

Rye Civic News June 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 Monthly Meeting:
June 24th 7pm

Meetings (at Town Hall unless indicated)

Please go to the agendas to see the remote instructions.

June 1st: Recreation 6pm.

June 2nd: Select Board Non-public 1pm

June 2nd: Energy 3:00pm.

June 3rd: RWD 9:00am.

June 3rd: Board of Adjustment 7:00pm.

June 4th: Heritage Commission 6:30pm.

June 8th: Select Board 6:30pm.

June 9th: Sewer Commission 8:00am.

June 9th: Planning Board 6:00pm.

June 11th:

Rye and COVID-19

1. [Click Here](#) This page will be updated as needs and services evolve. It explains the current infrastructure for Rye helping Rye [Click Here](#) for message from Rye Emergency management team.
2. June 1st Beach Opening press release [Click Here](#) from Chief Walsh. For now the state is prohibiting parking on Ocean Blvd. [Click Here](#) for memo to BOS from Chief Walsh.
3. Recycling is open again, with the exception of "bulk" material. Glass is still not being separated.
4. 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](#)
5. [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?
6. Town employees will be returning to Town Hall with a plan to be open to the public in July. Please continue to call. Departmental [phone numbers](#).
7. Rye focused activities: [Click Here](#)

May Highlights

1. **Complications with transferring the Parsonage Building**, new property line to be the edge of library sidewalks. Library Trustees do not feel they have been part of the process. [More Detail](#) to understand what has been happening. To be discussed at the June 9th Planning Board meeting.
2. The third major **Webster at Rye** expansion was at the May 12th Planning Board. [More Detail](#)
3. Notice of Violation provided to **421 South Road** [More Detail](#)
4. **Town Forrest Management Plan** Public Hearing [Click Here](#) for recording, [Click Here](#) for Plan.
5. Grove Road Cell Tower: SBA Communications offered a one time payment (for 34 years of lease payments), assumed this was not accepted.
6. Rye Recreation Summer Camps have been canceled. Covid-19 has hit Rye Recreation the hardest 11 part-time, 6 contracted and 1 full time person have all been laid-off. Canceled programs reduced revenue by \$51,000.
7. Conservation feels proposed 0.58 acre the of wetlands buffer impact is excessive and unnecessary, extensive mitigation would be required at 0 Spring Rd. Tax map 08 Lot 30 [More Detail](#)
8. [Open Volunteer Positions](#): Contact Select Board office [e-mail](#) or Planning Admin

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rye Historic District Commission: | 2 Alternates |
| Planning Board | 2 Alternates |
| Rye Heritage Commission | 1 Alternate Vacancy |
| CIP Committee | 1 Member Vacancy |
| Energy Committee | 1 Member Vacancy |
| Demolition Review Committee | 1 Alternative Vacancy |
| Beach Committee | 5 Member Vacancies |

General Announcements:

1. June 2nd is the last day to change to Un-declared for the September primaries. [Click Here](#) to check how you are registered. Call the Town Clerk's office (964-8562), [Click Here](#) to read note from our Town Moderator
2. Rye Water District Public Meetings

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| June 10th: 6:30pm. Wallis Rd Main. \$315K | Click Here for Zoom and more details |
| June 10th: 6:30pm Garland Road Pump Station \$800K | Click Here |
| June 27th: (waiting on details) | More Detail |
3. July 4th Fireworks has been canceled, but there will be a Photo Contest. [Click Here](#)

Conservation
Commission
6:30pm.

June 17th:
School Board
6pm.

June 22nd:
Select Board
6:30pm.

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](#)

4. If you missed the great Memorial Day Video celebration [Click Here](#)
5. Town Forrest Management Plan, additional questions will be answered on June 11th. [Click Here](#) for how to pre-submit your questions.
6. Rye Recreation Fall Soccer Information. [Click Here](#)
7. Know 2020 **Kindergarten or new 1st Graders** - let them know they need to [register Here](#), [More Detail](#) information
8. **Rye Recreation Senior Program: 2019-2020 Active, Alive** [Click Here](#)
9. **Assessment Data:** Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
10. **GIS Mapping** Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on finding locations with the GIS

Select Board Parsonage Meetings (four in May)

May 19th: Draft Meeting Minutes Not Available Recorded Video [Click Here](#)
May 18th: Draft Meeting Minutes Not Available Recorded Video [Click Here](#)
May 14th: Draft Meeting Minutes [Click Here](#) Recorded Video [Click Here](#)
May 1st: Draft Meeting Minutes [Click Here](#) Recorded Video [Click Here](#)
RCL Summary of discussions with additional information. [Click Here](#)

1. Post Swap: issues surface as the subdivision of Library and Parsonage would extend the Parsonage lot to the edges of the Library's sidewalks on both Washington and Olde Parish Road (parking).
2. Taxpayer paid (Article 8) Subdivision Plan is not available to the public online (at publication) despite multiple requests. Neither is any plan for how the Parsonage might be redeveloped including the swap contract's 20% increase in footprint at the Parsonage..
3. Library Trustees have had four meetings as they do not feel they are part of the process. See the end of the [RCL notes](#) that provides the history of this parcel.

Select Board Meeting May 26th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

1. Accolades for everyone involved with the virtual Memorial Day Celebration. [Click Here for video.](#)
1. In Public comment, the Select Board would not accept the challenge of trying to find the Legal Notices on the website. While the website is no longer under construction there has never been a public discussion of what the goals were or resident inputs.
2. Accepted \$6,294.22 from US HHS for Covid-19.
3. Replacement firefighter was hired
4. Water Bill payments are lagging, property taxes are not lagging significantly, more concerned with the Fall bills. Town has only spent 26% of Budget, plan had us at 42%. Beach Sticker and Building Inspection revenue are down (about \$50K in total).
5. [Click Here](#) to see Chief Walsh note on the Beach Reopening. The State is banning Ocean Blvd parking through Labor Day. Rye is saying you can't be stationary at the Beach, but it is unclear how that will be enforced at the State Beaches as people will be paying to park (parking capacity will be curtailed).
6. Select Board approved the Police Chief of prohibiting residents from providing additional Beach Parking. Some residents will be grandfathered.
7. Note there are only 136 Rye Resident Parking spaces and several thousand beach stickers are normally sold.
8. Transfer station will be opening for all but bulky items. Select Board will communicate that Transfer Station Employees should be wearing masks when near residents.
9. Town Hall employees will be returning to Town Hall in June. Masks will be required when not isolated in personal office. Open to the Public in July.
10. Rye establishments have been very cooperative working with the Fire and Police Chiefs about opening up for out-door dining.
11. All Rye Recreation Summer Camps where canceled.

Select Board Meeting May 11th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Contract awarded for Beach trash removal. Discussion revealed that Town workers are more expensive for this task. Select Board made a play to get Surfriders to clean up trash, it was communicated that is not part of their mission. The Blue Ocean Society coordinates beach clean-ups, but not regular trash removal.
2. Select Board agreed to phase in allowing more recyclables. Plastics and cardboard will be first.
3. While the Beach Commission became the Beach Committee and all serving members resigned. While the action was to discuss the Beach Committee charter at the next Select Board meeting, nothing seen in the agenda and not all minutes are available.
4. SBA Communications is looking for a buyout of the next 34 years of payments with a single \$900K payment for the Grove Road Cell Tower. A response was due by May 31st

**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.

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

(note, this was not discussed at the May 26th BOS meeting).

5. Detailed discussion about re-opening the beaches. The town does participate in a weekly coastal communities discussion (Mass to Maine).

6. Rye Day planning has been put on hold due to Covid-19. A smaller event may be possible.

School Board Meeting: May 20th

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: None

Draft meeting minutes: Not posted

1. The last day of school is June 5th for all students in SAU 50.

2. School Board approves the addition of dugouts to the softball field at RES. This will be fully funded by Rye Softball Association. School Board also approved approximately \$7000.00 in additional funding for the new Rye Junior High School baseball field.

3. The Town of Rye has requested the School Board repay approximately \$200,000 toward town deficit due to COVID-19, Based on the current information School Board believes they will be able to accommodate the request.

4. School board and teacher union continue to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding as an addendum to current contract to cover COVID-19 work conditions through the remainder of the academic year. See May 7th meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

5. Board receives initial findings of SAU financial audit for the academic year 2017-2018. This included recommendations for modifications for best practices and record-keeping moving forward.

6. RES adopts new math curriculum Ready Math for grades K-4

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 May 6th

2019 Water Quality Report: [Click Here](#)

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

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

Draft Meeting Minutes:[Click here](#)

1. Drilling was completed for the new Cedar Run well replacement. Once the State approves the preliminary report, results will be presented to the commission.

2. Pumping is up by 1.8m (assumed gallons per day) due to the Stay at home order.

3. Rye water main flushing was completed, but Portsmouth did not complete their sections.

4. PFAS samples were received but results not included in the meeting minutes.

5. At the time of the meeting, only 59% of bills due on May 15th were paid.

6. Meeting says the annual meeting will be June 20th, but the June 10th Public Hearings say, June 27th.

7. June 10th 6:30pm Public Hearing [\\$315K Wallis Rd. Main](#), [\\$800K Garland Pump Station](#) [Click Here](#) for project details.

8. 2019 RWD Water Quality has published, [Click Here](#) has also now been mailed.

Rye Water District Annual Meeting June 27th

[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](#) June 10th Public Hearing

3. \$315K Water main on Wallis Rd from Ocean Blvd to Odiorne Drive [More Detail](#) June 10th Public Hearing

4. \$30K Storage Tank Maintenance Fund

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

[School Click Here](#)

[Rye Junior High School Click Here](#)

[Portsmouth High School Click Here](#)

Other Helpful Links:

[Live Free or Die Alliance](#)

Planning Board meeting: May 12th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

Editors Note: The Zoom is much better as the Public can actually see all of the diagrams and other information as Rye Planning does not make this available to the public before the meeting (electronically).

1. Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Rd. Continued as a site walk set for May 27th. Current capacity is 135, this will raise capacity to 150. The ZBA has granted special exceptions with five conditions.(see [page 4](#)). This expansion will impact the buffer that was part of the 2014 expansion. Resident comments [Click Here](#). [Video](#) starts at 2:05:00
2. 575 Washington Rd (Parsonage) - site walk was set for May 19th.
3. 421 South Rd. Drainage discussion. Approved Notice of Violation. [Pages](#) [Video](#) starts at 3:00:00

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.

Editors Note: [Click Here](#) to see the Action Plan from the Town Forrest Management Plan, this type of responsibility map is what is missing in our Master Plan.

1. Master Plan has been updated. [Click Here](#) to see Chapters.

Planning Board June 9th

Agenda for meeting: Not available

1. Parsonage Building Lot Line discussions. [Click Here](#) for RCL background
2. Webster at Rye 795 Washington Rd
3. Breakers Condominiums to be razed and replace with a 2-story building

Zoning Board of Adjustment: 68 Port Way April 15th

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

Tax Map location: [Click Here](#)

1. [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.
2. Variances and special exceptions approved.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: May 6th

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

1. 2257 Ocean Blvd. Approved 5-0 three variances for tear down. Denied 5-0 one variance for additional height. [Case #08-2020](#)
2. 3 Robins Rd. Granted 5-0 three variances for a larger building [Case #13-2020](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: May 6th

Agenda: Not available

Conservation Commission (CC) May 14th and other meetings

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

Conservation Land Maps: [Click Here](#)

Wetlands Map [Click Here](#)

Town Forest map: [Click Here](#) Town Forest Management Plan [Click Here](#)

Town Forrest Public Hearing: Recorded Video - [Click Here](#)

Site Walk May 21st: Draft minutes [Click Here](#)

Meeting May 14th: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) No meeting minutes

Meeting May 13th: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) No Meeting minutes

Meeting May 12th: Recorded Video [Click Here](#) [Click Here](#) for draft minutes

Meeting May 5th: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) [Click Here](#) for draft minutes

RCL Meeting Notes; [Click Here](#)

1. Town Forrest Management Plan, additional questions will be answered on June 11th. [Click Here](#) for how to pre-submit your questions. May 14th Public Hearing [Click Here](#)
2. 0 Spring Road site walk, proposed 4,997 s.f house with 3 bay garage and freshwater pool would require over 10Ks.f.of wetland buffer impact. Much of the 3.5ft of fill will be in the wetland buffer. CC feel it is excessive and unnecessary impact which would require extensive mitigation. [Minutes](#)
3. 2020 Ocean Blvd Beach regrading (May 13th)
4. 941 Ocean Blvd. Replace failed septic, need access through tidal buffer (May 13th)
5. 44 Pioneer Rd. Propane tanks in buffer (May 13th)

6. Star Island septic for caretaker cottage (May 13th)
7. Workshop to review changes to Natural Resources Inventor RFP (May 5th), finalized at May 12th meeting.

Demolition Review: Demolition May 8th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

1. 6 Harborview Drive - Voted to not be significant
2. 1681 Ocean Blvd. discussed as the renovations happening are beyond what was submitted to the town.

Library Board of Trustees: May 8th

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

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

Draft Meeting Minutes May 8th [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Parsonage Related meetings:

April 29th: [Click Here](#), May 11th [Click Here](#) May 20th: [Click Here](#)

1. Library Trustees were consumed with trying to address the Parsonage lot line questions and feel they are being left out. [May 8th meeting minutes](#) provide more information.
2. Library will notify the town of operations savings that can be applied to help lower expenditures.
3. Covid-19 note from Director Richmond. [Click Here](#)

Recreation Commission Meeting: May 18th

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

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

Summer 2020 program Registrations: Canceled

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Certification of occupancy for the Multi-purpose Storage Facility was received.
2. Congregational Church space was painted for free, RFPs for carpeting were reviewed.
3. Covid-19 has hit Rye Recreation the hardest 11 part-time, 6 contracted and 1 full time person have all been laid-off. Canceled programs reduced revenue by \$51,000. Recreation Departments have not been included in any of the relief funds.
4. Graffiti has defaced some of the property and there has been issues with scooters.
5. Summer Camps have been canceled.

Heritage Commission: May 7th

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

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not Available

Recorded Video; [Click Here](#)

1. The Rye Historic District Commission approved two building projects for Star Island: one for an improved waste treatment facility and one for the completion of the Brookfield building
2. The commission also approved renovations to a building of barn and home on Washington Road
3. Heritage Commission applied for and received a grant to engage a professional to prepare Design Guidelines
4. Graveyard project listing and photos are now on the town website. [Click Here](#)

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: May 5th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Town Meeting Minutes: Not available

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 March 10th

Draft meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Mosquito Commission Meeting:

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

Mosquito Complaint form: [Click Here](#)

1. Green-head traps have all been installed
2. Mosquito Larvicide spraying continues

Budget Committee: May 28th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Historic District Commission Meetings May 28th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: Not posted

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. Zoom into Town Meetings. [Zoom help](#). Go to [meeting agendas](#) for each meeting. Note, TownHall Streams is capturing the Zoom recordings and you can participate.
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.
 - d) Sunday 5pm reading of L.B. Parson's History of Rye. [Facebook Streaming](#). They are posted on YouTube afterwards. [Click Here](#)
 - e) [Access Rye History](#). [Image Catalog](#).
- 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. [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.

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

An Invitation to membership in the Rye Civic League

While the Civic News is free (distributed to over 1,100 people), the Civic League does have annual costs that are partly covered by members (people who contribute \$12 or more each year).

Our annual costs are: Note only about 10% of the people who open the Civic News are members.

- Website hosting and URL registrations
- Civic News E-mail distribution software (Constant Contact)
- NH Attorney General's fees for being a 501-C and NH Secretary of State filing fees
- Printing and other expenses
- Post Office Box

Members receive:

- Invitation to annual meeting in the Fall where members may discuss anything about the organization including the Civic News. Voting for directors, policy, etc...
- Invitation with agenda to each end of the month RCL meeting at the library where RCL business is discussed followed by an open public forum (no longer an RCL meeting). Meetings are the last Wednesday of the month, RPL 7pm
- The knowledge that you are participating in raising citizen awareness of, and promoting participation in Rye's important civic affairs.

Become a member or renew!!!!

[Click Here](#) to make an online payment.

[Click Here](#) to read the invitation and complete the membership form

Membership and donations can be made by credit card via our Paypal link

at www.ryecivicleague.org or by mail to Rye Civic League P.O. Box 971 Rye, NH 03870.

Get Involved:

The Rye Civic League is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and such organizations are only as good as their membership base whether that is through paid dues, gifts in kind and active participation. What RCL really needs at this time, in addition to regular \$12 dues, is more active members who can assist with RCL tasks relating to the writing of the Civic News and other activities.

- Summarize a town meeting for the Civic News
- Editing the Civic News content
- Helping with Candidates Night and other civic events
- Social Media savvy person

- Website and help to fulfill our "digital transformation" vision. We envisioned a more effective capture of meeting summaries, a much better website and more dynamic communication.

Contact Info

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Steven Borne - President

The Rye Civic League was re-formed to promote public awareness by informing residents about the town's business and its responsiveness to its citizens. The organization also offers townspeople an opportunity to bring issues forward for discussion and unbiased resolution. Its primary purpose is to help residents of Rye, NH to act as informed citizens and thereby improve and develop our community.