sections of [Alex Herlihy's](#) draft New History of Rye book  
History Information from Alex H: [Concerns in Rye](#), [History of Rye Housing](#),  
RCL Tools: [Parson's Creek](#), [Rye Last 50/Next 50 years](#), [Water in Rye](#), Skim the [Citizens' Handbook](#) and more. Also - if groups are interested in topics, the RCL will schedule Zoom video calls.
9. Read the 2019 Rye Town Report (was available at election day). Fun facts:
  - a) Only eight registered babies in Rye ([new births - page 1](#)), also Peter Francese 2017 Rye Demographics is interesting [Click Here](#)
  - b) We paid a single Attorney over \$131K last year. ([page 2](#))
  - c) What do you find the most interesting in the Town Report?

## March Highlights

1. [Beach Closing Press Release](#). Until May 1st or Governor update. Permit and other parking will be prohibited. Barriers will be placed at beach entrances.  
Listen to Chief Walsh's rational for beach closing [Click Here](#) time: 32:30.
2. Town Election Civic News [table](#) [Town posting](#) (does not include school)
3. DPW is not accepting anything that requires direct contact with attendants. School fields and playground are also closed.
4. Due to revenue shortfalls, Select Board is asking departments to postponed approved purchasing
5. No improved process for appointments to commissions and committees. [Click Here](#) to see Town Report that does not clarify elected vs. appointed. 2020 positions expire in March 2020.
6. Planning Board held a consultative discussion for a 40 unit Major Site Development at the former Hector's on Rt. 1.
7. Conservation Commission discussed a possible 3496 sq. ft barn like building that would be

Board 6:00pm.  
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 April 15th:  
 School Board  
 5:00pm.  
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 April 18th:  
 RWD Annual  
 Meeting  
 10:00am RJH  
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 April 20th:  
 Select Board  
 6:30pm.  
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 March 3rd:  
 Energy  
 Committee  
 6:30pm RPL  
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 March 4th:  
 RWD 60  
 Sagamore Rd.  
 9am  
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 March 4th:  
 Zoning Board  
 7pm.  
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 March 5th:  
 Heritage  
 Commission  
 5:30pm.  
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 March 5th:  
 Candidates  
 Night 7pm  
 RJH  
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 March 7th:  
 Select Board  
 Q&A on  
 Warrants  
 10:00am RPL

**Town Reference Documents on the Town Web Site:**

Rye History Museum: [Click Here](#)  
 Town Org chart. [Click Here](#)  
 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) [Click Here](#)

- where the Atlantic Grill staff and overflow park.
- Library is working to provide online services and the RPL News Letter will move to weekly to keep patrons informed e-mail to
  - Planning Board approved 68 Port Way Cell tower with 17 lines of conditions [NOD](#)
  - School Board vacancy will be filled by Heather Reed
  - Three of the Beach Committee members are stepping down at the end of March.
  - [Open Volunteer Positions](#): Contact Select Board office [e-mail](#) or Planning Admin
- Note: The Town has not updated this since September - needs to be refreshed**
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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Planning Board:                   | 2 Alternates ( <a href="#">e-mail</a> ) |
| Zoning Board:                     | 1 Alternate ( <a href="#">e-mail</a> )  |
| 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:**

- \$2M Rye Water District spending **April 18th 10am RJH** [More Detail](#)
- Rye Fire is hiring [Click Here](#)
- June 2nd is the LAST day to change to un-declared for the September primaries
- Rye Recreation SPRING Programs** [Click Here](#)
- Rye Recreation SUMMER Programs [Click Here](#)
- Rye Recreation Senior Program:** 2019-2020 Active, Alive [Click Here](#)
- Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
- GIS Mapping** Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)  
 RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on finding locations with the GIS

**Select Board Meeting March 27th Beach Closing**

- Video Recording: [Click Here](#)
- [Click Here](#) for Chief Walsh Press Release
  - Until May 1st or change from the Governor. Permit and public parking will be prohibited. Barriers will be installed at beach access points.
  - Select Board discussed Covid-19 awareness signs to be posted around town to let residents know this is serious.

**Select Board Meeting March 23rd**

- Video Recording: [Click Here](#)  
 Draft Meeting Minutes; not available
- 7pm meeting was preceded by another non-public meeting.
  - Select Board asked that purchases be delayed as it is uncertain of the revenue impacts.
  - Over 50 people were on the zoom bridge, many spoke out about keeping the beaches open. Select Board agreed that if the State closes beaches, Rye will also. Watch video [starting at 32:30](#)
  - While the Town Report shows which appointed positions expire each year, the communication process can be approved. Select Board received an e-mail from Shawn Joyce before the meeting and chose not to read the letter as it was not on the agenda. Select Board moved forward approving Conservation and Recreation Commission appointments.
  - E-mails on 68 Port Way Cell tower were not discussed and are not posted now, can also be included with the meeting minutes.

**Select Board Meeting March 16th**

- Video Recording: [Click Here](#)  
 Draft Meeting Minutes; [Click Here](#)
- COVID-19 discussed (nothing new most of us don't know).
  - Roger Wiegley will be the Rye Representative to the NH Seacoast Transportation Corridor Vulnerability Assessment Plan Committee. His letter is NOT attached to the meeting minutes.
  - Counter to tradition, the rotating Chair position will not go to the person in their last year as Kerian Roman stated she does not have the bandwidth. Phil Winslow will remain the Chair.
  - Actions for Articles 7, 8 and 9 were discussed to get moving on these.
  - Select Board is asking Chief Walsh to investigate Car Ports for behind the safety building that would protect the oil tanks and the Senior Serve Van. Board did not discuss creating room in the apparatus bay in the winter for the Van once the Trolley Barn is sold.
  - Town Requesting additional architecture work for moving Town Employees to the TD Bank building. Additional discussions are needed with Mr. Philbrick and the Library as a contract addendum will be required.
  - Article 36 will be discussed in early June as COVID-19 is the priority.
  - Selectman Epperson wants to thank all those who supported articles 7 (58%), 8 (57%), & 9

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: \(Click Here\)](#)

[Rye Beach Budget: \(Click Here\)](#)  
RBVD.

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

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

(54%) getting passed even though the vote was not overwhelming in favor.

## **Select Board Meeting March 4th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes; [Click Here](#)

1. This meeting was for the Select Board to provide additional information on Articles 7, 8 and 9.
2. Town Administrator Explained that the Select Board would like to move the Town Clerk/Tax collector and Assessor to the TD Bank.

## **Select Board Meeting March 2nd**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes; [Click Here](#)

1. Chairs of boards, Committee, and Commissions, Recreation Chair recommended the RCL idea of these leaders meeting once or twice a year to communicate directly on what they are doing and have done. Chair Winslow asked Administrator Bergeron to coordinate this.
2. Legislative Update from Rep. Jaci Grote, covered the double phone poles (they are coming down now), jet skis, affordable housing, landfills, drones, road usage taxes, ... see [page 5 of minutes](#) for details.
3. Rockingham Planning will be sending out a survey in April about widening the road shoulders.
4. Dana Seiglie will be the additional Rye representative on Rockingham Planning Transportation Advisory Committee.
5. Select Board will look into special exception for private contractor dump sticker.
6. Discussion for Town owned parcels for Cell Towers, ZBA chair Weathersby suggested that these be shared with the Library and RTCC and others.
7. Resident pointed out that letter was not attached to past meeting minutes. Administrator Bergeron stated this would be corrected. *Editors Note: Not including letters attached to minutes has not been happening for many months..*

## **School Board Meeting: March 23rd**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: Not posted

1. Interviewed 5 candidates to fill the one year position vacated by Deb Crapo in February.
2. Heather Reed was appointed to the Rye School Board for one year.
3. All Schools in NH are closed until May 4th. Students and staff will be participating in Remote Learning.
4. School fields and playground are closed.

## **School Board Meeting: March 18th**

Proposed 2020-2021 Budget: [Click Here](#)

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

Superintendent's Bulletin: Feb/March 2020 [Click Here](#) School Policies: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: Not posted

1. Margaret Honda elected Chairwoman
2. Scott Marion elected Vice Chairman
3. Matt Curtin elected Secretary
4. Discussion about COVID-19 and remote learning

## **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 March 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. Gallons pumped to gallons billed is just under 1% or 1,000,084 gallons.
2. Roadwork completed to facilitate testing for three possible well locations.
3. Resident who had a water bill spike will be working with the RWD to investigate and a possible method of investigating. Resident raised a good point that when there is a leak where the resident is responsible, a more equitable fee would be only for the variable cost of

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](#)

that water, not the list price that includes a portion of fixed operating costs.

4. RWD has posted multiple signs to communicate the 2020 Annual meeting see below.

### **Rye Water District Annual Meeting April 18th 10am RJH \$2M**

[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

### **Planning Board meeting: March 10th**

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. 68 Port Way Cell Tower approved 7-0 with only 17 conditional line items [Case #20-2019](#)

2. Verizon application for 120 Bracket Road continued to August 2020. This allows Verizon to keep this option in their back pocket if there are problems with 68 Port Way. [Case #3-2018](#)

3. 1191 Ocean Blvd (Kook's Cafe) Approved 6-0 additional seating [Case #2-2020](#). Site walk April 16th prior to consideration of adding Food Trucks at the April 14th meeting.

4. Hector's site conceptual discussion for 40 unit multi-family development

5. Signature Drive (421 South Rd.) is asking about Chemical Free pools on this property.

### **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

### **Planning Board April 14th**

Agenda for meeting: Not available

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment: March 14th 68 Port Way**

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

Tax Map location: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

1. A large section of trees and a stonewall will be removed so the access road can skirt State land. When the State land was discussed Attorney Donovan stated that neither the Verizon Lawyer or himself were willing to invest the effort to utilize State land. [Click Here](#) to read the process the State provided to Rye in 2010. If the process started then, it would most likely be completed by now.

2. The leased property looks down into wetlands

3. [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.

4. Cell tower will be addressed at the April 1st ZBA meeting

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment: March 4th**

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. 146 Perkins Rd. Approved 4-0 with nine variances demolish of non-conforming structure and a new build. Includes comparison table [NOD Case #5-2020](#)

2. 32 Gray Court: Approved 4-0 with ten variances demolish of non-conforming structure and new build. Includes comparison table [NOD Case #7-2020](#)

3. 20 Oak Ave. Approved 4-0 Five variance for expansion of a non-conforming structure. Includes comparison table. [NOD Case #9-2020](#)

4. 381 Sagamore Rd. Approved with 6 conditions of trees removed in the buffer. NOD [Case #10-2020](#) Includes pictures and Conservation letter

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: April 1st**

Agenda: Not posted

## **Conservation Commission (CC) March 12th**

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

Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)

Wetlands Map [Click Here](#)

Town Forest map: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

1. 120 Garland Rd. A 2013 weir built in the stream to mitigate beaver dam activity and without a permit. CC is waiting for legal counsel.

2. 33 Sagamore Rd. (across from the Atlantic Grill), 3496 sq ft barn like building was discussed.

3. 1090 Washington Rd. (Driftwood Equestrian): Parking plans were reviewed.

4. 381 Sagamore Rd. abutters would like sump pump drainage pipe moved. The Forest Green development may also be causing some of the drainage problems. [Click here](#) to see ZBA pictures

5. Non-public to discuss acquisition and legal

## **Demolition Review: March 9th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

1. 133 Washington Rd. Tear down. Voted location is not significant

2. Discussion about appointments of new committee members.

3. Process was also discussed

## **Library Board of Trustees: March 16th and 23rd**

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

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

Draft Meeting Minutes March 23rd.: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: none

1. March 16th, the RPL Trustees voted to close RPL for COVID-19 safety.

2. RPL planned on scheduling meetings with the RTCC, Select Board and others to begin to move forward with the expansion campaign activities.

3. Library staff is gearing up to provide as much remote services to residents as possible and moving the RPL Newsletter to weekly.

## **Recreation Commission Meeting: February 10th**

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

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

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

Spring 2020 program Registration: [Click Here](#)

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: None

Recorded Video: None

## **Heritage Commission: March 5th**

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

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click here](#)

Recorded Video; [Click Here](#)

1. Discussion of 68 Port Way Cell tower, continued at April 2nd meeting. Verizon needed to notify the Historic Commission, but sent the letter to the Heritage Committee.

2. Proposal provided to "Friends of Rye Town Hall" for the window replacement project.

3. Pulpit Rock Tower needs and RFP to go to the Selectman. Suggested it be referred to as the WW II Pulpit Rock Tower Museum.

4. Graveyard project listing and photos are now on the town website. [Click Here](#)

## **Rye Energy Committee Meeting: March 23rd**

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

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

1. Will renew the Clean Energy NH Municipal Energy membership

2. Next meeting will move to May 5th, most likely remotely

3. 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 February 18th**

Video Recording: Not available

Draft town meeting minutes: not available

1. Plan for 2020 discussed
2. International Composting week discussed
3. Virtual Swap shop discussed

## **Rye Town Center Committee March 11th**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. RTCC is focused on getting the TAP grant moving.
2. Selectman Winslow asked the RTCC to think about including the TD Bank land, but not questioning the move of Town Hall employees to TD Bank.
3. See the [meeting notes](#) for the summary from the Library Consultant work

## **Sewer Commission Meeting January 14th**

No January meeting minutes

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

## **Mosquito Commission Meeting: February 11th:**

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. Scope of work was approved to be provided to the Select Board. [Click Here](#)
2. Chairman Aspinwall will step down as Chair and will stay on the commission for one year or when a replacement is named.
3. Discussion about how to better communicate activities so residents know what is happening during the year.

## **Historic District Commission Meetings February 3rd**

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: Not posted

1. Star island filed an application for approval of exercise stations and instructional signs placed all around Star Island in nine locations. The application was denied and removal ordered, without prejudice to a re-application with changed signs and locations.
2. The Commission also considered 2020 Objectives which focus on creating Design Guidelines for the varied neighborhoods of the Historic District.
3. The Commission was unified in submitting a grant application under the Certified Local Government program for funding to engage a professional to develop these guidelines.
4. The application requesting a 60/40 match was submitted on February 14, 2020 with the support of the Select Board and the Budget Committee.

**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](#)

## **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:** 2019 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

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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.*