

# Rye Civic News November 2020

from the [Rye Civic League \(www.ryecivicleague.org\)](http://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 2020 Citizens' Handbook \(Click Here\)](#)

## **November 3rd Election 8am to 7pm Rye Elementary School**

1. Message from our Town Moderator: [Click Here](#)
2. General Election absentee ballots have been mailed. Sample [Rye Ballot](#)
3. Open Secrets NH information: [Click Here](#). US Gov. Information page: [Click Here](#)
4. Citizen's Count information. [Governor](#) [US Senate](#) [US House](#) [Executive Council D3](#) [NH State Senate D24](#) [NH House Rockingham 24](#)

## **Rye and COVID-19**

1. Rye Schools are going well..[Information Page](#). I. See [Rye plan](#). PHS may have more in school days. PHS has had two positive cases, implemented contact tracking and went full remove for a single day.
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](#)

## **October Highlights**

1. Parsonage-TD Bank: Select Board posted this [legal notice](#) in the Herald (Oct 28th date, Oct. 31st print). At Civic News publication it can not be found on the Town Website or Facebook. Hopefully something easier to read will be communicated.  
.... Library Board of Trustees is in opposition to this action. [Library Statement](#)  
.... Lot lines are scheduled to be discussed at November 10th Planning Board meeting
- 2) Rye Water District water restrictions are in place.[More Information](#)
- 3) Select Board acknowledge that the demographics of Rye could change significantly with the possibility of many multi-unit buildings on Rt. 1. and the Select Board's work to extend the Portsmouth sewer.
- 4) New role is being defined as Janice Ireland will be Select Board Executive Assistant and Finance Department Assistant.
- 5) Conservation Commission reminds the Select Board that the approximately \$50K Grove Rd. Cell tower lease payments are to the Conservation Commission. Payments were originally earmarked for funding the Town Ambulance, Rye currently owns two ambulances. The Select Board declined a lump sum sale offer and never communicated with the Conservation Commission.
- 6) Beach Committee reports that State DES budget cuts may impact polluted Parsons Creek beach monitoring.
- 7) Demolition Review committee highlights the continued trend of demolition of smaller homes.
- 8) Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower received the [2019 Conservation Organization Award of Excellence from the NH Fish and Game](#). [Letter](#)

**Open Town Board Positions: [Click Here](#)**

Town positions [e-mail](#)..... Planning or Zoning positions: [e-mail](#)

Rye Historic District Commission .....	1 Alternates Vacancies
Planning Board   .....	2 Alternates Vacancies
Rye Heritage Commission   .....	2 Alternate Vacancies
CIP Committee   .....	1 Member Vacancy
Energy Committee   .....	2 Member Vacancies
Recycling Education Committee   .....	1 Member Vacancy

## General Announcements

1. Concerned about our aging demographics?: [Click Here](#) for Communities & Consequences
- 2) Rye Firefighters Toy Bank Drive: [Click Here](#)
- 3) Rye PTA, Rye Education Fund and Civic League Presidents explain their groups. [Click Here](#)
- 3). Seeking 20th century Rye stories for new history of Rye. [Click Here](#)
- 4). Steven Borne's Common Denominator Newsletter: [October Newsletter](#) provides civic and non-partisan group information. [Sign up](#)
- 5). Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
- 6). GIS Mapping Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)  
RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on finding locations with the GIS

## Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

TOWN Meetings will be at the Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

During Covid-19 please go to the [Town Agendas](#) for the Zoom information or physical location

Rye Civic League Monthly Meeting last Wednesday of the month: 7pm Zoom

Nov. 2nd School Board RJH

Nov. 10th Planning Board 6pm

Nov. 2nd: Recreation 6pm

Nov. 12th: Conservation Commission 7pm

Nov. 3rd. General Election

Nov. 18th: School Board

Nov. 4th: Rye Water 9am RWD

Nov. 23rd.: Select Board 6:30pm

Nov. 4th: Board of Adjustment 7pm

Nov. 5th. Select Board and Budget Committee 8am

Nov. 5th: Heritage Commission

Nov. 9th: Select Board 6:30pm

Nov. 10th: Sewer Commission 8am



### Select Board

Meetings are 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

Public Comments: At the beginning of meeting. 5 minute limit.

Consent Agenda: Select Board will not discuss unless it is removed. Consent agenda is voted for a block.

Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)

Town Organizational Chart:.....[Click Here](#)

Organizational Flow Diagram: [Click Here](#)

Town Facebook Page:..... [Click Here](#)

## Select Board Meeting October 26th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not Available

- 1) Friends of Pulpit Rock receive the
- 2) PHS student speaks in support of moving from Columbus Day to Indigenous People Day
- 3) Approved lease payments for the \$1M+ Pumper-Ladder truck
- 4) Approval to start Salt Shed site work at the Transfer Station
- 5) Job description approved for Janice Ireland to become the Executive Assistant/Finance Assistant
- 6) Town will schedule an April site walk for East Atlantic Rd drainage to address flooding
- 7) First discussion of Aug. 24th resident suggestions. [Click Here](#)
  - Rye a balanced or residential community?: Select Board report that with the Select Board is working to get a sewer line for Rt. 1. There may be many housing units built, with the associated increase in students and additional impact from increased population
  - Coordinated planning: Agreed it is a good idea, but not until after the Parsonage/TD Bank goes through.
- 8) Board will request that the Telecom Tower Communications Committee reform to identify possible locations to address the remaining areas of poor cell tower coverage.

## **Select Board Non Public Meetings**

October 24th: Acquisition [Click Here](#)

October 19th: Acquisition and Legal Advice [Click Here](#)

October 13th: Personnel

## **Select Board Meeting October 15th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Agreed to move Trick or Treat to Saturday October 31st from
- 2) [Click Here](#) for Police Chief notice

## **Select Board Meeting October 13th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Board of Selectman is now officially the Select Board
- 2) Resident points out that there has been no town discussion about the Cell Tower consultants' recommendation that Rye address the lack of ordinances to address small cells and other communication equipment being deployed.
- 3) Resident points out that Planning Board and Beach Committee appear to be unaware that in December 2017 the State informed Rye that Parson's Creek Watershed is over saturated with leach fields.
- 4) Conservation Commission reminds the Select Board that the Grove Rd. Cell Tower lease payments were to go to the Ambulance Fund for five years. It has continued and funded two to three ambulances. The Select Board declined a recent offer of a lump sum payment, but this request should have gone to the Conservation Commission.
- 5) Despite the recent rains, well levels are low and the Rye Water District will be under mandatory water restrictions.
- 6) Chief Walsh may test using cameras to address the dog waste being left at the end of Cable Rd.
- 7) Board accepted the withdrawal request by Attorney Manzelli for 120 Garland Rd, but not his terms in the letter that was not made public.

## **Select Board Meeting October 8th**

Video Recording: None

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1 Parsonage Property 575 Washington Rd Site walk



### **Rye Schools**

Meets 3rd Wednesday at RJH

Covid-19 Return to School Plan: [Click Here](#)

Most current Covid-19 Plans: [Click Here](#)

School Policies: [Click Here](#)

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

Rye PTA: [Click Here](#)

SAU50 Superintendent Bulletin: none this Fall

Rye Education Foundation: [Click Here](#)

Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)

Introduction to PTA, REF and RCL: [Click Here](#)

## **School Board Meeting: October 27th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

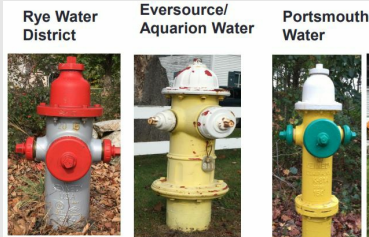
- 1) Review of pressing classroom technology problems and discussion of action plan to resolve
- 2) Brian Grattan provided an update on development of a long term district technology strategy
- 3) Board unanimously approves transfer of \$27,460 from funds from the insurance account (which has a surplus) to the technology hardware account.
- 4) Administration provided clarification on policy for students that need to quarantine due to COVID

## **School Board Meeting: October 21st**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) School Board unanimously approves installation of solar panels on school buildings pending warranty article approval. This will have no cost to the district and will lower electricity rates for schools.
- 2) Rye Junior High School Athletic Director presents plans for winter athletics to accommodate COVID precautions.
- 3) Results from parent surveys indicate that 2nd semester (beginning Nov 9) overall balance of in-school vs remote learners will remain about the same as 1st semester.



### **Rye Water District and Sewer**

**RWD:** meets 1st Wednesday of the month 9am at 60 Sagamore Rd.

Rye Water Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)

**Sewer:** Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month

Citizen's Handbook Sewer information: [Click Here](#)

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| 2019 RWD Rate Schedule: <a href="#">Click Here</a>          | 2017 RCL Water in Rye Information: <a href="#">Click Here</a> |
| RWD 101 Information: <a href="#">Click Here</a>             | 2019 RWD Quality Report: <a href="#">Click Here</a>           |
| PFAS Testing updates page: <a href="#">Click Here</a>       | Conservation Tips: <a href="#">Click Here</a>                 |
| 2020 Budget: <a href="#">Click Here</a>                     | 2020 Projects presentation: <a href="#">Click Here</a>        |
| 2017 Infrastructure Report Card: <a href="#">Click Here</a> | Imagine a day without water: <a href="#">Click Here</a>       |

## **Rye Water District October 7th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click here](#)

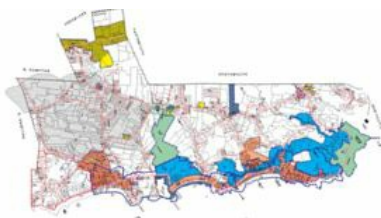
Wallis Rd. and Garland Well project overview. [Click Here](#)

- 1 Voluntary water restrictions. [Click Here](#)
- 2 October 21st is "Imagine a day with out water" [Click Here](#)
- 3) There was a coliform report on West Rd. Waiting for more information
- 4) Garland Rd. Pump Station bids were opened. [Click Here](#) Only \$48K separate the high vs. low bid.

## **Sewer Commission Meeting: October 13th**

Draft meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1 70 Causeway Rd. is being demolished and owners are requesting to be added to the Sewer. However there is a moratorium on expanding the system.
- 2) Culvert in the drive of the Church Rd. Pump station has failed and needs to be replaced.
- 3) 59 West Atlantic needs to have the line insulated.
- 4) 0 Alder Rd. Is not a buildable lot and there is the moratorium, so no sewer.
- 5) 0 Central Rd. and McLaughlin connection can be costed.



### **Planning Board**

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

Citizen's Handbook Information: [Click Here](#)

Master Plan: [Click Here](#)

Master Plan since 2014: [Click Here](#) and [Here](#)

FEMA Floodplain presentation: [Click Here](#)

Rye Code Book: [Click Here](#)

Parson's Creek Pollution Information: [Click Here](#)

GIS Information: [Click Here](#)

## **LRP Public (Master Plan)**

1. Master Plan has been updated. [Click Here](#) to see Chapters.
- 2 If Rules and Regulations is discussing "Visioning" this logically should coincide with an update to the

## **Technical Review Meeting: None**

## **Planning Board meeting: October 20th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Accepts the Select Board application to creating lot lines for the Library property.
- 2) Board requests clarification as it is hard to understand the history of the Parsonage lot lines
- 3) Webster at Rye continued to be discussed. Many, many conditions are discussed. No summary or clearly communicated information is available for the public online.

## **Rules and Regulations: Oct. 9th and 14th**

Draft meeting minutes: None for any of the three meetings

Recorded Video Oct. 8th: [Click here](#) Oct. 9th [Click Here](#) Oct. 14th [Click Here](#)

**2021 Proposed Zoning Amendments:** NOW during the Public Discussions is the only opportunity for the Public to comment on Zoning and Building Ordinances. They can't be modified at the Town Deliberative Meeting.

[Z 2021-01 HDC:](#) Adds wording to what should be reviewed for demolition review

[Z 2021-02 Demolition:](#) Clarifies out side of the Historic District

[Z 2021-03 Demo Abutter:](#) Closed loop notifications

[Z 2021-5 Rye Harbor Business Districts:](#) Changes area to residential

[Z 2021-6 Breakers:](#) Changes from business to residential

[Z 2021-7 Pervious:](#) New definition

[BC 2021-01 Flood references:](#) Changes reference description

[LDR 2021-1 Special Provisions:](#) Flood plain requirements

[LDR 2021-2](#) Mistake correction: Omitted by mistake from combined LDR approved in March

[LDR 2021-3](#) Mistake correction: Wrong information was included in final document

1. Corner lots, Sections: 190-2.4 (C) (3).

After much discussion, the Committee decided not to make any changes to RZO regarding corner lots.

2. Consistency between Zoning and LDR, Wetlands Section 190-3.1 Delineation. Waiting to hear from wetland specialist(s) to draft language.

3. Retaining Walls vs Stonewalls wording for definitions. Only the topic of "retaining walls" was discussed. More research needs to be done prior to creating a definition and requiring dimensional requirements.

4. Update to the Floodplain Ordinance to prepare for adoption of new maps. Chair Pat Losik was scheduled to meet that afternoon (October 9<sup>th</sup>) with Jennifer Gilbert (Senior Planner and State Coordinator for FEMA), and Town Administrator, Becky Bergeron, regarding the adoption of the new FEMA maps on January 29<sup>th</sup> 2021.

5. Motion to schedule a public hearing regarding changes to LDR per FEMA's recommendations in order to comply with the new floodplains maps.

6. Parking. Discussion regarding reducing parking size from 10 ft to 9 ft.

7. Pervious surfaces. Chair Pat Losik stated that there are no definition of "Pervious Surfaces" in both RZO and LDR.

## **Planning Board November 10th Agenda**

Agenda for meeting: Not available

575 Washington Rd. Library Property lot lines

795 Washington Rd. Webster at Rye

Zoning and Building Ordinances (see above)

### **Code of the Town of Rye**

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE

### **Zoning Board of Adjustments:**

Meets 1st Wednesday

Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)

Town of Rye Code Book: [Click Here](#)

Rye Beach Village District Zoning is independent of the Rye ZBA. [Click Here](#)

GIS Information: [Click Here](#)

## Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes: October 7th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: pre-draft: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 136 Perkins Rd. Variances granted 5-0 to tear down garage and build new with master bedroom [Case #41 2020](#)
- 2) 9 Acorn Acres Variances granted 5-0 to allow an Eave [Case #40 2020](#)
- 3) 24 Glendale Rd. 5 Variances and 1 Relief granted 5-0 for expansions [Case #37 2020](#)
- 4) 9 Perkins Rd. Variances granted 5-0 for rinsing stations and expansions [Case #38 2020](#)

## Zoning Board of Adjustment: Agenda November 4th

Agenda: Not published on the website, but the information was submitted to the Portsmouth Herald as a [Legal Notice](#)

- 1) 1& 3 Cable Rd Multiple variances new build
- 2) 61 Parsons Rd. Variances and equitable waivers requests
- 3) 35 Frontier St. Expanding a non-conforming structure
- 4) 1459 Ocean Blvd. Adding a cupola above 28'



### **Rye Library**

Library Strategic Plan page: [Click Here](#)

Library Usage Statistics: [Click Here](#)

Friends of RPL: [Click Here](#)

RPL Facebook page: [Click Here](#)

Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)

## Library Board of Trustees: October 13th Meeting

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Library accepted two bequests, one for \$25K and the other for \$290K See the minutes to read about who made these substantial gifts.
- 2) The six browsing times have been booked, so November plans are to increase the number of people allowed at one time.
- 3) Library will review the 2021 Budget with the Budget Committee on November 5th. It will increase by 2.8%
- 4) Trustees continue to request the Town Administrator provide information to the Trustees regarding communications under the Freedom of Information request for the Parsonage discussions. No responses have been received to date.

## Parsonage Related LBOT meeting

### October 29th Special Meeting:

Recorded Video: Look [Here](#) after Monday

November 1st LBOT Statement: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Library communication call to inform public of opposition to Select Board plans to move forward with the Parsonage land.
- 2) [Select Board Plan](#) released to the Herald on 10-28 will impede Library expansion plans, reserving this land for future Library expansion was why the town voted to acquire the property in 1997.
- 3) If the location of the lot lines was communicated to the Library before the March election, the Trustees would have opposed the warrant article. It passed with 58% of the vote.
- 4) In 1997 The town had also voted to protect the land from being transferred to private ownership
- 5) LBOT had four dedicated meetings in October, see below.

### **October 27th: Meeting:**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

### **October 23rd Meeting:**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

**October 16th Meeting:**

Draft Meeting Minutes [Click Here](#)

**October 9th: Meeting**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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



**Conservation Commission**

Meets third Thursday of the month

Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)

Maps of Rye Conservation Maps [Click Here](#)

Conservation Parcels: [Click Here](#)

GRANIT Conservation Properties: [Click Here](#)

Goss Farm Information: [Click Here](#)

Land Conservation for Wetlands: [Click Here](#)

Town Forrest Management Plan: [Click Here](#)

Town Forrest Map: [Click Here](#)

Town Forrest trails: [Click Here](#)

**Conservation Commission (CC) Oct 8th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Oct. 8th Non-Public Acquisition: [Agenda](#)

October 14th [Agenda](#): "Natural Resources Inventory meeting"

- 1) 0 Bracket Rd. Applicant not present, not discussed
- 2) 2 Merrymeeting Lane Lot was approved for building in 1987, but ordinances have changes since the
- 3) WBTSCC Golf Course Stone wall - Applicant was not present to discuss
- 4) Public Access to the Sea Glass Lane site walk and discussion as the work the Home Owners Association is responsible for is not done.
- 5) Actions items from the Town Forrest Management Plan are progressing. Discussion with Fish and Game about deaths of small animals.
- 6) Goss Farm siding and repair work in progress
- 7) Cedar Run - Landscaping company is dumping grass clippings. build has been requested to address
- 8) 421 South Rd Development: 40 Signature Rd. 38 Trees need to replanted. Site walk scheduled



**Rye Recreation**

First Monday of the month

Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)

Program Flyers: [Click Here](#)

Online Registration page: [Click Here](#)

Recreation 2011 Master Plan: [Click Here](#)

**Recreation Commission Meeting: No September meeting**

Recorded Video:

Draft Meeting Minutes:



## Heritage, Historic & Demolition

Citizen's Handbook: [Heritage](#)

Citizens Handbook: [Historic District](#)

Rye Heritage Merchandise: [Click Here](#)

Heritage Commissions donations: [Click Here](#)

Heritage Facebook Page: [Click Here](#)

Historic District Booklet #4: [Click Here](#)

Demolition Review Procedure: [Click Here](#)

## **Heritage Commission: October 8th**

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Select Board had the Heritage Commission get the Historic District Commission make a formal request to let a Preservation expert give a free assessment of the Parsonage.
- 2) Demolition Review changes will be discussed by the Planning Board
- 3) Demolition reported the continued trend of smaller homes being demolished and larger homes being constructed.
- 4) Pulpit Rock engineering report received, Discussion about looking for a local firm.
- 5) Friends of Pulpit Tower asked for a three year extension to manage the tower while the Commission continuous to evaluate taking full responsibility
- 6) Discussion about funds for another Pulpit Rock Tower report
- 7) Parsonage building discussed in detail
- 8) Heritage commission is so busy, they have not been able to get on top of all of the graveyard preservation work. Madden Real Estate discovered grave markers while landscaping on their property.

## **Historic District Commission Meetings October 21st**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Design Preservation Partnership's Dominique Hawkins, gave an interesting presentation and led a work shop. Interested parties should read the minutes or watch the video.
- 2) Discussion on expanding the district and the process.
- 3) Additional meetings with the State Preservation Office and the Certified Local Government are next steps.
- 4) Star Island was also discussed and how to work with the owners.
- 5) Board voted to request that the Select Board let the volunteer Preservation expert tour the Parsonage Building.

## **Demolition Review: Demolition October 5th and 14th**

Draft Meeting Minutes October 5th: [Click Here](#) ..... Draft Meeting Minutes Oct. 14th [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: Oct. 5th [Click Here](#) ..... Recorded Video Oct. 14th: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 96 Pioneer Rd. Deemed not significant
- 2) Discussed Architectural/Historic House Task Force planning discussion
- 3) 218 Locke Rd was deemed not significant
- 4) The wording of the Notice of Decisions may be misleading and Committee will communicate with the Select Board Executive Assistant.

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

Select Board wants to acquire the TD Bank before updating the charter for this planning group.

## **Energy & Recycling**

Rye Energy Reports: [Click Here](#)

Recycling Brochure: [Click Here](#)

Food Compost Program: [Click Here](#)

Zero Waste Presentation: [Click Here](#)





## **Rye Energy Committee Meeting: Oct. 6th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) Progress is being made with the Solar Proposal/RE-issue RFP with support from Budget Committee members. Updates on the School PPA and Garage will be shared with the members.
- 2) Committee is in favor of signing the letter from Community Power Coalition (PUC). The PUC is writing up rules and regulations for the programs. Select Board will need to approve.
- 3) If the Select Board approves, a committee would need to be dedicated to support Rye's engagement.
- 4) Eversource provided a resource to tour the schools to look for ways of reducing energy usage.
- 5) Town Lighting upgrade will be the next big project.
- 6) Members planned on attending a Clean Energy Conference

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

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



### **Mosquito**

Mosquito Complaint Form: [Click Here](#)

2020 Mosquito Control Notice: [Click Here](#)

Dragon Mosquito Program Overview: [Click Here](#)

## **Mosquito Commission Meeting: Oct. 20th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: Not available



### **Beach Committee**

2018 Beach Committee Report: [Click Here](#)

Parking Assessment Study: [Click Here](#)

## **Beach Committee October 14th meeting**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes : [Click Here](#)

- 1) Surf Rider Foundation presented to the Beach Committee
- 2) State Budget cuts may impact the DES's ability to perform more water testing for fecal contamination at Rye Beaches next year.

3) Beach walk revealed that there are still Jenness Beach access issues.

#### G. LISTING OF PROJECTS WITH CIP PRIORITY

Summary of Rye Capital Project Requests: 2019 - 2024  
Table 9

Projects under the Rye Board of Selectmen:

Town Buildings & Administration:	2018 Actual
Scanning Documents For Storage	\$60,000
Purchase of 500 Washington Road	\$0
Town Hall - Exterior Painting & Repair	\$120,000
Land Development Regulations Update	\$23,205
Old Police Station/Trolley Barn	
Town Buildings Total	\$203,205

This plan assumes no funding for Rye Town Hall or Rye town administrative

## Budget, CIP and Trust Funds

CIP Plans: [Click Here](#)

Town 2020 Budget:

Town 2020 MS-7:

Town 2020 Budget Sheet:

RWD Budget: [Click Here](#)

RBVD Budget: [Click Here](#)

JBVD Budget: [Click Here](#)

School Budget: [Click Here](#)

RCL Budget Analysis:

## Capital Improvement Plan Sept 24th

Draft Meeting Minutes:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1 Meetings being held, but no meeting minutes available

2) Older minutes are also not available

## Trustee of the Trust Funds Oct. 14th meeting

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1 Funds are tracking the S&P Value Index, so down about 11%, while the S&P Index is up 5% due to its high tech exposure

2) Shares were liquidated and other purchases were made. See the [minutes](#) for details



## Rye Related Activities

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

## 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.

## Town Reference Documents on the Town Web Site

Rye History Museum: [Click Here](#).....Town Facebook page: [Click Here](#)  
Rye Police Home page: [Click Here](#) .....Rye Police Facebook Page: [Click Here](#)  
Fire Department Facebook: [Click Here](#) .....  
Rye Beach & Jeness Beach District Information: [Click Here](#)  
NH's Citizen's Count: [Click Here](#)  
What else???

**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**

**LINKS BELOW DO NOT All WORK - (links did not port to the new editor).**

## 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:

## 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](#)

## **Other Town Activity**

### **Rye Town Handbook from the Rye Civic League:**

NOTE: 2020 Update is 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

Rye Civic League: [civicnews@ryecivicleague.org](mailto: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.