

Oct. 14th: Trustee of Trust Funds. 6pm.

Oct. 14th Beach Committee 7pm

Oct. 20th Planning Board 6pm

Oct. 26th: Select Board 6:30pm

General Announcements:

1. Select Board needs a person to compile the annual Town Report. [Click Here](#) for more on this paid task.
2. Is Rye a retirement community? See Part II of Communities & Consequences October 22, 8pm on Chanel 11 [More Information](#)
3. RWD is promoting "Imagine a day without water" [Click Here](#)
4. Library is now open for Browsing appointments, October increased people at one time.
5. 2020 Census is important [Click Here](#). Have a census brought to you. [Click Here](#)
6. Town is looking to hire a part-time building inspector as Peter Rowell has retired. [Click Here](#)
7. Seacoast Lacrosse is open for the Spring 2021 season, Evaluations for older children will be this Fall. [Click Here](#)
8. Seeking 20th century Rye stories for new history of Rye. [Click Here](#)
9. Steven Borne launched the Common Denominator Newsletter: [September Newsletter](#) provides civic and non-partisan group information. [Sign up](#)
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



Town Reference Documents on the Town Web Site:

** Viewing on Mobile? Scroll down through these and the pictures)

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

Select Board Meeting: Sept. 28th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: Not available

1. Select Board acknowledged how fortunate Rye is for the large number of residents who volunteer on Boards, Committees and Commissions. See [remaining opportunities](#).
2. While the Library buying part of the Parsonage property for the Parsonage/TD Bank exchange is stalled, it was alluded that the Parsonage could be sold or that this could be on the March 2021 ballot.
3. Town is holding off on adjusting the Rye Town Center Committee charter until the Parsonage/TD Bank exchange is better understood.
4. Senator Tom Sherman reviewed State legislation impacting Rye. [Click Here](#) to see the summary
5. HDC member David Choate requested the Town allow an expert on Historical Building Preservations walk through the Parsonage to give his opinion on demolishing or the cost range of restoring the building. There would be no cost to Rye, but the Select Board did not approve and asked that the Heritage Commission first review.
6. The 2020 warrant required an appraisal of the Trolley Barn/Old Police station, but only one of eight firms responded, so they will be awarded the work as the low bidder. There is interest in purchase for an antique store, but Select Board indicated that any transaction is contingent on their desire to obtain the TD Bank.

Select Board Meeting Sept 25th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not Available

1. Meeting focused on insurance for the Town in case people get Covid-19 at an event the Town allowed. (note video problems)

Select Board Meeting Sept 22nd Non Public

[Click Here](#) for agenda

Select Board Meeting Sept. 14th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Town of Rye Master Plan
(click here)

Flood Management:
Click Here

Rye Rec Master Plan
(Click Here)

Town Forest
(Click Here)

2018 Beach Report **Click Here**

GIS Parcel Data: **Click Here**

Transfer Station and Recycling
Flyer: **Click Here.**

Town Budgets
Budget Analysis:
Click Here

Town Budget Worksheet:
Click Here.

MS-7 Reporting document:
Click Here

Rye Water District Budget:
Click Here.

Rye Beach Budget:
Click Here.
RBVD.

Jenness Beach Budget:
Click Here

School Budget:
Here is a link to the
Proposed 2019-2020 School Budget.

Rye Trust Fund Summary:
Click Here

Rye Library

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1 Library Board of Trustee Chair gave clarifications for information not included in the Select Board quarterly news letter as the Library did not see the text until after it published.

2 Port Way Cell tower neighbor summarized the perspective from residents regarding camouflage and how the Town Boards have failed them, especially in comparison to the 120 Brackett Road neighbors. [Click Here](#) to sign petition.

3 Producing the annual Town Report is funded and the Select Board needs someone to do this. [Click Here](#) for more information

4 Beach Permit parking was extended to October 13th when it will be reviewed again. The State opened Ocean Blvd. parking

5 Agreed to move to a honor system for paying for bulky waste at the Transfer station. [More Information](#)

6 Town moving forward to spend the \$350K for the Salt Shed at the Transfer station. Note: This \$700K expense failed twice as a bond (60% needed), but was moved to an operating cost (only needed 50%), with the other \$350K to be on the 2021 ballot.

7 New Castle/Rye bridge will be closed the Winter of 2023 and work will continue into the summer.

8 Select Board stated that there is nothing the Board can or will do to require Verizon to add camouflage as the Planning, Zoning or Conservation did not make that a requirement of their approvals.

9 The Supervisors of the Checklist does not have a needed computer and the Town has yet to provide a solution. Note: This was resolved later that week.

10 Select Board said they would begin to discuss [these suggestions](#) requested of and provided by a resident. Note: At the shorter 9-28 meeting, nothing was discussed.

11 Select Board member raised a "mandatory face mask" ordinance as other NH Municipalities are doing, but the other Board members were not supportive.

12 Next step in Sidewalk widening effort is to send a survey to residents.

13 Select Board member Bradshaw stated that the Town does not know where all of its right of ways are and it would be a good thing to know.



School Board Meeting: Sept 16th

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

Rye PTA Website: [Click Here](#)

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

School Policies: [Click Here](#)

Most current version of the Draft School Reentry plan can be viewed [Click Here](#)

Rye School COVID-19 Website: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

1 Memorandum of Agreement approved between Association of Coastal Teachers and Rye School District for COVID-19 safety and work conditions

2 RES has 20 new enrollments (not counting incoming Kindergarten), RJH has 15 new student enrollments

3 Margaret Honda (Board Chairperson) to join CIP as School Board representative

4 School Board budget meeting scheduled for November 2nd

5 School Deliberative meeting tentatively scheduled for February 2nd

School Board Meeting: Sept. 2nd.

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video available [Click Here](#)

1 Addressed questions about the re-opening.

2 Social Emotional Learning curriculum would not be ready until at last November.

3 Superintendent Petralia reported that 36% of districts were in person, 42% Hybrid and 17% were remote, with 5% undecided.

4 Inquires about reviewing the Area agreement with SAU52 (Portsmouth), there was discussion and will be an agenda item moving forward. As of June 2020, SAU50 students represent 36.9% of PHS students.

Strategic Plan:
[Click Here](#)

How good is our Library
[Click Here](#)

Rye Police Homepage
[Click Here](#)

Facebook:
[Click Here](#)

Rye Beach Committee Facebook Page
[Click Here](#)

Rye PTA Webpage
[Click Here](#)

Rye Elementary School
[Click Here](#)

Rye Junior High School
[Click Here](#)

Portsmouth High School
[Click Here](#)

Other Helpful Links:

NH's Citizen's Count
[Click Here](#)

Rye Water District

Committed to Providing Clean, Safe Water for All Our Residents

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
2. Sewer connection moratorium on expansions and extensions for homes served by the Jenness Beach and Church Rd. pumping stations. [Click Here](#)

Rye Water District Sept 2nd

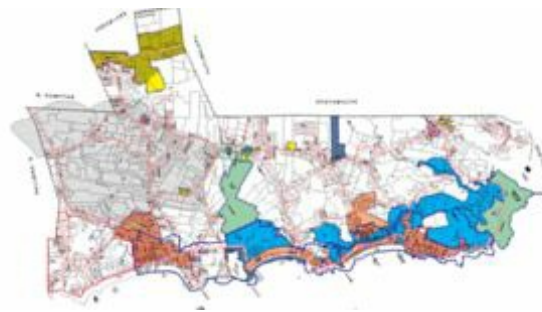
2019 Water Quality Report: [Click Here](#)

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click here](#)

Wallis Rd. and Garland Well project overview. [Click Here](#)

- 1 Voluntary water restrictions. [Click Here](#)
- 2 October 21st is "Imagine a day with out water" [Click Here](#)
- 3 Cedar Run replacement well tests went fine.
- 4 Baily Run tests will wait for the new Cedar Run well to be certified.
- 5 2021 funding will be needed to decommission the old wells.
- 6 Bids for the new Garland Well project will be opened on October 6th
- 7 Tank mixer will be going into the Breakfast Hill tank soon.



Planning Board meeting: September 15th

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1 All applications were continued to the October meeting.
- 2 Work session with DPW over the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination that impacts the town's draining system as it is costly to adhere to. EPA refers to this as MS-4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System).
- 2 DPW implies the town is doing the best things that can be done, but is approaching the tipping point in the Parsons Creek Watershed. [More Information](#). [Past results](#). (red is bad)
- 3 Planning Administrator has been producing summaries of ZBA variances trends . 2018 25% of variances were for wetlands and buffers and this increased to 40% in 2019. Editors Note: In 2020 the ZBA has been having multiple meetings per month to address variances. [PB Minutes section](#)
- 4 Overall work session minutes and video section should be viewed by those concerned about Planning for Rye.
- 5 Question raised that Rye does not have regulations for hospitals, assisted-living facilities, and religious and educational institutions. What would be allowed in single residence?
- 6 Planning Board discusses Cell Towers. Editors Note: No discussion of the lack of small cell regulations that was raised by the Cell Tower consultant.
- 7 Wetland ordinances discussed, how Rye failed to implement new regulations in the past and what Hampton is doing.
- 8 New Plans for 421 South Rd have been reviewed and a site walk is needed. Also not clear how the conservation land will/can be accessed as it has not been designed in. (note Town paid \$400K to the developer in the settlement- \$100K from Town and \$300K from Conservation Commission).

LRP Public (Master Plan)

Update has been completed 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.
2 If Rules and Regulations is discussing "Visioning" this should coincide with an update to the Master Plan.

Technical Review Meeting: August 25th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
Draft meeting minutes: Not available
1. Stoneleigh Rd. discussions. [Diagrams](#)
2. Haul Road restoration.

Rules and Regulations: Sept. 3rd and 30th

Draft meeting minutes: Not available
Recorded Video Sept. 3rd: [Click here](#)
Recorded Video: Sept. 30th: [Click Here](#)
1) Continued discussion regarding David Choate's request from the HDC to:
a). Eliminate the need for the Demolition Committee to review demolition in the Historic District as this already falls within the jurisdiction of the HD.C.
b). Request to implement an abutter notification policy for public hearings held by the HDC.
2). Continued discussion about ZBA approvals — how applicants are maximizing building coverage by obtaining variance relief for dimensional requirements resulting in further impacting wetlands and in decreasing pervious coverage throughout Town.
3). Retaining walls and stone walls. Currently both are considered "structure" per the Rye Code Book but are exempt from dimensional requirements. Discussion revolved on providing a definition for each in the Rye Code Book and subjecting both to dimensional requirements.

Planning Board October 20th

Agenda

Agenda for meeting: Not available
[Continued from September.](#)
575 Washington Rd. Subdivide Parsonage property.
Webster at Rye 795 Washington Rd Continued form 8-11
711 Long John Rd. 3-lot subdivision

Zoning Board of Adjustment: September 23rd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
Draft Meeting Minutes: pre-draft: [Click Here](#)
1 4 Washington Rd. Demolition and new build with many variances. Many letters and public comments. Septic variances and building codes granted 5-0. Denied setback variances 4-1, continued to October 7th.
2 1 & 3 Cable Rd. Multiple variances, will be continued to October 7th
3 0 Brackett Rd. Withdrawn

Zoning Board of Adjustment: September 2nd

Recorded Video Sept 2nd: [Click Here](#)
Draft Meeting Minutes Sept 2nd: [Click Here](#)
1 218 Locke Rd. 4 Variances and one relief granted 5-0 boundaries and separation of effluent from high water table. [Case #26-2020](#)
2 741 Ocean Blvd. Special exceptions granted for Seacoast Apt-Hotels signs [Case #31a and 31b 2020](#)
3 391 Central Rd. Granted 5-0 expansion of non-conforming structure [Case 32-2020](#)
4 64 Alehson St. Granted 3 variances 5-0 along with four conditions for landscaping. [Case 33-2020](#)
5 81 West Rd. Granted shed and generator variances 5-0 [Case 34-2020](#)
6 546 Washington Rd. Granted expansion of non-conforming structure and demolishing and building a ne barn. [Case 3x-2020](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: Oct. 7th

Agenda: Not published. Draft [Click Here](#)
1 9 Perkins Rd. boundaries
2 1 & 3 Cable Rd. multiple variances
3 24 Glendale Rd. Deck, parking and other expansions
4 9 Acorn Acres Adding and eve.



Conservation Commission (CC) Sept. 10th

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](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL meeting and Site walk summary. [Click Here](#)

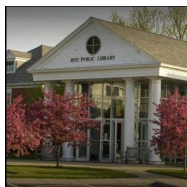
1 Sea Glass Conservation Land.. There has been some progress on the restoration (which seems is the homeowners responsibility) of the land that serves as the access to the rear conservation land. A landscaper known to the CC will be taking a look.

2 The Goss Farm barn is in need of repair of side boards and painting. Estimates have been procured. Some tree work is also needed by a tree company.

3 The Town Forest Management Plan is complete and will be printed and placed online. A sub committee will be formed for implementation steps such as trail marking, signage, etc

4 Note: The September 15th Planning Board minutes say the CC must work with 421 South Rd. developers to get access to the conservation land they paid \$300K for.

5 Sept 9th Site walk minutes [Click Here](#)



Library Board of Trustees: Sept. 13th

Trustee Home Page: [Click Here](#)

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

Draft Meeting Minutes; [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1 The Bujour Estate and the Allan Rogers Estate both made generous gifts.

2 Maintenance fund will pay for the 6 Ionizing units to go in the ventilation system to help with the reopening plans

3 Friends of Rye Library and the Library will work on purchasing books for the after school reading program.

4 October will see the next re-opening phase where there will be two patrons upstairs and one down stairs.

5 Town is still pursuing the Parsonage/TD Bank swap, leaving the lot request on the Planning Board agenda.

Parsonage Related LBOT meetings August

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](#)

5. August Agreement posted by Select Board [Click Here](#)



Recreation Commission Meeting: Sept. 14th

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: none

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1 Youth soccer started up with 87 participants playing "Box Soccer" that is like human futsal.

2 After-care is looking to start in October.

3 Winter Basketball will be wait and see at this point.

4 Planning a ribbon cutting exercise for the Storage Facility.

Heritage Commission: Sept 3rd meeting

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

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1 Commission and Select Board Representative Epperson stated how disappointed they were that the Parsonage/TD Bank swap did not happen.

2 More hats will be ordered, so get ready to purchase.

- 3 Discussion of forming a sub-committee from the Demolition, Heritage, Rye Historical District and Historical Society to identify homes that should be saved and protected.
- 4 Pulpit Rock Tower engineering firm has finished the inspection phase and is now looking into costs. Final report should be available soon.
- 5 Select Board Epperson when asked about the Port Way camouflage he stated how the Town was not willing to fight Verizon over 120 Bracket Rd, but did not offer options for helping with the camouflage.

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: Sept. 1st

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1 The Budget Committee resources continue to be helpful, but waiting on Revision energy numbers. Pricing impacts the math of the analysis.

2 Plan was to evaluate 5 locations.

Schools: Approved solar panels for both buildings

RWD: Not able to focus on this.

,Public Safety Building: Reluctance as it is in the Historic district.

,Public Works Garage: proposal being modified

3 Rye participating in the Seacoast NH Regional Power, to possibly build a buying group. RPC has been working with communities who are working together to lower costs.

4 Lighting Upgrades for Town buildings going slower than planned due to Covid.

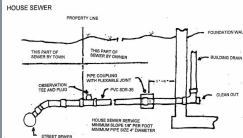


Rye Recycling Education Committee February 18th

1. Plan for 2020 discussed

2. International Composting week discussed

3. Virtual Swap shop discussed



Sewer Commission Meeting Sept. 8th

Draft meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1 Abeniqui Pump Station was down for three days in August.

2 Secondary Usage Meter for 2236 Ocean Blvd will be approved once a picture of the installed meter is provided.

3 59 West Rd. Inspected and approved

4 0 Alder Av. If the lot lines are adjusted, Sewer connection may be approved.

5 0 Central Rd. and McLaughlin lot mergers, if it goes through one frontage number will be needed for the new lot.

6 32 Gray Ct. Capping has been inspected.



Mosquito Commission Meeting: Sept. 15th

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

Mosquito Complaint form: [Click Here](#)

[Program Overview](#) from Dragon Mosquito

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1 Low mosquitos counts because of the draught

2 NH has seen two batches of West Nile Viurs (Manchester and Nashua) and no EEE.

3 Working hard to apply Bacillus bacterium on the salt marches

4 Ticks are low, but there are now more tick propagated diseases



Beach Committee Sept 1st and 23rd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes Sept 1st: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes Sept 23rd: [Click Here](#)

1 DEA representatives discussed the high bacteria levels and possibly working with the Surfriders group to extend testing into October.

2 There will be a beach walk at 3pm on October 9th starting at Cable Rd. to look at the Eel Grass.

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 Sept 29th

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

Rye Town Center Committee July 22nd

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

Capital Improvement Plan Sept 24th

Draft Meeting Minutes:
Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
1 Meetings being held, but no meeting minutes available

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.

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

Rye Civic League: civicnews@ryecivicleague.org Steven Borne - President

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