

Rye Civic News



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2020 Citizens' Handbook ([Click Here](#))

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March 2021 Highlights

- 1) Rye Library Trustees and Conservation Commission Recorded Video discussing the details of the court ordered settlement for the TD Bank and Parsonage property. [Recorded Video](#) Diagram from LBOT: [Click Here](#)
- 2) Select Board approves \$8K ([contract](#)) for Rockingham Planning Commission for Planning Board support of Master Plan visioning. Approved \$2.5K and \$2.5K "In-kind effort for [PREPA grant](#) of \$10K for Communication Grant. Note, Rye Recreation budgeted \$10K to support next steps for the Rye Recreation Master Plan update. The Library has been funding its continuous Strategy Planning. Conservation Committee and Rye Water Department also have plans.
- 3) Foyes Corner (33 Sagamore Rd) Nathaniel Foye Farmstead development continues to get variances and waivers. [Click Here](#) for planning documents. Planning Board meeting images ([slides 6-10](#))
- 4) Town Clerk requesting residents conduct as much Town Business online as possible in May, June and July as resources will be strapped with the June 5th Deliberative Town Meeting and July 13th Official Ballot.
- 5) Star Island discussing adding a pavilion with the Historic District Commission.
- 6) Rye Recreation Spring and Summer programs to be announced April 19th with sign ups starting May 3rd. Recreation working resume as many summer camp programs as possible.
- 7) Conservation Commission will not compete with the Planning Board for the PREPA grant request and will fund the Natural Resource Inventory update directly from the Conservation Budget. [View Proposal RFP](#)
- 8) Rye Fire Department achieves "HeartSafe" Community from NH Department of Safety [Click Here](#)
- 9) Rye 2021-22 [School Calendar](#). SAU-50 Superintendent Petralia will retire at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

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

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| 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) |

Initial Rye Civic League Survey Results

Total survey responses to date: 123

Top 3 concerns for Rye. Ranked by number of times included in the Top 3

- 1) Beach
- 2) Long Term Planning
- 3) Water Quality
- 4) Town Governance
- 5) Climate Change
- 6) Development

Early analysis slides: [Click Here](#) More analysis will follow.

Care about our Town? Get involved with the Master Plan update.

April 8th 9:30am Planning Board sub-committee meeting. [Click Here](#) for Agenda (Zoom link)

[Early draft questions](#) sent to some boards, committees and commissions

April 12th: Master Plan update discussion with the Select Board

[Click Here](#) to read State guidance and requirements for Master Plans.

More information below in the Long Range Planning section

General Announcements

- 1) Covid-19 Vaccination Information: [Click Here](#) COVID FAQs [Click Here](#)
- 2) Eversource Tree Cutting Public Forum: April 6th 5:00 to 6:30pm April 6th. [Click Here](#) More information may be available at the April 13th Planning Board meeting.
- 3) 2021 Mosquito control notice. [Click Here](#)
- 4) Have a home built before 1901? Learn what is being done for Historic Homes [Click Here](#)
- 5) May 6th 6:30pm Green Grass, Clear Water, Lawn care and water quality education from Rye Conservation Commission and others (Zoom not available yet)
- 5) District Meetings
 - ... a) Jeness Beach District Annual meeting; June 8th 5:30pm March 20th [cancelation information](#)
 - ... b) RWD Annual Meeting: May 22nd 10:00am at RJH. [Budget](#) is \$1,722,325 [Draft Warrant](#)
- 7) Rye School 2021-22 Calendar [Click Here](#)
- 8) Trolley Barn Request for Proposals due on May 3rd. [More Information](#)
- 9) Memorial Day ceremony will be over video [Click Here](#) July 4th Photo contest. [Click Here](#)
- 10) Update provided to Senate District 24 towns [Click Here](#)
- 11) 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](#)
- 12) New Election Dates:
 - June 1st: School Deliberative Town Meeting
 - June 5th: Town Deliberative Meeting [Click Here](#) to see Warrant Articles
 - July 13th: Voting Day
- 13) Rye PTA, Rye Education Fund and Civic League Presidents explain their groups. [Click Here](#)
- 14) Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
- 15) GIS Town Mapping Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on how to find properties with the Rye GIS mapping.

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
 April 5th. Rye Recreation Committee
 April 6th. Energy Committee.
 April 6th RBVD BoA
 April 7th Rye Water District
 April 7th ZBA .
 April 7th Rye Town Center Committee
 April 8th: Long Range Planning.

 April 8th Heritage Commission
 April 8th: Conservation Commission
 .April 12th: Select Board
 April 13th: Planning Board
 April 13th: Sewer Commission
 .April 19th: Select Board
 April 20th: Mosquito Control
 April 21st: School 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 March 22nd

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not Available

- 1) Heart Healthy Community Recognition Award to Rye Fire & Safety. [Click Here](#)
- 2) Approved Rockingham Planning Commission [\\$8K contract](#) for assisting with a new "Visioning" Chapter. [PREPA Grant](#) for communication will provide \$10K for support on some tasks and requires \$2.5K contribution and \$2.5K of "In-Kind" investment. Select Board did not discuss Master Plan support information provided from resident: [Click Here](#)

Editor's Note: Read more about the Master Plan under the Long Range Planning section below.

- 3) Clerk's office to get additional help. Adding a part time position to manage the busy June/July workload and rescheduled Town Election on July 13th.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

March 29th: Acquisition Sale and Litigation

Select Board Meeting March 15th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) July 4th Celebration will not be held in 2021. There will be a "the Patriotic Faces of Rye" video contest.

Select Board Meeting March 8th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Ned Paul who has served on the Budget and CIP Committees named new Finance Administrator
- 2) State Representatives (Sen. Sherman, Reps. Grote and Murray) updated the Select Board on status of relevant legislation before the House and Senate.
- 3) July 13th election would impact the Town Clerk office coinciding with the busiest time of year (tax bills, beach stickers, summer residents). After much discussion more options for managing the workload will be discussed.
- 4) Comcast agreement is due for renewal, but it appears as if the agreement has changed even as much has not changed despite new technology/infrastructure needs (Zoom meetings, video hosting and potential enhancements with a community TV station.)
- 5) Discussion of plans for the beach this summer and business operations permits.
- 6) Select Board will continue to support the TAP Grant application.
- 7) DPW is looking if there are ways the Town can remove more seaweed from the beach, there is no simple disposal solution. DEA permit and other costs will be required.



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](#)

Rye 2021-2022 School Calendar: [Click Here](#)

School Board Meeting: March 17th

Recorded Video: None

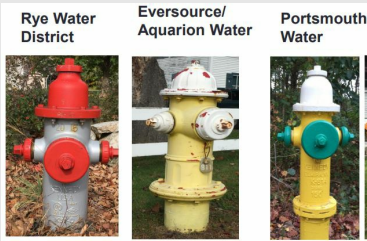
Draft Meeting Minutes: None

School Warrant articles for the Deliberative Meeting: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Modern Classroom and Ready Math demonstration provided to board by Margaret Hanna and Jacqueline DeFreze of Rye Elementary School
- 2) Final 2021/2022 academic calendar approved with 5-days in school planned with 4-day plan ready as contingency if needed [Click Here](#)
- 3) Board unanimously endorsed Town's Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant Application.
- 4) Rye Recreation requested access to the (2) lower classrooms, bathrooms on the main floor, gym and playgrounds for use for summer camp programs. Board could not approve until final SAU/district plans for summer are known.
- 5) Board and administrators discussed possible summer programs to help students that may have fallen behind due to COVID academic disruption.

SAU 50 Joint Board Meeting March 24th:

- 1) Reorganization of the SAU 50 School Board - Daphne Schwab (Chair), Chris Russo (Vice Chair), Pat Walsh (Secretary), Treasurer (Matt Curtin)
- 2) The Board accepted a letter of intent to retire from Superintendent Salvatore Petralia effective June 30, 2022.
- 3) SAU50 will be returning almost \$140K to the town of Rye from SAU unreserved fund balances from years ending June 30, 2017 to year ending June 30, 2020 following completed audit process
- 4) All SAU schools received final Facilities Assessment prepared by consultant Richard White
- 5) Board adopted final job description for new Financial Manager job description



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](#)
 2021 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: March 3rd

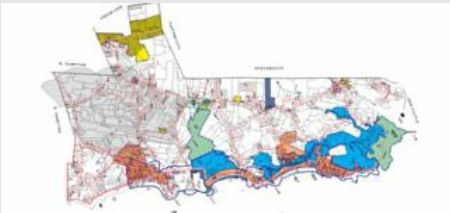
Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) Annual Meeting will be May 22nd 10:00am at the RJH (outside) [Budget](#) (\$1,722,325) [Draft Warrant](#)
- 2) Wallis Rd design work is 95% complete and moving to DES permits and bids
- 3) Water main break on February 28th on Pollock Drive.
- 4) Wells are back to 97% after last Falls drought
- 5) Discussions are being held with high use customers to investigate causes
- 6) Cell Tower agreement with Sprint was updated and will expire in 2024
- 7) Connection service cost will be increasing from \$125 to \$250.
- 8) Rate increases effective April 2021. [Click Here](#)

Sewer Commission Meeting: No March meeting

No March meeting



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)

NH Statute re: Master Plan requirements [Click Here](#)

Current Rye Master Plan [Click Here](#)

- 1) April 8th 9:30am Planning meeting [Agenda](#) with Zoom links
- 2) April 12th discussion with the Select Board
- 3) Rockingham Planning Commission contract [Click Here](#)
- 4) PREPA Grant application [Click Here](#)
- 5) First draft visioning questions provided to some committees, boards and commissions [Click Here](#)
- 6) Reference: Stratham Master Plan [Click Here](#) [Bedford Master Plan RFP](#)
- 7) Lessons learned document to Boards from resident: [Click Here](#)
- 8) Resident synopsis of past Rye Master Plans. [Click Here](#)

Planning Board Technical Review Committee (TRC) Meeting:

No meetings but March 9th Planning Board included a discussion about developers coming to the planning board expecting guidance which are customarily addressed at the TRC or via a consulting discussion request.

Planning Board Meeting: March 9th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) 850 Washington Rd. As new information was presented, this was more of a preliminary discussion to get guidance from the Planning Board, what the Technical Review Committee does. Lots appear to be designed with the purpose of achieving minimum frontage requirements. Application was deemed not complete. [Diagram Slide 1](#)
- 2) 146 Perkins Rd. Driveway waiver approved 7-0 [Diagram Slide 2](#)
- 3) 711 Long John Rd. Waiver granted to LDR for tree removal 7-0 Application continued to April [Diagrams slides 3-5](#)
- 4) 33 Sagamore Rd (Foyes Corner across from Atlantic Grill) Planning drawings [Click Here](#) [Diagrams slides 6-10](#) Note: Information is not posted for the public, interested parties should [watch the recording](#) starting at 1:49:00
 - a) No summation of related concerns and issues
 - b) Neighbors spoke out about flooding concerns and lighting impact
 - c) Waiver granted 7-0 to allow smaller parking stall lengths
 - d) Waiver granted 7-0 for topographic and soil plans
 - e) Waiver granted 7-0 for 14' light to be installed on the North side
- 5) 65 Wallis Rd Lot line adjustment approved 7-0 [Diagrams on slides 11 and 12](#)
- 6) 65 Wallis Rd Lots 140 and 161 merger approved 7-0
- 7) Stoneleigh - discussion of the over cuts and a final plan that shows the Conservation Commission right of way
- 8) 1244 Washington Rd. discussion of the impact to the Breakfast Hill Landfill monitoring wells.
- 9) Green Grass, Clear water about lawn care and water quality about best management practices for lawn care and fertilizer use. The program is scheduled for **Monday May 3 at 6:30**. Marjorie Drive septic testing had 5 of 6 properties with nitrate concentrations exceed the established limit. [More Information](#)
- 10) Verizon Wireless 120 Brackett Rd Sot clock extended to December 31, 2021 approved 7-0
- 11) Master Plan discussion of \$10K grant application that requires \$2.5K matching and \$2.5K in kind. [Click Here](#) to see what Select Board approved
- 12) Minutes do not include discussion of the paper packets that are produced for each Planning Board member and alternate to review. The current minutes are 33 pages excluding any of the applications

Planning Board Meeting: March 3rd Site Walk of 33 Sagamore Rd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

33 Sagamore site drawings: [Click Here](#) (Editor's note: The town does not post these electronically for the public) Diagrams from March 9th Planning board meeting ([slides 6 to 10](#))

- 1) ZBA has already granted relief on the 75' wetland setbacks
- 2) Total lot coverage may be only 2.1%
- 3) Building height may be around 35'
- 4) Waste pickup will be across the street at the Atlantic Grill

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 13th Election.

Planning Board: Master Plan (LRP) April 8th Agenda

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Review questions for Boards, Committees and Commissions for Master Plan "visioning".
- 2) LRP April 12th with the Select Board

Planning Board: April 13th Agenda

Agenda for meeting: Not available

- 1) 711 Long John Rd. Subdivision of lot into three lots.
- 2) Major Subdivision 850 Washington Rd
- 3) 33 Sagamore Rd.
- 4) ?

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: March 3rd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

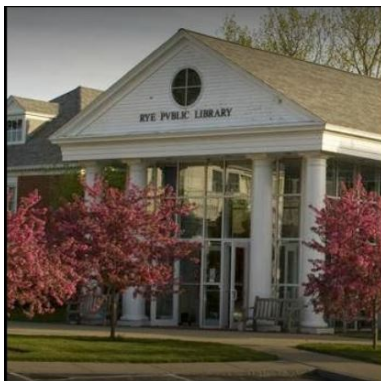
Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 9 Surf Lane approved 5-0 Eight variances for expansion/destruction of non-confirming structure [BOA NOD Case 11-2021](#)
- 2) 235 Parsons Rd. approved 5-0 variance for generator in the wetlands buffer [BOA NOD Case 9-2021](#)
- 3) All others continued to the April 7th meeting

Zoning Board of Adjustment: April 7th Agenda

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 2 Merrymeeting Lane Request for rehearing and reconsideration
- 2) 2257 Ocean Blvd. Waiver for new home that was built too high
- 3) 1367 Ocean Blvd. Expansion of a non-confirming building
- 4) 16 Wentworth Rd. Removal of trees and expansion/destruction of a non-confirming building and asphalt drive in the wetlands buffer
- 5) 1617 Ocean Blvd. Expansion of a non-confirming building
- 6) 295 Lafayette Rd 41,210 sq ft. semi-attached building to Evolve at Rye



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: March 9th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: none

- 1) Looking to increase staff hours.
- 2) Department of Labor had a walk through and made a few suggestions

Parsonage Related LBOT & RCC Meeting March 10th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Diagram shown during the discussion: [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: March 3, 9, 10,11 and 18th

March 3rd: Site walk minutes 797 Ocean Blvd [Click Here](#)

March 9th: CC-Natural Resources Inventory meeting: No minutes Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

March 11th Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#) Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

RCL summary notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Joe Goss will get a piece of granite at the Goss Farm that he insists is his after request by Chief Walsh to settle the matter.
- 2) CC officers elected: Suzanne McFarland, Chair; Sally King, Vice Chair; Mike Garvan, Clerk
- 3) Trail work at Whitehorse Farm CC lands well underway with 2 trails complete
- 4) Items in DES state budget: water quality and sea level rise re enactment not approved. Advocacy by Seacoast towns suggested.
- 5) Hearings on wetlands and buffers being impacted: 80 Locke Rd, 1617 Ocean Blvd. 152 Harbor Rd, 235 Parsons Rd.
- 6) 0 Fairhill site walk will be 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](#)

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

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

Recreation Commission Meeting: March 1st

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussion on update the Recreation Master Plan.
- 2) Much discussion of what the recreation future needs are and options
- 3) \$10K has been budgeted to help study what the needs could be
- 4) Spring and Summer Programs released on April 19th with sign ups starting May 3rd
- 5) Discussions about how to make the summertime **H**ayezons Day Camp work One option could be the downstairs rooms at RES.
- 6) Basketball and Lego camps should be offered this summer.
- 7) Soccer and Golf camps have been confirmed
- 8) No indication yet from Rye Schools re: Rye Aftercare program for next year



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: March 11th

Draft meeting : [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

- 1) 1053 Washington Rd Barn built in 1850 demolition application discussed
- 2) The Historic Structure Taskforce has been renamed the Rye Advocates
- 3) National Registry of Historic Places plaque approved
- 4) Gazebo plans, actions and fundraising mailer discussed
- 5) Discussion of the LCHIP grant and obtaining funds for Rye

Historic District Commission Meeting March 24th

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Star Island presented plans for a proposed pavilion.
- 2) Update from Certified Local Government grant to develop new guidelines for the Historic district. There will be a list generated before the next review and discussion

Demolition Review: January 15th was last meeting

No February meeting

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: March 3rd

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: None posted

- 1) Library Trustee Jeff Ross joined the meeting to talk about future plans for the Parsonage Site. Before making any major changes the Library Trustees will seek community input. They would like to collaborate with the Rye Town Center Comm. RTCC welcomes the chance to work together
- 3) The rest of the meeting was spent on the TAP grant application and how to edit/improve the application based on what members learned at a Zoom meeting on the application process.
- 3) Since the meeting, the application was edited and submitted, on time. Now the results awaited, Expected this summer.



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: March 2nd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) Discussion with Jay McFarland on NH Zero Emission Vehicles for Rye
- 2) Discussion of NH bills that would directly impact the Energy committee activities
- 3) Discussion to ensure the Energy commission is included in Town Master Plan discussions
- 4) Safety Building and Library lighting upgrades have been completed

Rye Recycling Education Committee:

No meeting information

Telecommunication Infrastructure Committee: March 31st

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)



Mosquito

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

Mosquito Commission Meeting:

No meeting minutes.

[Click Here](#) for information flyer on 2021 spraying and plans



Beach Committee

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

Beach Committee Meeting: March 17th

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 | |
| 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: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Meeting minutes do not give a summary of the amounts and trends of the trusts

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 which is 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. If groups are interested in topics, the RCL will schedule Zoom video calls.

Additional Town related Web Sites

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](#)

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 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) Currently, only about 10% of the people who open the Civic News are members..

Our annual costs are:

- 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 (currently hosted online) 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.

[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.