

Rye Civic News July 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 Monthly Meeting:
July 29th 7pm

Meetings (at Town Hall unless indicated)

Please go to the agendas to see the remote instructions.

July 1st:
Zoning Board 7pm.

July 2nd:
Heritage Commission 6:30pm.

July 6th:
Recreation Commission 6pm.

July 6th:
School Board Workshop day.

July 9th:
Conservation Commission 7pm.

July 11th:
RWD Annual meeting 10:00am
Parsons' Field

July 13th:
Select Board 6:30pm.

July 14th:
Sewer Commission 8am.

July 14th:
Planning

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. Town Hall getting ready to open. [Click Here](#) Until then call [Departments](#) Town Clerk Hours [Click Here](#)
3. Starting this weekend Jenness Beach, Ordiorne, and Ragged Neck will be open 100%, but not Wallis Sands or Route 1A.
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).
6. Rye focused activities: [Click Here](#)

June Highlights

1. The Parsonage/TD Bank SWAP agreement was not executed ([Select Board Statement](#)), the Library has concerns ([Library Trustee Statement](#)). [More Detail](#) Select Board has the lot changes on the July 14th Planning Board agenda. [Click Here](#) for Heritage Commission meeting discussion on the SWAP.
2. [Rye Water District Annual meeting](#) will be July 11th 10am at Parson's Field [More Detail](#)
3. State has requested the cross walk at Wallis Rd/Ocean Blvd. be moved to the North side (Petey's Market side) as part of the 1215 Ocean Blvd. development. No update from the Select Board. [Diagram](#)
4. After all 5 Beach Committee members resigned, three new people have volunteered (and accepted by the Select Board) there has been no public discussion about why this happened or possible changes to the charter or operation.
5. Long time RJH teacher Mrs. Raferty has resigned. See [RJH plan](#)
6. School Board is working on plans for how schools could be open this Fall.
7. Planning Board issued a temporary Certificate of Occupancy for 421 South Rd. [More Detail.](#)
8. Once more Select Board did not respond to resident's request to discuss the Parson's Creek pollution. [Click Here](#) to see 2017-2019 testing. Red numbers are over the Sate safety threshold, counting stops at 2,419. [More Detail](#)
9. Wentworth By the Sea Country Club is looking to install a 500 ft seawall along Witch Creek to protect the 3rd and 9th fairway. [More Detail.](#)
9. Rye Recreation is opening the recreation fields.
10. [Open Volunteer Positions](#): Contact Select Board office [e-mail](#) or Planning Admin

Rye Historic District Commission:	2 Alternates Vacancies
Planning Board	2 Alternates Vacancies
Rye Heritage Commission	1 Alternate Vacancy
CIP Committee	1 Member Vacancy
Energy Committee	1 Member Vacancy
Recycling Education Committee	1 Member Vacancy
Demolition Review Committee	1 Alternative Vacancy
Mosquito Control Commission	1 Member Vacancy
Beach Committee	2 Member Vacancies

General Announcements:

1. **Absentee Voting:** Any one concerned about Covid-19 can request an absentee ballot in 2020, check the "Disabled" box for reason. [Information](#) from Open Democracy..
2. Rye Water District Annual Meetings July 11th at Parson's Field. Announcement. [More Detail](#)
3. **2020 Census** is important - over 40% of Rye has not completed it. [Click Here](#). Have a

Board 6pm.

July 27th:
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 Recycling Flyer: [Click Here](#).

Town Budgets

person brought to you. [Click Here](#)

5. Rye Recreation Fall Soccer Information. [Click Here](#)

6. Know 2020 **Kindergarten or new 1st Graders** - let them know they need to [register Here](#), [More Detail](#) information

7. Rye Town Museum will be open by appointment starting July 1st. Two day notice, two people maximum. [E-mail](#)

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 Meeting: June 29th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Resident inquired that if there is public discussion before or after a Non-Public meeting, where and how is that being captured for the public record?

2. Businesses operating on Rye Beaches will sign a Covid-Waiver, this is to protect the town from the businesses and is in addition to the current waiver.

3. Gyrotonic and Common Roots beach business application was approved.

4. Stand Up Guys (DBA Kooks Cafe) have outstanding questions.

5. Summer Sessions will not have a kids summer surf camp. They will only be having rentals, group and private lessons. Application was approved.

6. Chief Cotreau pointed out that the High Water Vehicle (can drive in 3ft or more of salt water) has a higher value than the old Ladder truck, so no money will be coming back to Rye.

7. Beach Fire Permits will be limited to six per evening and residents will be provided Covid-19 distancing information.

8. Chief Walsh reported about 90 parking tickets were issued last week.

9. The State Parks informed Chief Walsh that Rt. 1A will remained closed for parking, but Jennes Beach, Ragged Neck (Rye Harbor), and Oridorne parking will be 100% this weekend.

Select Board Meeting June 22nd

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not posted

1. Resident once more asked to discuss the Parson's Creek Pollution, Select Board refused to put the [2017-2019 data](#) on the screen. Since the State of NH told Rye that the Parson's Creek Watershed is over-saturated with leach fields there has not been a public discussion. [More Information.](#)

2. Long tome Mosquito Commission member Tom Aspinwall is stepping down, residents interested in serving should write to the Select Board and Commission.

3. Rye Water Annual meeting will be July 11th on Parson's Field. [Click Here](#)

4. Town Administrator was appointed as the Agent for the Parsonage Apartments so that the last remaining tenant can be evicted once the Covid-19 eviction prohibitions are removed.

5. Fire Chief Croteau's former Mass employer no longer needs their "High Water Truck", Select Board approved Rye to take ownership at no purchase price, but some work and maintenance is required.

6. Select Board agreed that if a residence already has beach stickers for a vehicle at that address, additional special exceptions would NOT be made. However a resident does not have a vehicle, a special exception request would be considered.

Select Board Meeting June 8th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

1. Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower received the 2019 Conservation Organization Award of Excellence.

2. Service Credit Union has given Portsmouth an easement so the Lang Rd/Lafayette Rd work can start Spring of 2021. (South turning traffic will go behind the Service Credit Union to the lights at Ocean Rd.)

3. Resident continued to critique the multitude of problems with the Town Website. There has yet to be any public discussion since this process started about one year ago.

4. Heritage Commission and Friends of Pulpit Rock proceeding on evaluation of the recent upgrades eliminate to long term maintenance risks once the town takes ownership from the State. Plan is for March 2021 election.

5. LCHIP Grant to replace Town Hall Windows is being applied for, so if the funds are awarded and the Select Board is confident of how Town Hall will be used, then the work could go forward.

6. State DOT has asked as part of the 1215 Ocean Blvd development that the cross walk be moved to the north side of Wallis (Petes' Red Roof Market). Question as to who will pay and would mean the loss of one or two Resident parking spaces. [Click Here](#) to see diagram.

Select Board took action but did not report progress at June 22nd meeting.

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
School [Click
Here](#)

Rye Junior
High School
[Click Here](#)

7. Town Workers proposed a process for Town workers to report all travel to high Covid-19 areas and for self-quarantining. Select Board accepted but wanted to review with the Town Attorney. *No update at June 22nd meeting even though resident inquired.*

8. Only one response was received for the Trolley Barn appraisal. Select Board is not moving forward in case the Trolley Barn is needed for Town use.

9. Continuing question of home owners planting sea-grass to keep the public off the beach in front of their homes.

Select Board Meeting June 2nd and 11th

June 2nd. [Agenda](#)

June 11th: [Agenda](#)

1. June 11th had a public section, but there is no posted video or meeting minutes
2. Almost all Monday Select Board meetings have been preceded by a non-public meeting. This resumes a long tradition of a very high percentage of non-public meetings. In the past the Select Board said one driver was not having a full time Town Administrator, this is no longer true.

School Board Meeting: June 17th

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 posted since March.

Draft meeting minutes: Not posted

1. Board approved plan to move RJH art and Library Media position back to 100%. Change from 80%.
2. Above positions were funded by a retirement of the RJH life skills teacher-Ann Rafferty.
3. The RJH life skills curriculum will be split and taught amongst existing staff members.
4. Independent audit of FY19 was completed. Audit included recommended adoption of financial best practices and controls.
5. Assistant Superintendent Kelli Killen will deliver fall 2020 return to school draft by end of June.
6. Board allocated -approx. \$100,000 of unreserved fund balance to building repairs at both RES and RJH as well as supplies for anticipated COVID response for the fall.
7. July 6th is the all day workshop, no agenda posted yet.

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

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

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

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click here](#)

No Video or minutes from the Public Hearings on June 10th or a June meeting

- 1.. 2019 RWD Water Quality has published, [Click Here](#) has also now been mailed.

Rye Water District Annual Meeting July 11th

[Click Here](#) for budget

[Click Here](#) for the Warrant

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

July 11th Annual meeting 10:00am at Parson's Field [Click Here](#)

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](#)
4. \$30K Storage Tank Maintenance Fund
5. \$1,498,091 for the RWD Operating Budget

Planning Board meeting: June 9th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Breakers Condominiums, 824 Ocean Blvd. Turning small condo into two stories.

Approved with 9 conditions over opposition of abutters. [NOD #3-2020](#)

2. 421 South Rd. Temporarily Certificate of Occupancy granted with conditions. [Click Here](#).

Draft minutes of that discussion [Click Here](#). [Video](#) starts at 1:57

[Lot 7&8](#) Notice of Decision, [Lot #9](#) Notice of Decision.

Editors Note: The Town paid \$400K in a non-public settlement with the developer. Major Development online files would be helpful for the public to understand what has happened over-time.

3. 463 Central Road approved additional driveway with two conditions. [NOD #6-2020](#)

4. Voluntary lot merger of 741 and 747 Ocean Blvd was approved.

Planning Board Sitewalk: June 15th

[Click Here](#) for video of Webster at Rye Site walk

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 July 14th

Agenda for meeting: Not available

Continuations:

1. Parsonage Building Lot Line discussions. ([June 9th Library](#) video has diagrams)

2. Webster at Rye 795 Washington Rd

3. Application by Eversource to trim and remove trees on Washington Rd.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: June 3rd and 17th

June 3rd Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

June 17th: No draft meeting minutes

June 3rd Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

June 17th Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

1. 741 Ocean Blvd. Approved variances for parking spaces and no un-loading zone 5-0.

Denied 5-0 variances for signs. NOD [Case#12-2020](#)

2. 40 Bracket Rd Approved 5-0 7 variances, 7 waivers and had 3 conditions. [NOD Case #14-2020](#)

3. 21 Crabtree Drive, tear down and replace approved with conditions.

4. 80 Sagamore Rd. Addition of second floor, approved with conditions

5. 705 Bracket Rd. Shed approved.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: July 1st

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. Request for rehearing on 80 Sagamore Rd.

2. 46 Wallis Rd. converting a deck to a 3 season porch

3. 17 Central Rd. Expansion of a non-conforming structure

4. 7 East Atlantic Ave. Appeal of building inspector front yard setback

5. 7 East Atlantic Ave. Demolish existing structure

6. 378 Wallis Rd. Expansion of a non-conforming structure

7. 741 Ocean Blvd. Variances for signs

Conservation Commission (CC) June 11th 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](#)

June 11th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

June 17th Draft Site Walk Minutes: [Click Here](#)

June 23rd Draft Site Walk Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

RCL Meeting Notes; [Click Here](#)

1. Wentworth by the Sea Country Club proposes a 499.5 ft seawall along Witch Creek with 2' of fill to prevent salt water infiltration into 3d and 9th hole fairways. The extent of the disturbance of wetlands will require a \$50K mitigation payment to the NH Aquatic Resource

Mitigation (ARM) Fund [More Detail](#)

2. 3d site walk at 4 Washington Road. No engineering plans available as last minute change to building and footprint. No more site walks can be expected until final engineering plans are available to the CC. [More Detail](#)

Library Board of Trustees: June 1st

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

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

Draft Meeting Minutes June 1st: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

1. LBOT received a revised Plan A on May 27th for the Parsonage that will be before the Planning Board (now July 14th).
2. There will be a public hearing in the future to accept the Bujor bequest.
3. As of June 1st books could be returned.
4. Library is working with the staff on a re-opening plan. Part time employees will be moved up to 3/4 time for the re-opening.

Parsonage Related meetings

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

June 9th Video: [Click Here](#) (includes diagrams)

1. Library Trustees Public Statement. [Click Here](#)
 2. Letter to Select Board May 11th. [Click Here](#)
 3. Letter on the Maintenance May 22nd [Click Here](#)
 4. June 5th Library legal letter to the Select and Planning Boards. [Click Here](#)
- Survey Plans. [Plan A-1](#), [Plan A-2](#), [Plan B-1](#), [Plan B-2](#)
Parsonage Condition Report from 2015. [Click Here](#)
Real Estate Appraisal [Click Here](#)

Recreation Commission Meeting: June 1st

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. Field use applications were updated for COVID-19.
2. Recreation fields are open per the [Stay at Home 2.0](#) Guidelines.
3. July 4th celebration has been canceled.

Heritage Commission: June 4th

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

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video; [Click Here](#)

1. Demolition Committee reported more tear downs and possibly the last Fisherman's Shack may be going.
2. Discussion of the LCHIP Grant for windows will go forward, so if the Town can do the work, the money would be there if the grant is awarded.
3. Pulpit Rock Tower estimate was lowered and the Committee is asking the Select Board to approve.
4. Select Board member discussed the Parsonage SWAP in detail with the board.
5. Historic Graveyard project listing and photos are now on the town website. [Click Here](#)

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: June 2nd

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. RJH and RES lighting updates have been completed. Other buildings have been put on hold.
2. New proposal from Revision Energy has been received and needs to be reviewed by the committee.

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 June 9th

Draft meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. 2257 Ocean Blvd will be reconnected to the sewer.
2. Sewer fees for July 1 to September 30th were accepted (see page 4 of [minutes](#))

Mosquito Commission Meeting:

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

Mosquito Complaint form: [Click Here](#)

[Program Overview](#) from Dragon Mosquito

[Summary of what happens.](#)

1. Spring - Cedar and Red Mable swamps focused on for reducing EEE
2. June Adult trapping starts and continues through October. Samples are sent to the NH State Lab to monitor for EEE and West Nile Virus.
3. Catch basin treatments start in June. Natular (active ingredient is Spinosad) that is approved for use around organic food and does not persist in the environment
4. Your part - please police your property and remove all items that collect standing water.
5. 1 Member opening, contact Select Board and Commission if you are interested.

Budget Committee: May 28th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Still no meeting minutes

Historic District Commission Meetings May 28th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: Not posted

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.

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. Table of Projects: [Click Here](#)

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

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.