

Rye Civic News January 2021

from the [Rye Civic League \(www.ryecivicleague.org\)](http://www.ryecivicleague.org)



[RCL Monthly Meetings & Public Forum last Wednesday of the month RPL 7pm \(zoom now\)](#)
[RCL Facebook Page](#) [New 2020 Citizens' Handbook \(Click Here\)](#)

1st Annual Letter from RCL President

[Click Here](#) for letters from RCL President and Steven Borne

Rye and COVID-19

- 1) State vaccine information. [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](#)

December Highlights

- 1) No decision yet about keeping the January 30th Town Deliberative Meeting date or delaying. Recommended to get Petitioned Warrant articles ([Instructions](#)) in by January 12th with the filing date for 2021 elected offices by January 29th. [Click Here](#) for list (2021 position dates will be on the ballot)
- 2) TD Bank/Parsonage Swap update
[Select Board Statement](#) of December 14th
[Library Board of Trustee statement](#) on the statement
.... [Additional Information](#) from a resident with links to all three agreements
- 3) Town Attorney initiated [zoning change](#) proposal from business to residential has "The Breakers"" residents hiring a lawyer as impacted residents where not first consulted. [Rye Harbor zoning changes](#) moving to the ballot.
- 4) 711 Long John Rd. residents continue effort to create three building lots on property likely better suited for two lots. Dec. 14th meeting minutes or other application information is not online for the public. [Zoom Images](#)
- 5) Rye Town Center Committee (RTCC) [new charter wording](#) being reviewed by Select Board. Two new members added.
- 6) New Ladder Truck went on its first call. Fire Department proposing new Mini-pumper be purchased in 2021 and allocating for increasing staff and management.
- 7) Rye now has 6004 registered voters.
- 8) Six teachers will be retiring
- 9) Aquarion Water update and investments. [Click Here](#). Includes PFOA treatment. [Well map](#)
- 10) 63 Old Beach Road is first property to be impacted by new FEMA flood maps
- 11) Parsons Creek pollution levels not tested in 2020 due to State budget cuts.

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 I..... 2 Alternate Vacancies

CIP Committee 	1 Member Vacancy
Energy Committee 	2 Member Vacancies
Recycling Education Committee 	1 Member Vacancy

WANT TO SERVE? January is the time to make your decision. [Click Here](#) and look at the positions that end in 2021 (from the RCL Citizens' Handbook). Have questions about the commitment, the Civic League can help [e-mail](#)
 Select Board incumbent is not running for the 3 year term.

General Announcements

- 1) Budget Meetings January
 - Jan. 13th: School Budget Public Hearing [Overview Line items](#)
 - Jan. 14th: Town Budget Public Hearing: Nothing posted for the public on the website
- 2) Jan 7th HDC Public Hearing on plans for the Parsonage Land [Agenda](#)
- 3) Planning Board is discussing Visioning Sessions in support of the Master Plan at January 12th Planning Board (Agenda not available online, but on bulletin boards)
- 4) RJH starting a group to look at how to best utilize the Wedgewood Land behind RJ
- 5) Concerned about our aging demographics?: [Click Here](#) for Communities & Consequences
- 6) Rye PTA, Rye Education Fund and Civic League Presidents explain their groups [Click Here](#)
- 7). Seeking 20th century Rye stories for new history of Rye. [Click Here](#)
- 8) Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
- 9). GIS Town 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

Jan. 4th RTCC	.Jan. 12th: Planning Board
Jan. 5th Historic District.	Jan. 12th: Conservation Commission
Jan. 6th Water District	.Jan. 13th: Budget Committee
Jan. 6th ZBA	Jan. 14th: Heritage Commission
Jan. 6th Beach Commission.	Jan. 14th: Budge Committee
Jan. 7th Historic District.	.Jan. 18th: Recreation Commission
Jan. 7th Budget Committee.	Jan. 25th: Select Board
Jan. 11th. Select Board	Jan. 30th: Deliberative Town Meeting (if not moved)



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 December 28th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not Available

- 1) Library Board of Trustees summarized their response to Select Board Statement. [Click Here](#) LBOT and additional information submitted to the meeting by Steven Borne [Click Here](#) will be posted with the minutes.
- 2) Two new Rye Town Center Committee members and an updated wording for the Charter was shared with the Select Board.
- 3) Fire Chief provided information on Covid 19 and the State Vaccination plans. The Chief provided this [Click Here](#) link for information from the State.
- 3) Discussion on the Town Deliberative Meeting and Town election
 Legislation allowing the shifting of the local elections may be enacted the first week of January

-Virtual option may have limit voters ability to impact warrant wording
..... Health and safety concerns raised about holding a Deliberative Town Meeting at the RJH
- 4) School Deliberative Meeting and Vote, should follow the Town decision, but 2021/2022 budget must be approved no later than in June (no specific date discussed)
 - 5) If Official Voting is moved to May or June, resident suggested the Town consider moving the Fiscal year from Jan. 1st to the end of June. Currently, as there is no approved budget from January to the March election, departments operate on pro-rated estimates from the previous budget.
 - 6). Fire Department warrant for a new mini-pumper was approved. Purchase is part of the Fire Department equipment strategy. No discussion of the proposal to increase staffing from two to three person shifts and additional management. [Overview Presentation](#) Full draft analysis. [Click Here](#)

Select Board Non Public Meetings

None:

Select Board Meeting December 14th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Residents have submitted a petitioned warrant article with the intent of having a portion of the Parsonage property go to the Library and not 500 Washington LLC.
- 2) Residents and Library Board Trustees expressed views on the demolition of the Parsonage buildings.
- 3) Resident continued to highlight that Public Hearing information continues to be physically posted on bulletin boards and sent to the paper, but not made available on the website. Resident also implored the Select Board to work with neighboring towns prior to increasing Fire Dept. staff, as we are already oversaturated in the area with fire equipment. Fire Department staff are only occupied on a current call for 11% of total calls.
- 4) A request was made for community members to work with the Schools "Wedgewood Land" behind the RJH was made. The first planning meeting will be January 14th.
- 5) The [Capital Improvement Plan](#) was presented and accepted by the Selection Board. This was posted as a Public Hearing, but the Select Board did not open this discussion to the public. Plan covers over \$2 million of spending.
- 6) Mosquito Control Commission recommendation to continue with Dragon Mosquito was approved as all feel they are doing a very good job. Select Board did not approve the name change request as the warrant that created the commission specified Mosquitos.
- 7) Aquarion Water provided an operations update. [Click Here](#). They continue to make investments and add wells. PFOA plumes have been detected and they are installing treatment facilities.
- 8) Select Board encouraged the Rye Town Center Committee to continue pursuing the TAP grant for sidewalks and to provide suggestions to modify the current committee charter.
- 9) The Rye Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee charge was extended to March 2022 and the committee will resume meetings to identify locations for cell towers. Resident reminded the Select Board that the consultant closed his presentation pointing out that there are many different types of small radio systems being deployed and Rye has not existing regulations for them.
- 10) There appears to be some disconnect between the School Board and Historic District on the RJH Solar panels.
- 11) In addition to the annual contributions to existing funds, Select Board approved
--- \$200K New DPW backhoe and front end loader
.....\$350K to continue the \$700K Salt shed
..... \$25K for Conservation Commission legal and consulting

Select Board All Day Budget Workshop; November 5th:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: still not available



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: [October](#)

Rye Education Foundation: [Click Here](#)

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

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

School Board Meeting: December 16th

Recorded Video: None

Draft Meeting Minutes: None

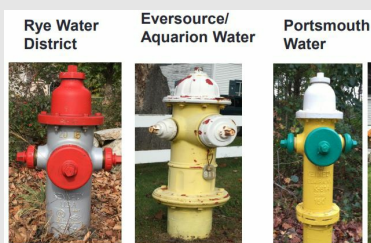
- 1) Board accepted six letters of intent to retire with regret and appreciation from from Sheila Adams, Robin Ellwood, Maureen Ganem, Kathleen Tucker and Andrea Papoutsy
- 2) Boardmember Heather Reed announce her intent to run for reelection March

SAU 50 Joint Board Meeting: December 16th

Recorded Video: None

Draft Meeting Minutes: None

- 1) Third version of the SAU proposed budget totals \$1,763,151.00
- 2) This is a 12.85% increase over prior year
- 3) Rye's portion is 48% of the total budget or \$846,303
- 4) The SAU Board authorized the Board Chairpersons to negotiate a one-year extension to the Superintendent's contract



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](#)

2019 RWD Rate Schedule: [Click Here](#) 2017 RCL Water in Rye Information: [Click Here](#)
RWD 101 Information: [Click Here](#) 2019 RWD Quality Report: [Click Here](#)
PFAS Testing updates page: [Click Here](#) Conservation Tips: [Click Here](#)
2020 Budget: [Click Here](#) 2020 Projects presentation: [Click Here](#)
2017 Infrastructure Report Card: [Click Here](#) Imagine a day without water: [Click Here](#)

Rye Water District December 2nd

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

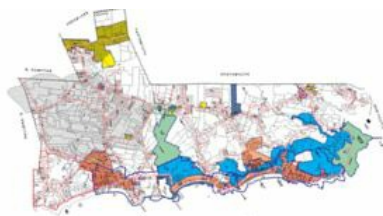
Wallis Rd. and Garland Well project overview. [Click Here](#)

- 1) Stream flow gauges were monitored for a stream and Bailey Brook as part of the Cedar Run well replacement. Potential stress on surface water in the area. A daily trend was also noted in the stream. The dam could be part of this and there were some observations of stream flow dropping to zero.
- 2) Wallis Rd. work should start in April and be completed by summer.
- 3) Monthly pumping totals are up from the highest year (134M), now at 147M
- 4) Discussions of delineating the new Cedar Run well's sanitary protection area which includes a portion of private property.

Sewer Commission Meeting: December 8th

Draft meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 3 Cable Rd. was capped for the demolition
- 2) 80 South Rd. has requested a second meter.
- 3) 2021 Fees from the Sewer Department are now effective
- 4) 7 East Atlantic is being demolished and rebuilt. Conditions noted for capping and then reconnecting.



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](#)

LRP Public (Master Plan)

1. Visioning Sessions will be discussed at the January 12th Planning Board meeting (most likely at the end of the meeting).
2. Dominique Winebaum, Rye resident and commentator/contributor during past Master Plan updates, provides a summary with added guidelines on the process of planning for updates of the Master Plan. [Click Here](#)

Technical Review Meeting: None

Planning Board meeting: December 8th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft Meeting Minutes: Not posted

- 1) Accessory Dwelling Unit approved for 400 Washington Rd.
- 2) Wentworth By the Sea Country Club expansion of outdoor patio, pedestrian sidewalk and relocation of the existing putting green. [Click Here](#) for zoom capture images
- 3) 711 Long John Rd continued discussion on a plan to squeeze three separate lots into the existing property. [Click Here](#) for zoom capture images
- 4) Verizon application at 120 Bracket Rd. continued until March 31st. This is being help to keep pressure on Rye to get the Port Way Tower completed.
- 5) Town Attorney initiated zoning changes (from Business to Residential) for Rye Harbor area that was moved to the ballot. The Town did not discuss this proposed change with a second impacted area at "The Breakers" before this meeting and would not delay consideration until next year. This is forcing the residents to retain legal counsel.
- 6) See Rules and Regulations section for all proposed ordinances changes.

Rules and Regulations:

The ordinance changes are listed [here](#). The Public Hearing notice for the December 8th Hearing could only be found on the town website at the sidebar link for proposed zoning changes, not in the Planning Board agendas until the day of the meeting. As with the January 12th Public Hearing notice, it is physically posted on bulletin boards, but not available from the Town Webpage.

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:](#) No longer posted.

[Z 2021-02 Demolition:](#) Clarifies what is outside of the Historic District

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

[Z 2021-5 Rye Harbor Business Districts:](#) Changes area to residential (impacted people may not know)

[Z 2021-6 Breakers:](#) Changes from business to residential (residents were not consulted)

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

[Z 2021-8 Parking Spaces:](#) Corrects mistake from years ago. Width now 9 feet

[Z 2021-9 Wetland boundary](#) disputes should not first go to Planning, not start with the ZBA

[Z 2021-10: Wetlands and Vernal pools](#) (seasonal water) to be identified by a wetland scientist

[Z 2021-11 Wetlands definition](#) working change and updates reference document

[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

[LDR 2021-4 Impervious and pervious definitions.](#)

[LDR 2021-5](#) Allows another way for the Planning Board to waive site plan review

Planning Board January 12th Agenda

Agenda for meeting: Public Hearing information is physically posted on bulletin boards but not available from the website.

- 1) 711 Long John Rd. Subdivision of lot into three lots.
- 2) Final opportunity for public to comment on Ordinances. See links above.
- 3) Long Range Planning Committee roll out of visioning sessions for 2021
- 4) Stoneleigh Subdivision and Goss Lane

**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: December 2nd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1) 4 Washington Rd. Approved 5-0 a pervious driveway with + 60 sq. ft in the wetlands buffer [NOD 46 2021](#) with eight compliance conditions. Request for Rehearing and Reconsideration of the Board of Adjustments 9-23-21 denial, continued to January 6th.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: January 6th

Agenda: Not on the website - but physically on bulletin boards

- 1) 4 Washington Rd. Request for a rehearing and reconsideration.
- 2) 2 Merrymeeting Lane: Multiple wetland variances for new build
- 3) 314 Brackett Rd. Driveway in the wetlands buffer and cutting of over 50 trees in the wetland buffer.
- 4) Rye Library administrative appeal that the Select Board should adhere to Zoning Requirements.
- 5) 2257 Ocean Blvd. Height Requirements
- 6) 18 Park Ridge Ave. Building a deck



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: December 8th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Hugh Lee discussed his letter plans for a petitioned warrant article. [see minutes](#)
- 2) Library was running at about 6% under budget.
- 3) About 24 people a day are physically in the library

Parsonage Related LBOT meeting

Multiple Non- Public Meetings were held in December.

Reference documents:

1) December 28th Statement to Select Board. [Click Here](#)

1 Library Nov. 1, 2020 Statement. [Click Here](#)

Library Trustees June 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](#)



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) December 10th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

November 17th Site Walk Minutes: 2420 and 2425 Ocean Blvd. [Click Here](#)

- 1) 63 Old Beach Rd. New FEMA flood maps now in effect means raising new structures in flood zones, sometimes dramatically.
- 2) **2420 Ocean Boulevard**. Approx. 259 feet of privacy fencing, a shed and a lawn proposed for the property between Sawyer's Beach and Rye Beach Club



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 December meeting

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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: December 10th

Draft meeting : [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussion of a fund raising project to support maintenance of the Gazebo, now in the Town Center.
- 2) Only demolition of note is on Causway, with Rye Beach Village district controls that zoning.

- 3) Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower are looking for people with skills to who can volunteer to complete some of the repairs to bring down the costs. See [minutes](#) for list.
4) Mae Bradshaw is the recipient of the 2020 Louise Tallman Award.

Historic District Commission Meetings November 24th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Demolition Review: Demolition December 11th


Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
Draft meeting minutes : [Click Here](#)

- 1) Two properties discussed 17 Central is not a demolition and 7 East Atlantic is not signifi

Rye Town Center Committee December 16th

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)
Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) State may move forward with TAP grants, so a repeat Warrant Article will be needed
2) [Click Here](#) for new Charter wording sent to the Select Board to review.

	<h3>Energy & Recycling</h3> <p>Rye Energy Reports: Click Here Recycling Brochure: Click Here Food Compost Program: Click Here Zero Waste Presentation: Click Here</p>
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Rye Energy Committee Meeting: December 1st

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

- 1) RJH Solar Panels will need a warrant article and educational help will be needed.
2) Concerns about the RJH being in the Historic district will require the most education.
3) Continuing to work with the Seacoast Energy Hub. Harrisville NH has [an excellent website](#) and Exeter may get someone from Harrisville to speak to the town.

Rye Recycling Education Committee February 18th

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

	<h3>Mosquito</h3> <p>Mosquito Complaint Form: Click Here 2020 Mosquito Control Notice: Click Here Dragon Mosquito Program Overview: Click Here</p>
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Mosquito Commission Meeting: December 11th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Select Board approved moving forward with Dragon Fly (current vendor)
- 2) Suggestion to change Commission name stalled as the original warrant says "Mosquito"



Beach Committee

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

Parking Assessment Study: [Click Here](#)

Beach Committee No December meeting

No meetings

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

- 1) [Click Here](#) for notice of Public Hearing, but the discussion was never opened up for public comment.
- 2) [Click Here](#) for 2021 -2026 CIP Document

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

Budget Committee: December 8th and 10th

Town Budget Recorded Video: : [Click Here](#) Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

School Budget Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

November 19th Budget Workshop: Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) No draft Town Budget Information is available on the town website
- 2) School Summary [Click Here](#). School Line Items: [Click Here](#)



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

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.

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

An Invitation to membership in the Rye Civic League

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

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

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

Members receive:

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

Become a member or renew!!!!

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

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

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

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

Get Involved:

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

- Summarize a town meeting for the Civic News
- Editing the Civic News content
- Helping with Candidates Night and other civic events
- Social Media savvy person
- Website and help to fulfill our "digital transformation" vision. We envisioned a more effective capture of meeting summaries, a much better website and more dynamic communication.

Contact Info

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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.