

Rye Civic News March 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"

"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 2nd:
Select Board
6:45pm.

March 3rd:
Energy
Committee
6:30pm RPL

March 4th:
RWD 60
Sagamore Rd.
9am

March 4th:
Zoning Board
7pm.

March 5th:
Heritage
Commission
5:30pm.

March 5th:
Candidates
Night 7pm
RJH

March 7th:
Select Board
Q&A on
Warrants
10:00am RPL

March 9th:
Select Board
6:30pm.

March 10th:
Town Election
8am to 7pm
RES

2020 Town & School Election March 10th 8am to 7pm Rye Elementary

[Town Ballot](#) is 10 pages long - be prepared!!!!

RCL Table of warrant articles [Click Here](#) - short explanations

RCL Warrant Article Presentation [Click Here](#) - provides background and more information on warrant articles.

My Voting sheet [Click Here](#) print, fill out and bring with you on election day

Candidates Night: 5 contested races. **Thursday, March 5th 7pm RJH Cafeteria** [Flyer](#)

RCL Budget Presentation [Click Here](#) Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Absentee Ballot: [Click Here](#)

Deliberative Town Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#) Budget table from Town [Click Here](#)

Select Board March News Letter: [Click Here](#)

Select Board Warrant Article Q&A: March 7th 10am Rye Public Library ([video](#))

Select Board Article 7&9 Feb. 20th recorded video discussion [Click Here](#) 45 minutes

February Highlights

1. 68 Portway Cell Tower joint ZBA/Planning Meeting, Verizon is requesting a 126' pool, but Rye boards are injecting a request for a 150' pole that Verizon does not want. [More Detail](#) (#4). [Click Here](#) to see how visible the 126' Tower will be.

2. School Board vacancy will be filled with this process [Click Here](#)

3. 1950's style Motel discussed with Planning Board 741 & 747 Ocean Blvd.

4. CDC says wash hands. [Click Here](#)

5. Cedar Run well has been off line since 2018 do to rising manganese levels. Investigation found bedrock highly fractured. New Cedar Run well work is in progress.

6. Planned Wallis Rd water main and Garland Well Pump house work for RWD [More Detail](#)

7. Single document for all Rye code and ordinances is complete [Click Here](#) and gets voted in on March 10th.

8. [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. \$2M Rye Water District spending March 28th 10am RJH [More Detail](#)

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

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

4. Rye Youth Softball [Click Here](#)

5. June 2nd is the LAST day to change to un-declared for the September primaries

6 Open position at Public Works [Click Here](#) Application deadline is March 6th

7. **Rye Recreation SPRING Programs** [Click Here](#)

8. Rye Recreation SUMMER Programs **NEW** [Click Here](#)

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

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

11. **GIS Mapping** Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on finding locations with the GIS

Select Board Meeting February 20th Article 7 discussion

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes; not available

March 10th:
Sewer
Commission
8:00am.

March 10th:
Planning
Board RPL
7pm.

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

1. Select Board member Roman asked for the confusion around articles 7 and 9. She points out that voters who have not been following the discussions can be misled by the lack of information in the text of the warrant articles.
2. Select Board Winslow feels that as elected leaders the Select Board, after a public hearing with the Budget Committee, can use the funds from the sale of the old Trolley Barn to move town employees to the TD Bank building if the exchange is approved.
3. Discussion around how to best let voters know that that if articles 7 & 9 pass, the Select Board wants to move some Town Hall employees to the TD Bank building.
4. March 7th 10am at RPL will be Questions and Answers with the Select Board

Select Board Meeting February 10th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Daniel Barren has been promoted to DPW Highway Foreman
2. Board read a response to some of the points in a resident letter with regards to the Conservation, [Click Here](#) to see those details. [Click Here](#) to see original e-mail that was not attached to the meeting minutes.
3. Historic District Commission has the \$5,000 matching funds and asked the Select Board to sign the application for the \$12,000 grant.
4. Select Board asked for an update on the website. This was the first public discussion of the website. Editors note: *The Public has not seen any of the requirements or goals of the website update.*

School Board Meeting: February 19th

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

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. Assistant Superintendent Killen presented continued efforts to transition Rye students to Portsmouth High School. Staff at Portsmouth High School will be visiting Rye Junior High to observe what is taking place at RJH.
2. Social & Emotional Learning Presentation by Rye Elementary Principal Suzanne Lull & Counselor Lori Arsenault.
3. Thursday, June 11 is RJH 8th grade graduation 6:00 pm
4. Empty Bowls fundraiser on April 16th, 2020 6:30-8:00 all proceeds to benefit Gather. This event will feature soup made by local chefs in the community and also our amazing student chefs who attend RES!
5. Baseball Field Update: \$3000.00 raised during the Primary Day Bake Sale & PTA Fund Match
6. Report on Projected Enrollment-discussion about sharing of information from Planning & Select Board to be prepared
7. Board Recommendation regarding the open School Board Seat, vacated by Deb Crapo. [Click Here](#) for process Link to process:

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 February 5th 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. RWD applying for State grants for the Wallis Rd. Main and Garland Road pump house. There was a public hearing on February 19th.
2. Cedar Run well replacement work is in process as there is high iron and manganese is driving the need for well replacement. Well has been offline since September 2018.
3. Commissioners have not had a chance to determine if Rye could provide more water to Greenland on Breakfast Hill Rd.
3. Water Treatment Plant design for Iron and Manganese is complete, but may not work for PFOAs is on hold waiting for a compelling event (compliance or citizen demand).
4. Garland Well is only tested monthly for PFOA, that are expected to be coming from the closed Grove Rd Landfill. The current Transfer Station (dump) is uphill from the Garland Well

**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.

[Jenness Beach Budget: Click Here](#)

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

and sits on one of the most porous areas in town. [Click Here](#)

Rye Water District Annual Meeting March 28th 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: February 11th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Land Use Regulations were approved. [Resident inputs](#), not discussed or responded to.
2. These, Rules and Regulations and other ordinances have been combined into a single document [Click Here](#)
3. 95 Wallis Rd Accessory Dwelling Unit approved 5-0 no NOD posted
4. 741 & 747 Ocean Blvd. Conceptual Consultation for airstream rentals and members only pool club. Many questions raised around the logistics of managing capacity and pool club members.
5. Public requested discussions about the previously discussed December 10th use of the Hector's site and workforce housing.
6. A letter from the Building Inspector will be sent to 40 Signature Drive for trees that were removed on Conservation Land.

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](#)

Planning Board March 10th

Agenda for meeting: Not available

Zoning Board of Adjustment: February 18th 68 Port Way

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

Tax Map location: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: not available

Recorded Video: Only 6 minutes recorded

RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

1. Verizon shared their balloon test photos.
2. There would be weekly 1/2 hour long testing of both generators.
3. Verizon could not state the number of 4 1/2" trees that would be removed within the 75' wetland buffer.
4. Verizon is asking for a 126' pole, but Rye board members are asking for a 150' pole
The 126' 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.
5. ZBA will address on March 18th and Planning Board will be discussing on March 10th

Zoning Board of Adjustment: February 5th

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. 720 Bracket Rd. Building Permit for stonewall was issued in error 3-2. [Case #45-2019](#)
2. 140 Harbor Rd. Approve 5-0, Allowing home to be built on slab and not on pilings 19.6' from the wetlands. Two conditions - new erosion plan and no post-construction de-watering. [Case #02-2020](#)

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](#)

3. 67 Harbor Rd. Granted 5-0 variances for non-conforming structure site renovations within 100' of wetland buffer [Case #03-2020](#)
4. 14 Fairhill Ave. Approved 5-0 generator and cantilevered deck. [Case #04-2020](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: March 4th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. 146 Perkins Rd. Demolish an existing non-conforming structure and replace
2. 32 Gray Ct. Demolish an existing non-conforming structure and replace
3. 2257 Demolish an existing non-conforming structure and replace
4. 20 Oak Ave. Expansion of non-conforming structure
5. 381 Sagamore Rd. Expansion of non-confirming building. Have already placed crushed stone and cut trees in the wetland buffer.
6. March 18th meeting will be for the 68 Portway Cell Tower

Conservation Commission (CC) February 13th

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

Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)

Wetlands Map [Click Here](#)

Town Forest map: [Click Here](#)

Feb 13th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Feb. 10th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes from Feb. 19th Site Walk [Click Here](#)

Open Space presentation from Deliberative Meeting: [Click Here](#)

RCL Sitewalk Notes; [Click Here](#)

1. 381 Sagamore Rd. Trees have been removed and sump pump drains towards the wetlands.
2. 21 Crabtree Drive. Tear down and rebuild, increasing impervious coverage to 26/1% where 15% is permitted. Pool will be in the tidal buffer.

Budget Committee February 4th:

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Rye Beach Village District budget \$159,450 [Click Here](#). \$45K for Route 1A Seawall repair, FEMA could reimburse. \$15,000 for sidewalk repair by the Rye Beach Club.
2. Jeness Beach Village District. \$93,995 [Click Here](#). \$20K surplus from last year.
3. Rye Water District: \$1,498,091 plus warrant articles [More Detail](#)

Library Board of Trustees: February 20th

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: none

1. Anonymous donation received to support the movie matinees.
2. Building Committee will continue to work with the architect to refine and enhance the schematic design, this could cost between \$10K and 20K. All were in favor.
3. Discussion of creating a 15 minute parking space for drop offs.
4. 29 Children and young adults programs were held in January, the childrens program had 438 and young adults had 108 attendees. There were 13 more programs than last January.
5. Community room and the NH Room were heavily used in January. estimated 465 people attended these activities.

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: February 6th

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

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click here](#)

Recorded Video; [Click Here](#)

1. Rye merchandise is running low and will need to be restocked. Proceeds have been about \$15,000.

2. The LCHIP application for Town Hall windows was not approved, about 1/2 of the applications were denied. Feedback was that evidence of town support would have helped and that Rye has more resources than other communities.
3. Commission moved to assign funds towards the Storm Windows and Friends of Rye Town Hall were also asked to designate funds.
4. Pulpit Rock Tower discussed as there will need to be a commitment of human resources from groups and/or the town.
5. Graveyard project needs more attention to make more progress.

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: February 4th

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

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

1. School Board is postponing the solar panels until 2021.
2. Updated Revision Energy proposal to the Select Board on March 23rd.
3. Municipal Lighting Phase 1: RES and RJH has completed. RPL, Safety, and DPW are next.
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 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

Sewer Commission Meeting January 14th

No January meeting minutes

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Rye Town Center Committee February 5th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. [Click Here](#) for pictures presented at the Deliberative meeting.
2. Committee can educate on the warrant article, but the committee can't advocate. Individuals can.
3. See the [meeting notes](#) for the summary from the Library Consultant work

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.

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.