



# Rye Civic News

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## COMING IN MARCH

- **Survey from the Rye Civic League**
- **What do you think Rye should be discussing**
- **Help us improve what the Civic League does**

## February 2021 Highlights

1) Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) is purchasing the TD Bank property for \$700K and will be deeding the building and 1.4 acres to the Town. The other 2.3 acres will remain with RCC. The Library Board of Trustees is providing \$400K of the funds and in return will become the custodian of the Parsonage lot. The remaining \$300K be paid from bonds available to RCC (Select Board is loaning RCC \$300K to close the transaction).

Select Board [Press Release](#)..... [Court Stipulation Statement](#) .....[Who is getting what](#)

2) RCC will hold an information night for the Public on March 10th. This may be in conjunction with the Library Board of Trustees. Select Board's Restrictive Covenant on LBOT [Click Here](#)

3) Rye Beach Village District Budget [Click Here](#). Jenness Beach Village District Budget [Click Here](#) Rye Water District Budget is not posted, but it is up to **\$1.7M**. RWD price increase [Click Here](#)

4) Trolley Barn will go out for sealed bids soon, which is currently zoned residential, not business.

5) Major Site developments at 33 Sagamore (Foyes Corner, page 5&6) and 850 Washington Rd (slide 3 &4) are progressing. See [images captured](#) from zoom meetings.

6) Planning Board removed hammerhead turnarounds from the Land Use Regulations. Public had to watch Feb. 9th Planning Board meeting or know there was a second February Planning Board meeting and read the agenda.

7) 1215 Ocean Blvd (corner of Wallis Rd). can now continue as Planning Board confirmed conditions as required by court order. See original six pages of conditions. [Click Here](#). See [slide 13](#) (from S. Borne) that shows corner of property in the water at high tide.

8) One Graveyard was adopted, there are many more waiting to be adopted [e-mail](#)

9) Eversource attempted to circumvent the established process for trimming trees in Rye

10) Planning Board discussed the very important Master Plan. [More Detail](#)

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

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

Rye Historic District Commission ..... 1 Alternate Vacancy

Planning Board | .....2 Alternates Vacancies

Board of Adjustment.	2 Alternates Vacancies
Rye Heritage Commission I.....	2 Alternate Vacancies
CIP Committee I.....	1 Member Vacancy
Energy Committee I.....	2 Member Vacancies
Recycling Education Committee I.....	1 Member Vacancy
Beach Committee.....	1 Member Vacancy (April 1st)

## General Announcements

- 1) Covid-19 Vaccination Information: [Click Here](#) COVID FAQs [Click Here](#)
- 2) **Youth Sports sign ups**  
..... Rye Softball [Click Here](#)  
.....Rye Little League [Click Here](#)  
.....Seacoast Lacrosse [Click Here](#)
- 3) Memorial Day ceremony will be over video [Click Here](#)
- 4) July 4th Photo contest. [Click Here](#)
- 5) Kindergarten and Grade 1 Registration is now open. Please use this [Registration Link](#) Please share this as it is crucial for the school planning. [More Information](#)
- 6) Resident opinion on the status of the Rye Master Plan. [Click Here](#)
- 7) New Election Dates:  
..... June 1st: School Deliberative Town Meeting  
..... June 5th: Town Deliberative Meeting [Click Here](#) to see Warrant Articles  
..... July 13th: Voting Day
- 8) Rye PTA, Rye Education Fund and Civic League Presidents explain their groups. [Click Here](#)
- 9) Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
- 10) 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

Mar. 1st. Rye Recreation Committee	Mar. 9th : Planning Board
Mar. 2nd. Energy Committee.	:Mar. 11th, Heritage Commission
Mar. 3rd Rye Water District	.Mar. 11th : Conservation Commission
Mar. 3rd RCC Site Walk	:Mar. 17th Beach Commission
Mar. 3rd. ZBA .	Mar. 17th School Board
Mar. 3rd Rye Town Center Committee	..Mar. 22nd Select Board
Mar. 8th Select Board .	

## Rye and COVID-19

- 1) State vaccine information. [Click Here](#)
- 2) **Starting March 2nd** the Library will offer **additional computer stations** and assistance for Covid-19 vaccination registration. Call 964-8401 to schedule a Tuesday or Thursday appointment
- 3) 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](#)
4. [Rye Helping Hands & Covid Kindness FB Group](#)

### 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 February 22nd**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not Available

- 1) Select Board discussed plans to use the proceeds from the sale of Trolley Barn to fund the move of Town Clerk functions to TD Bank and relocation of 2nd floor offices to the 1st floor of Town Hall.
- 2) Approved the Restrictive Covenant for the Parsonage Property that moves the custodial control of the property to the Library Board of Trustees in exchange for the LBOT's \$400K contribution towards the TD Bank purchase. [Click Here](#)
- 3) The Trolley Barn will be moving to a Sealed Bid process for potential buyers. It was noted that this is in a single residence district as potential buyers have considered businesses there (variances are possible)
- 4) Discussions that Memorial Day Celebration will be via video, and July 4th activities may not be possible.
- 5) Chief Walsh presented A & B plans (not shared with the public yet) for the Deliberative Meeting that can either be held in the RJH or outside.
- 6) Select Board and DPW discussed that they are doing all that can be done to remove seaweed

## **Select Board Non Public Meetings**

February 22nd: Acquisition Sale and Legal Advice

February 11th: Legal Advice

February 8th: Legal

## **Select Board Meeting February 8th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) After multiple requests from S. Borne, the Town Administrator will see that departments post information of public interest on the Town Website first. Current practice had been to physically post on bulletin boards and post online the day before subsequent meetings.
- 2) Select Board did not advocate for improving how the Master Plan is updated and deferred to the Planning Board. [Click Here](#) letter from resident
- 3) Energy committee reviewed pending legislation that the Select Board should support or not. HB225 would lower the net meeting credits which has helped shift the State away from fossil fuels.
- 4) Fire in Jefferson NH Town Hall prompted a discussion to Rye's vulnerability to fire. Many single copy records would be at risk.
- 5) Rye will contribute to lobby against the State collecting from Rye as a Donor Town. While Rye still reports what we would contribute each year, the State has just stopped collecting from Donor Towns.
- 6) Verizon estimates the Port Way Cell tower will be completed in 2021.

### **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 2021-2022 Budget Details: [Summary Details](#)  
 Rye PTA: [Click Here](#)  
 SAU50 Superintendent Bulletin: [February 2021](#)  
 Rye Education Foundation: [Click Here](#)  
 Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)  
 Introduction to PTA, REF and RCL: [Click Here](#)

## **School Board Meeting: February 17th**

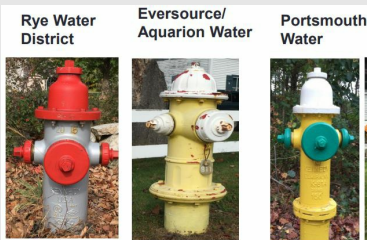
Recorded Video: None

Draft Meeting Minutes: None

- 1) Parent University: How to help kids thrive in a digital world. [Recording](#)
- 2) Board released initial 2021-2022 Academic Calendar
- 3) New Rye District Technology Coordinator to begin work March 1, 2021. Will split time between RES and RJH.
- 4) The Rye School District Re-Entry Plan updated due to revised guidance from the CDC
- 5) Board approved moving the remote schooling date of March 9th to April 8th
- 6) Rye School facilities assessment underway by facilities management consultant Richard H. White

## **SAU 50 Joint Board Meeting:**

No update



### **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](#)

2021 RWD Rate Increase: [Click Here](#) ..... 2017 RCL Water in Rye Information: [Click Here](#)  
 RWD 101 Information: [Click Here](#) ..... **2020 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 Meeting: February 3rd**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

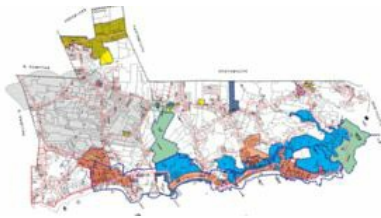
- 1) Garland pump house planning underway with work starting this Spring
- 2) There was a main break on Robin Rd. January 28th.
- 3) Discussion with Aquarion about the 30 units going in at junction of Rt. 1 and Wallis Rd. and the expansion at Evolve.
- 4) Discussing holding the annual meeting in May, outside at Parsons Field or at the RJH.
- 5) 2021 Budget is not online but \$1.7 M was presented to the Budget Committee.
- 6) Rate increases effective April 2021. [Click Here](#)

## **Sewer Commission Meeting: February 23rd**

Draft meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Long time Sewer Commissioner Peter Kasnet passed away and will be missed. He served Rye for 15 years.

- 2) Sewer line leaving Jenness Beach was replaced and completed in December, under budget.
- 3) Church Rd. Pump 1 had a seal fail and was running continuously.
- 4) Rye Sewer extended the office lease to Rye Beach Village district at \$280 per month.
- 5) Rye Sewer Warrant will be \$73,108.50, this will drive the tax rate.
- 6) Adams Mobile Home Park warrant is \$10,433.52
- 7) Susan Labrie was appointed as a Sewer Commissioner until the July 13th election.
- 8) 90 South Rd. had a second meter installed without a Sewer Commission permit.



## 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](#)

## Long Range Planning (aka Master Plan)

*Editors Note: The Master Plan is the guiding document for Rye Land Use Regulations which influence how Rye evolves. Rye's Master Plan is far from Best In Class and is managed by a Planning Board sub-committee. Listen to Steven Borne's comments to the [Planning Board](#) (1:52:00)*

- 1) RCL notes from the Feb. 23rd Planning Board meeting and additional Information. [Click Here](#)
- 2) Recreation, Conservation, Library, RWD and the Schools have plans, but the Master Plan is run by the Planning Board sub-committee.
- 3) Dominique Winebaum, commentator/contributor during past Master Plan updates, provides a synopsis of the status of the Rye Master Plan and comments on how the Town could proceed with the next update of the Master Plan. [Click Here](#)

## Technical Review Meeting: February 3rd

Record Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 146 Perkins Rd driveway was not built to the approved plans. Moved to Planning Board
- 2) 33 Sagamore Rd. Reviewed and determined complete, moved to the Planning Board
- 3) 850 Washington Rd reviewed and determined complete, moved to the Planning Board

## Planning Board Meeting: February 23rd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft Meeting Minutes: Not posted

- 1) 1215 Ocean Blvd (Wallis Rd Intersection). Major Development had a court ruling for the Planning Board to confirm that two of the four conditions have been met. Board voted that they were complete. [Click Here](#) to see the NOD with the three pages of conditions. [Click Here](#) and go to page 13 to see the corner of the property that is in the water at King Tide.
- 2) Statements made that there are updates to where the Wallis Rd/ Ocean Blvd. cross walks will be, but none of those drawings are posted for the public to see.
- 3) Current Land Development Regulations added back allowing hammerhead turnaround a street design. Other options for a dead-end street are a cul de sac or a tear drop. Past Land Development Regulations had specifications for how they impact frontage calculations. This Public Hearing had this removed until specifications can be added.
- 4) Eversource requested that the Town Administrator help with a Public Discussion regarding tree trimming. This counters the current process that requires Eversource go to the Planning Board and then use the established communication process for residents.



5) Long Range Planning was discussed. [Click Here](#) for RCL notes.

## **Planning Board Meeting: February 9th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) 146 Perkins Rd drive was built differently than the plan. Lawyer claimed that what has already been built changing it would now be a hardship. Application was declared not complete due to storm water regulations.
- 2) 850 Washington Rd Major sub-division was at the TRC on Feb 3rd and was declared not complete for multiple reasons. Much discussion as applicant representative argued their interpretation of the regulations.
- 3) 33 Sagamore Rd. Major Site Development application complete and continued to March 9th.
- 4) 1215 Ocean Blvd major site development went to court which ruled that 2 conditions need to be approved by the planning board.
- 5) 711 Long John Rd. 3-lot Subdivision Property may be better suited for just two lots considering all that has to be done to meet requirements. Multiple waivers were granted, one passed 4 to 3, continued to March 9th. See diagrams from zoom: [Click Here](#) slides 7 to 10
- 6) Attorney Donovan raised that hammerhead turnarounds were put back in the Land Use Regulations (LDR) but without standards. Public Hearing set to remove them from the LDR was held on February 23rd.
- 7) Planning Board still spending time addressing the non-compliance of the building and actions at the Stoneleigh Development (420 South Rd).

## **Rules and Regulations:**

### **2021 Proposed Zoning Amendments:**

1) Zoning and Ordinances can no longer be changed and must be voted as is. See the first few pages of the Warrant to see what is on the ballot: [Click Here](#) These will be voted on at the July 3th Election.

## **Planning Board March 9th Agenda**

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 711 Long John Rd. Subdivision of lot into three lots.
- 2) Major Sub-division 850 Washington Rd. Major 4 lot sub-division with a road
- 3) Major Sub-division 33 Sagamore Rd (at the Roundabout) farmstead building and parking. Note on Portsmouth Sewer
- 4) 146 Perkins Rd. Driveway variances as not built to plan
- 5) 26 Wallis Rd and 0 Marsh Rd. to move lot lines.

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### **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: February 3rd**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 0 Merrymeeting Lane special exceptions for a new building in the wetland buffer was denied 3-2 [NOD Case #45-2020 Click Here](#) - slides 11 and 12
- 2) 27 F Street 5 Variances granted 5-0 for a propane AC unit NOD [Case #07-2021](#)
- 3) 18 Park Ridge Ave. 3 Variances granted 5-0 for a deck, one variance requested in error was denied. [NOD Case 05-2-21](#)
- 4) 795 Washington Rd (Webster at Rye) granted a two year extension to the 3/3/19 Special Exception

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment: March 3rd Agenda**

Agenda: [Click Here](#) (note the town website February 27th posting has the agenda attached)

- 1) 235 Parsons Rd. Generator in the wetlands buffer
- 2) 16 Wentworth Rd. Expansion of building beyond the set backs in the wetlands buffer
- 3) 9 Surf Lane Variances for the demolition and expansion of a non conforming structure



### **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 (LBOT) Meeting: February 5th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: none

- 1) Library has moved to the new KOHA System is up and running. The RJH and RES systems now need to be upgraded before March.
- 2) Library is opening additional computer stations for COVID vaccine registration Tuesday and Thursdays.
- 3) Lighting upgrade project is complete

## **Parsonage Related LBOT Meetings**

INFORMATION NIGHT: March 10th (details to follow)

LBOT is paying \$400K for the custodial rights to the Parsonage property that the Town owns. Covenant Restrictions from the Select Board. [Click Here](#)

### Reference documents

- 1) Trustees met to discuss a [November 11th letter](#) from the 500 Washington Rd. Developer posted. Note, while this says confidential, but the author posted on Facebook
- 2) December 28th Statement to Select Board. [Click Here](#)
- 3) Library November 1st Statement. [Click Here](#) Letter from 500 Washington LLC. [Click Here](#)  
Library Trustees June Public Statement. [Click Here](#)
- 4) Letter to Select Board May 11th. [Click Here](#)
- 5) Letter on the Maintenance May 22nd [Click Here](#)
- 6) June 5th Library legal letter to the Select and Planning Boards. [Click Here](#)
- 7) Survey Plans. [Plan A-1](#), [Plan A-2](#), [Plan B-1](#), [Plan B-2](#)
- 8) Parsonage Condition Report from 2015. [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) Meetings: February 11th and 18th**

February 18th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

February 11th Recorded Video: None No draft meeting minutes

Notes from the RCL: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 797 Ocean Blvd: Site walk is needed, House is in the wetlands buffer
- 2) 200 Parsons Rd. 41 yards of material were removed, site walk is needed in the spring
- 3) 0 Bracket Rd. Owner ordered to remove blasted rock brought in from New Castle.
- 4) There is a letter (not posted) on fertilizer for protecting the Aquifer Protection Zone. Nitrogen is a concern for salt water marshes and phosphorous is a concern for freshwater environments.
- 5) Public out reach on nitrogen and phosphorous is needed.
- 6) Sea Glass Lane has yet to remove the sawdust piles in the conservation easement
- 7) 16 Wentworth Rd. wants to expand footprint by 67%. Property between Sanders Point and the Bridge.
- 8) Natural Resource Inventory project, funds will be allocated to start this contracted project.
- 9) Discussion on how to follow up on Conservation conditions as the Building Inspectors office is too busy and understaffed. Planning Board and Building Inspector have the same problem.



## 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](#)

Memorial Day Video Celebration: [Click Here](#)

4th of July Photo contest: [Click Here](#)

## **Recreation Commission Meeting: January 20th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click here](#)

- 1) Resident letter requesting an off-leash dog park was discussed which would require this to be added to the Recreation Master Plan
- 2) RES informed REC that the school is closed, so there will be NO basketball or after school programs.
- 3) July 4th Fireworks vendor retired so if there were to be July 4th Fireworks an additional \$10K would be needed as Rye was getting a discounted price.
- 4) Discussion about additional out door facilities to support residents as COVID may be here for a while. Ideas to be discussed at the next meeting
- 5) Playground area was re-opened but several pieces of equipment need to be repaired.
- 6) Rye Little League registration should be open soon





## 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 Meeting: February 11th**

Draft meeting : [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video January [Click Here](#)

1) Historic Structure Task force discussed how to distribute the pre-1900 information that is available, working on how to digitize, discussed how to motivate home owners to maintain historic buildings.

--- pre 1900 287 properties in Rye

-- 1900 to 1950 800 homes were built

-- 1950 to 2020 1,973 homes built (Rye homes tripled in the last 70 years, 1,000 to 3,000)

2) One Graveyard is being adopted, there are many more, who is next?

3) Letter in support of House Bill 164 was sent to our NH House Representatives

## **Historic District Commission Meeting January 5th was last meeting**

No February meeting

## **Demolition Review: January 15th was last meeting**

No February meeting

## **Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: February 10th**

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1) New Charter reviewed and discussed. [Click Here](#) for charter

2) Tap Grant Application: Letter of interest successfully submitted. Application due date 3/19. Scope: Sidewalk, bike lane, lighting, and crosswalks on Washington Rd from Jr. High to Library.



## 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: February 2nd**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1) NH House Representative Jaci Grote explained and discussed Energy related bills with the Committee, HB 213, HB 225, HB 315 and HB549 see the [minutes](#) for brief explanations.

2) For heating, 66% of Rye buildings use oil, 24% use propane, 7% use electric and 3% other.

- 3) School Solar plan will have a website and looking at an informational session on May 18th at 7pm.
- 4) Library lighting equipment has been received and will be installed soon

**Rye Recycling Education Committee:**

No meeting information




### Mosquito

Mosquito Complaint Form: [Click Here](#)  
 2020 Mosquito Control Notice: [Click Here](#)  
 Dragon Mosquito Program Overview: [Click Here](#)

**Mosquito Commission Meeting:**

No February meeting



### Beach Committee

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

**Beach Committee Meeting: February 10th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

**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	\$203,205
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 2021 MS-7: [Click Here](#)  
 Town 2020 Budget Sheet:  
 RWD 2020 Budget: [Click Here](#)  
 RBVD 2021 Budget: [Click Here](#)  
 JBVD 2021 Budget: [Click Here](#)  
 School Budget: [Click Here](#)  
 RCL Budget Analysis:

**Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

- 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 Meeting: February 16th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

## Budget Committee Meeting: February 2nd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rye Beach Village District Budget [Click Here](#)
- 2) Jenness Beach Village District Budget [Click Here](#)
- 3) RWD budget will be \$1.7 Million plus \$60K in warrants



## Rye Related Activities

### 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.

### Additional Town related Web Sites

Rye History Museum: [Click Here](#)

Rye Police Home page: [Click Here](#)

Fire Department Facebook: [Click Here](#)

Rye Beach & Jenness Beach District Information: [Click Here](#)

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

Town Facebook page: [Click Here](#)

Rye Police Facebook Page: [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 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!!!**

The Rye Civic League is a non-profit 501 c3 organization

[Click Here](#) to make an online membership donation via Paypal including via a credit card.

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

at [www.ryecivicleague.org](http://www.ryecivicleague.org) or by mail to Rye Civic League P.O. Box 971 Rye, NH 03870.

### **Get Involved:**

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

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

### **Contact Info**

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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.