

# Rye Civic News August 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:  
August 26th 7pm

Meetings (at Town Hall unless indicated)

Please go to the agendas to see the remote instructions.

Aug. 5th Zoning Board 7pm.

Aug 5th: School Board 5pm.

Aug. 6th: Heritage Commission. 6:30pm.

Aug 10th: Sewer Commission Public Hearing. 8am

Aug. 10th: Select Board 6:30pm.

Aug 11th: Planning Board. 6pm.

Aug 13th: Conservation Commission. 7pm.

Aug. 18th: Sewer Commission 8:00am.

Aug. 24th: Select Board.

## Rye and COVID-19

1. Town Hall is open. Read the rules: [Click Here](#)
2. 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](#)
3. [Rye Helping Hands & Covid Kindness FB Group](#) (Private/Closed for Rye Residents, Property Owners, and their Families by simple application questions).
4. Rye focused activities: [Click Here](#)

## July Highlights

1. Library Board of Trustees is discussing using Library funds to purchase a portion of the Parsonage Property with the remaining land and cash being used for the TD Bank Swap [More Detail](#). As information becomes available before the next Civic News, the RCL will link from this post. [Click Here](#) (note - no content now)
2. Rye School re-opening set for September 9th. July 30th Reopening Plan [Click Here](#), but check to make sure it is the most current [Click Here](#)
3. Purchase of 81 West Road property by the Conservation Commission was approved by Select Board.
4. About 8 residents attended the RWD meeting annual meeting and over \$2M in spending
5. South Rd. residents north of West Rd. have been paying RWD district taxes but not getting any benefits (no town water and fire hydrants are too far to be practical).
6. Conservation Commission site walk at 200 Parson's Road for non-compliance [More Detail](#)
7. 421 South Rd granted some occupancy approvals, other points under discussion.
8. Planning Department does not have a process with the Building Inspector for managing escrow issues (discovered through the 421 South Rd. issues).
9. Webster at Rye expansion continued to Aug. 11th as ZBA may have approved a different documents than the Planning Board is reviewing. PB is asking if this is finally too much for a property in a residential zone.
10. Aquarion water provided a Rye update. [Click Here](#)
11. 33 Sagamore Rd (across from Atlantic Grill) is applying for a number of variances.
12. [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 2 Member Vacancies  
Recycling Education Committee 1 Member Vacancy  
Beach Committee 2 Member Vacancies

## General Announcements:

1. **Absentee Voting for September Primaries and November Election**  
[Click Here](#) for information from the Town Moderator. [Click Here](#) for Absentee Ballot request form.
2. Sewer Commission Public Hearing August 10th: [Click Here](#)
3. Watch the July 4th July 4th Video [Click Here](#) - Very well done!
4. **2020 Census** is important - over 40% of Rye has not completed it. [Click Here](#). Have a census brought to you. [Click Here](#)
5. Town is looking to hire a part-time building inspector as Peter Rowell has retired. [Click Here](#)
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 Town Museum will be open by appointment starting July 1st. Two day notice, two people maximum. [E-mail](#)

**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.](#)

9. Steven Borne launched the Common Denominator Newsletter: [Click Here](#) No a

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: July 27th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: not available

1. Resident donated and is installing Fire Department training structure.
2. 81 West Rd was approved for the Conservation Commission. No one from the public was there to comment. Almost 80 acres with some of the land in N. Hampton
3. DPW is working on opening the Transfer Station for bulk waste, but no date has been set.
4. Resident has made significant improvements to beach access on Old Beach Road.
5. Police Chief reported on at least one property owner providing paid beach parking. Properties who had paid parking in 2019 are allowed, but new ordinance prevents new locations.
6. Select Board will inform the Library and Dan Philbrick that the Select Board will support an agreement if it can be reached. If an agreement is reached it may allow the Select Board to take ownership of TD Bank and no longer have to manage the Parsonage property

### **Select Board Meeting July 22nd and July 24th**

Video Recording of July 24th: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes July 24th: [Click Here](#)

1. July 22nd was a non-public meeting to discuss the Parsonage, there was then a public portion, but as there was no new information, nothing was discussed.
2. July 24th meeting - was the 81 West Road Site walk.

### **Select Board Meeting July 13th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Resident informed Select Board of the RWD meeting and revelation that residents have been paying RWD taxes and do not receive any services.
2. Selectman Eperson said he is waiting to schedule a meeting with the DOT about how to proceed with the 1215 Ocean Blvd crossing location.
3. Aquarion Water presented to the Select Board. [Click Here](#) for information
4. Acquisition of 81 West Rd was discussed - A-Q information checklist is not available for the public. This is 81 acres
5. Select board started reviewing the NHMA Legislative policy update, these are initiatives the Select Board needs to say whether they are supported or not. [Click Here](#) to review.

### **Select Board Meeting July 6th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. If smaller boards, committees or commissions want to meet in person and can be scheduled in a room large enough to maintain distancing, they can move forward. Zoom should also be available for those not comfortable with indoor meetings.
2. Options discussed on how to help the Town Clerk Office to get caught up. Select Board Administrator will be available and part time help will be used. More information from Library meetings [Click Here](#)
3. Meeting moved to another non-public meeting.

### **School Board Meeting: July 6th Retreat and July 22nd mtg.**

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

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

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

#### **July 6 School Board Retreat**

Recorded video of the Retreat: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Board anticipates being able to return over \$250K to town from 2019/2020 school budget
2. Board reviewed parent and staff survey responses from Spring 2020 emergency remote learning
3. Majority of the meeting was dedicated to Fall 2020 school reentry planning
4. Draft plan to be released to the public for feedback and comment prior to the next Board meeting on June 22, 2020. Most current version of the Draft School Reentry plan can be viewed [Click Here](#)
5. PDF of July 30th update [Click Here](#) State issued their guidance [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.  
[Click Here](#)

**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**

## **July 22 Board Meeting**

Video recording: [Click Here](#)

1. Board continued refinement and improvement of the Fall 2020 school reentry plan.
2. Re-opening plan discussed.. July 30th version [Click Here](#) ([Check Here](#) to see most recent)
3. Board voted to change the first day of school to September 9th to allow for an additional week of staff professional development and planning.
4. Board approved hire of Linsay Kaplan as 8th Grade Humanities teacher.

## **Rye Districts Information:**

[Click Here](#) for information on Rye Districts

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](#)

- 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

1. About 8 residents approved over \$2M of spending for approximately 2/3 of Rye.
2. All articles passed. Wallis Rd./Ocean Blvd. new water main is planned for Spring 2021 and resident asked that this be coordinated with the 1215 Ocean Blvd sidewalk, that is currently in flux with the DOT.
3. Resident pointed out that their mother-in-law on South Rd on the N. Hampton side of West Rd has been in the Rye Water District since the 1980s and paying taxes, but there is no water or hydrants going into that area. They pay an insurance premium for no fire hydrants as the closest RWD hydrant would require 3 trucks worth of hoses to reach their house. No Select Board members were at the meeting, but the Select Board was informed during the July 13th public comment time.

## **Planning Board meeting: July 14th**

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Webster at Rye, 795 Washington Rd. was continued as the plans being discussed are different then what the ZBA used when approving the variance. [Click Here](#) for Septic report. This is another major expansion in a residential area. [Diagram](#)
2. 711 Long John Rd. Accepted jurisdiction and site walk on July 27th. Plan is to subdivide the current lot into three lots, with the addition of two new homes. [NOD #07](#)
3. 99 Wentworth Rd. Lot merger approved unanimously.
4. Eversource is not following the agreed upon process that allows property owners to refuse the cutting and pruning of trees on their property. Eversource has not been communicating directly with these residents. [NOD Case #05](#)
5. Goss Subdivision Site Walk was discussed, the builder will submit updated plans.
6. The process for managing Escrows for building out of lots was discussed as a result of the current situation at 421 South Rd. Rye has a control and management process problem for managing escrows.
7. 421 South Rd update. [Click Here](#) for detail Lot 9 conditional CO was issued with six conditions. July 24th TRC discussion - [Recorded Video](#)
8. Danna Truslow recommended that the Planning Board have environmental and septic experts available. Town Engineer Steve Harding will be asked to participate for large subdivisions.

## **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.

*Editor 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.

### **Rules and Regulations: July 21st**

Draft meeting minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click here](#)

1. Posted agenda [Click Here](#)

### **Planning Board Aug 11th**

Agenda for meeting: Not available

Webster at Rye 795 Washington Rd Continued to 8-11.

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment: July 1st**

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

1. 7 East Atlantic Ave. Approved 5-0 demolition of non-conforming home and build a new house almost 32ft. NOD [Case 21A & B](#)
2. 17 Central Rd. Granted variances 5-0 for expansion of non-conforming structure and adding dormers
3. 46 Wallis Rd. Granted Variance 5-0 for expansion of non-conforming structure and deck. [Case #19 2020](#)
4. 741 Ocean Rd - Seacoast Appt-Hotels was deemed not significantly different from Case #12, ZBA did not accept jurisdiction. [ZBA Case 23A and 23B](#)
5. Star Island will be seeking a variance and asked if the sign posting requirement could be waved as they are the only property owner on the island.
6. Discussion of how to do corner lot math, consensus was to go with the Building Inspector view, not the lawyers.

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: August 5th**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1. 80 Sagamore Rd. Special exception for driveway in the wetlands
2. 378 Wallis Rd. Non conforming building setbacks for a home expansion
3. 46 Pollock Drvie. expansion of a non-conforming building
4. 112 Perkins Rd. retaining wall 5'9" from edge of wetlands buffer 75'
5. 218 Locke Rd. demolish an existing structure and build new
6. 2 Star Island waiver from Building Code to allow effluent disposal less then 6' above bedrock
7. 35 Big Rock Rd. variances for shed boundaries
8. 1 Willow Lane: expansion of a non-conforming house
9. 33 Sagamore Rd. driveway across wetlands
10. 33 Sagamore Rd. building with 54 parking spaces and encroaching on wetlands and streams. (Across from the Atlantic Grill)

### **Conservation Commission (CC) July 9th 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](#)

July 9th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

July 9th Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available, [agenda](#)

RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

1. 200 Parsons Road. CC recommends Building Inspector issues a Notice of Violation for multiple issues of non-compliance to the ZBA Notice of Decision for variances and from CC recommendations. [Location](#) [More Detail](#)
2. July 7th 200 Parsons Rd Site Walk [Draft meeting minutes](#)
3. 1311-1315 Ocean Blvd Site Walk, [Draft Meeting Minutes](#) [Location](#)
4. 1611 Ocean Blvd. approved plantings plan was not followed. [Location](#)

### **Library Board of Trustees: July 7th**

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

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

July 7th Draft Meeting Minutes; [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1. Re-opening continuing with appointment based access towards the end of July. All those who can wear masks will be required to do so.
2. Board informed that the Select Board has requested a continuance of the subdivision application to the August 11th Planning Board meeting.

3. Member Azzi informed the LBOT the history of the Parsonage property in relation to the Library. [Click Here](#) and scroll down. LBOT would be buying custody and management of the property, not the actual property.

### **Parsonage Related LBOT meetings July 2nd, 17th, 20th, 24th and 28th**

July 2nd LBOT Chair Ross speaks with Heritage: [Click Here](#)

July 17th: Special Meeting: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

July 20th Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

July 22nd: Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

July 28th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

From the July 20th Draft Meeting Minutes:

1. Discussed Select Board proposal for subdivision of the Parsonage property.
2. Attorney Donovan inquired if the LBOT would be interested in 1/3 or 1/2 of the lot.
3. SelectBoard Member Roman stated a Special Town Meeting would be required.
4. It was stated that the Library would not own the property, but have custody and management of the land.

From the July 22nd Draft Meeting Minutes

5. LBOT will respond to the Town Administrator request that the LBOT respond to the current Philbrick proposals.
6. LBOT will ask that the deal be transparent to the public and if the Library purchases property it would be under its control in perpetuity.
7. LBOT established a sub-committee to represent the LBOT.
8. LBOT provided this update on Aug. 5th: [Click Here](#)

Reference documents:

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: July 2nd**

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

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video; [Click Here](#)

1. Library Trustee member Ross and Oliver joined the meeting to share their perspective and concerns about the Parsonage/TD Bank swap.
2. Discussion about timing of fund raising. Agreed to purchase more hats.
3. Pulpit Rock Tower Engineering Study is in process.
4. LHCP Grant has been submitted, there may not be any word until Thanksgiving.

### **Rye Energy Committee Meeting: July 7th**

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1. Budget Committee members Kevin Brandon and Scott Marion are working with the Rye Energy committee to analyze and communicate the Solar Proposals from Revision Energy.
2. A group based in Exeter is investigating creating a community buying group.
3. Discussed getting more information from the schools on the performance of the solar system.
4. Committee is looking to work with the Police Chief and Library Director about possible cost neutral lighting up grades.

5. Michael Joyce is stepping down, so there will be an opening to fill.

### **Rye Recycling Education Committee February 18th**

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

### **Sewer Commission Meeting July 21st**

Draft meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Sewer pipe at the Jenness Beach pump station will be replaced after Labor Day. Testing showed the backflow preventor failed and is being replaced.
2. Sewer warrant will be \$96,204.
3. Secondary meters approved for 32 Cable Rd and 2310 Ocean Blvd.
4. 146 Perkin Rd will need to be inspected.
5. Capping was inspected and approved for 59 West Atlantic and 2257 Ocean Blvd.

### **Mosquito Commission Meeting: July 21st**

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

Mosquito Complaint form: [Click Here](#)

[Program Overview](#) from Dragon Mosquito

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

June update from Dragon Fly: [Click Here](#)

[Summary of what happens.](#)

1. Dragon crews larvicided salt marshes 13 days in June due to flood tides and heavy rain
2. Weekly trapping of adult mosquitoes began June 10th at 5 sites in town
3. 172 greenhead fly traps were repaired and set out on the salt marshes including 16 new traps
4. Trails from the Recreation Area to Parsons Field were sprayed for ticks on June 17th
5. 282 catch basins were treated on June 24th
6. Rye Recreation Area fields were sprayed for mosquitoes on June 25th
7. EEE an WNV has been detected in Massachusetts.
8. Dragon posts updates via [twitter](#)
9. [Click Here](#) about what you can do to protect against diseases spread by mosquitoes.

### **Rye Town Center Committee July 22nd**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

No Draft meeting minutes:

### **Beach Committee July 15th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

No Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1. Former member Lori Carbajal joined to provide history and guidance.
2. Discussion of the current charge and discuss possible changes.
3. Two more members are needed.

### **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 July 2nd, 10th and 16th**

July 2nd Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

July 10th: Draft Meeting Minutes [Click Here](#) Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

July 16th: Draft Meeting Minutes [Click Here](#) Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

Recorded video July 16h: [Click Here](#)

1. July 2nd: Site visit to 546 Washington Rd. Demolition granted.
2. July 10th: 32 Gray Court. Continued to hear from the ZBA
3. July 10th: Discussion about forming a group from Demolition, Heritage and Historic commissions to focus on protecting significant buildings.
4. July 16th: 32 Gray Court discussion with owners. Building is not architecturally significant
5. July 16th: Some progress on the Historic Properties Committee.

### **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](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.*