



May 2021 Sign Up to get the Civic News



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

Get involved with the Rye Civic League **VOLUNTEER**
RCL meetings the last Wednesday of the month 7:30pm

April 2021 Highlights

- 1) Rt. 1 (Lafayette Rd.) Developments picking up
 - 30 Units across from Dow Lane (Hectors) [Slides 7 to 10](#)
 - 28 Acres two Rye Airfield properties and shack property (190 Lafayette)
[Sale information](#). [Diagrams](#) (slides 12 and 13)
 - Updates to 150 Lafayette Rd [Slides 2 to 6](#)
 - Expansion of Evolve 91 more beds [Slide 11](#)

- 2) Planning Board approves squeeze of 3 lots into 711 Sagamore with 24 conditions (4 pages [Click Here](#)
Farmstead at Foyes Corner approved [Click Here](#)

- 3) Two open houses at the Trolley Barn, bids opened May3rd . Informational handout [click here](#)

- 4) Rye Town Mask Ordinance [Click Here](#)

- 5) June 5th Town Deliberative meeting will be held at the WBTS CC pavilion

- 6) Library Board of Trustees has started the plans for landscaping the adjacent property

- 7) Sewer Commission will have a Director and will eliminate the clerk and administrator positions.

- 8) Eversource will be trimming trees. See [small print in NOD](#)

- 9) Have kids in RES or RJH? Read discussion about Rec, Schools and Space [Click Here](#)

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)

RCL Survey of what is important to Rye Citizens



Above diagram shows some of the themes.

[Click Here](#) to see directional details from the top concerns from respondents.

Initial survey summary [Click Here](#)

What is next?

- RCL is building a pivot table of all the data and it will be posted
- This tabulated data will be provided to Rye town boards, committees and commissions
- If boards do not schedule public discussion on the findings, residents should request public discussions with those boards.

2021 Election and Master Plan Information

Elections:

- 1) RWD Annual Meeting will be May 22nd 10:00am at the RJH (outside) [Budget \(\\$1,722,325\)](#) [Draft Warrant](#)
- 2) RCL Warrant Article and Budget Presentation. June 3rd. Zoom information in the June Civic News
- 3) Town Deliberative Meeting June 5th at the WBTS CC Pavilion
- 4) Supervisor of the Checklist - If you have not voted in 4 years you must re-register [Click Here](#)
- 5) School Deliberative Meeting June 1st
- 6) Jenness Beach District Annual meeting; June 8th 5:30pm March 20th [cancelation information](#)
- 7) RCL Candidates Night July 6th
- 8) Town Official Ballot Election July 13th

Care about Rye? Get involved with the Master Plan Update

April 8th Meeting video: [Click Here](#)

April 8th Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

May 5th Agenda [Click Here](#)

- 1) PREPA grant not awarded to Rye
- 2) [Gantt Chart](#) presented to the Select Board on April 19th
- 3) Report provided to Select Board [Click Here](#)
- 4) Additional Information:

From RCL: Master Plan Investing? [Click Here](#)

From Resident: Chronology of Early Rye Master Plans and Studies leading to the 1985 Master Plan [Click Here](#)

General Announcements

- 1) May 3rd - How to get a more Green Lawn - Reduce Water Pollution [Click Here](#)
- 2) Trolley Barn Sale bid opening May 3rd 3:00pm [Agenda](#)
- 3) May 18th Public information for the RJH Solar Panels (finalized after School Board approval)
- 4) Covid-19 Vaccination Information: [Click Here](#) COVID FAQs [Click Here](#)
- 5) Updated **Spring and Summer Recreation Schedules:** [Click Here](#)
- 6) Have a home built before 1901? Learn what is being done for Historic Homes [Click Here](#)
- 7) Rye School 2021-22 Calendar [Click Here](#)

8) Memorial Day ceremony will be over video [Click Here](#) July 4th Photo contest. [Click Here](#)

10) 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](#)

11) Rye PTA, Rye Education Fund and Civic League Presidents explain their groups. [Click Here](#)

12) Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)

13) 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: 7:30pm Zoom

May 3rd: Trolley Barn bid opening	May 12th: Historic District
May 3rd: Recreation Commission	May 13th: Heritage Commission
May 4th: Energy Committee	May 13th: Conservation Commission
May 4th: School Board.	May 17th: Historic District Commission
May 5th; Master Plan	May 19th: Beach Committee
May 5th; Town Center Committee.	May 22nd: RWD Annual Meeting
May 5th: ZBA	May 24th: Select Board
May 6th: RBVD ZBA	May 26th: Historic District Commission
May 10th: Selection Board	
May 11th: Planning Board	



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 April 21st

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Select Board is keeping the Mask Mandate for Town Buildings through May 31st. It will expire then unless the Select Board extends or reenacts. [Ordinance](#)
- 2) Town Administer will inquire if the LBOT would like the Library added to the Town ordinance

Select Board Non Public Meetings

April 19th: Reputation

Select Board Meeting April 19th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: _Not available

- 1) Trolley Barn Open house information [Click Here](#). Bids will be opened Monday May 3rd at 3:00pm
[Agenda](#)
- 2) Request by Common Roots yoga study to hold classes on Parson's Field denied as group is not a non-

profit

- 3) Janet Davis updated the Select Board on the planning activities for the 400th Anniversary celebration.
- 4) Business Beach permits are being issued, but with Covid restrictions.
- 5) Master Plan update from the Planning Board's Long Range Planning. [Click Here](#) for schedule. Resident and Planning Board Alternate will help with the Survey. Two additional residents will support the Visioning section listening sessions. Note Rye did not get the planned \$10K grant to support the visioning.
- 6) Verizon continues to hold onto their ability to build a Cell Tower on Brackett Road even though they have the permission to build the Portway Cell Tower.
- 7) Select Board discussed what could be done to help the Rye Harbor Lobster Pound as the Harbor Master said they had gone beyond what is allowed. Two days later, the Governor stepped in to give a one year reprieve but the problems are not yet solved. [Portsmouth Herald story](#)

Select Board Meeting April 2nd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) June 5th Town Deliberative Session will be held at the WBTSCC Pavilion



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](#)

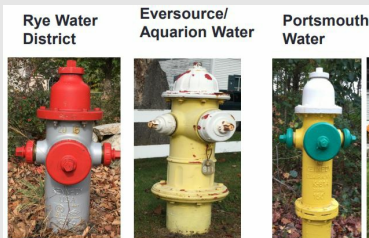
School Board Meeting:

Technical problems prevented public access so the meeting was canceled.

Next School Board meeting will be May 4th

SAU 50 Joint Board Meeting :

- 1) No April meeting



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: April 7th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

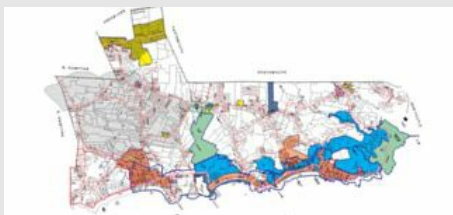
Wallis Rd. and Garland Well project overview. [Click Here](#)

- 1) Annual Meeting will be May 22nd 10:00am at the RJH (outside) [Budget \(\\$1,722,325\)](#) [Draft Warrant](#)
- 2) As the new Cedar Run replacement well progress, there are questions about what to do with the current well as its status impacts protective radius and yield.
- 3) New developments may require more storage and other costs for the district. It was agreed that new water sources investigation will need to start again at some point.
- 4) Will investigate buying Aquarion water for the Rt. 1 30 units and 90 new beds at Evolve.
- 5) Portsmouth Public Works Director met with commissioners about concerns about abnormally dry conditions and future drought conditions.
- 6) RCL comment about Marjorie Way nitrate readings as the Water District is concerned about the Garland Well.
- 7) Rate increases effective April 2021. [Click Here](#)

Sewer Commission Meeting: April 13th

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Church Rd. pump 1 continues to have problems. This and another 30 year old pump will be replaced.
- 2) Wright-Pierce will conduct a station capacity study and conduct drawdown tests. Abenaqui Pump station pumps are also being inspected as they have not been operating properly.
- 3) List of Sewer charges for April to June 30th were reviewed and approved - see minutes
- 4) The warrant for the collection of Sewer operations and maintenance costs for the Town of Rye dated April 8, 2021 was for \$46,954 and will be collected from users
- 5) The Clerk of the Work's Position and the Sewer Administrator Position will be eliminated and be replaced with a Sewer Director Position.



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)

Tracked above to help draw attention to the Master Plan Visioning Chapter update.

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

Current Rye Master Plan [Click Here](#)

Rockingham Planning Commission contract [Click Here](#)

Reference: Stratham Master Plan [Click Here](#) [Bedford Master Plan RFP](#)

Lessons learned document to Boards from resident: [Click Here](#)

Resident synopsis of past Rye Master Plans. [Click Here](#)

Chronological History leading to the 1985 Master Plan [Click Here](#)

Investment comparison: [Click Here](#)

Planning Board Technical Review Committee (TRC) Meeting:

No meetings

Planning Board Meeting: April 13th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) 33 Sagamore Rd. Foyes Corner Farmstead conditionally approved 6-0 with 12 conditions [NOD #02-2021](#) No list or summary of the past ZBA and Planning Board waivers and conditions. Diagrams on pages and site plans. ZBA Minutes on this case: [Click Here](#) beginning page 14, RCC Conservation Commission Site Walk Minutes [Click Here](#)
- 2) 711 Long John Rd conditionally approved 6-0 to allow property to be three buildable lots [Case #07-2021](#) See all 24 conditions (4 pages)
- 3) 711 Long John Rd. granted 6-0 a waiver to the LDR on the two year time frame for conditions NOD Waiver [Click Here](#)
- 4) Eversource conditionally approved 6-0 for tree cutting throughout Rye. [NOD #5-0021](#)
- 5) 850 Washington Rd is incomplete [Click Here](#)
- 6) April 21st Site Walk meeting minutes [Click Here](#) 150 Lafayette Rd

Rules and Regulations:

2021 Proposed Zoning Amendments:

1) Zoning and Ordinances can no longer be changed and must be voted on as is. See the first few pages of the Warrant to see Zoning amendments which are on the ballot: [Click Here](#) These will be voted on at the July 13th Election.

Planning Board: Master Plan (LRP) May 5th Agenda

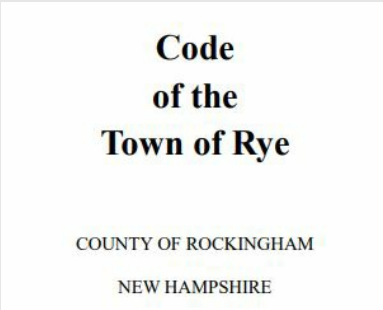
Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

- 1) PREPA Grant not awarded to Rye.
- 2) GANTT Chart
- 3) Discussion of the questionnaire and progress
- 4) Next steps

Planning Board: May 11th Agenda

Agenda for meeting: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 850 Washington Rd. Major 4 lot subdivision
- 2) 150 Lafayette Rd. Gravel parking lot to be paved
- 3) 60 Wentworth Rd. WBTSCC Major site development new covered porch added to the club house



**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: April 7th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 2 Merrymeeting Lane: Request for rehearing. Rehearing denied 5 - 0.

This is the third time this property has come before the board. The relief requested would have involved cutting down numerous trees to build the house in the wetlands which would have a negative impact on the wetlands. The rehearing request was denied as the board did not find they had done anything unlawful or unreasonable and had not made a mistake in the previous hearing when the relief was

denied.

2) 2257 Ocean Blvd: Relief requested for building height 30.29' where 30' is allowed. Relief granted 5 - 0. [NOD](#)

This property was in front of the board previously when the original house on the property was to be demolished and replaced. At that time the board cautioned the property owner not to come back for 6 inches. Due to mistakes in looking at the overall plan and the inches required for a sill plate and shingles they had to come back for 3 inches. The board found this was truly a mistake and the cost for mitigation high (~\$40k) and relief was granted.

3. 1367 Ocean Blvd. continued

4 and 5. 16 Wentworth Rd: Multiple variances for the expansion of a home near Wentworth by the Sea. Relief granted 5 - 0. [NOD #10a and b 2021](#)

The project scope includes replacing a short driveway with a longer driveway that would use pavers instead of blacktop, changing a screen porch into a garage and adding living space above the garage. The project involves removing ledge but ZBA does not count ledge so this is a non-factor. The Conservation Commission has concerns about the project and the removal of ledge however relief was ultimately granted by the board.

6. 1617 Ocean Blvd: Relief requested for stairs. Relief granted 5 - 0 [NOD #12-2021](#)

The stairs in question are 3 feet wide and need a landing. The landing extends the stairs into the wetland buffer by 4 feet.

7. 24 Maple Ave. Continued

This project requires wetland relief. The property owners need to go to the Conservation Commission before the ZBA. Comment from ZBA - if you know you need wetland relief, go to Conservation first. Then schedule ZBA

8. 295 Lafayette Rd. Assisted Living in a commercial zone. Granted 5 - [NOD Case #14-2021](#)

Project is to construct a 2 story building with 91 beds and 17 parking spaces for assisted living facility associated with Evolve at Rye senior living. [See Slide 11](#)

RBVD Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes: April 6th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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: April 16th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) No appointment browsing started April 1st.
- 2) Librarian Julie Doherty is retiring
- 3) Negotiating with a landscaper for the adjacent space.
- 4) Library has requested the survey drawings in support of the Architect
- 5) Board has requested that the Select Board/Town Attorney resubmit the sub-division application to reflect current conditions and no DES septic approval is needed.

Library Board of Trustees (LBOT) Special Meeting: April 20th

Draft Meeting Minutes: not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) The LBOT met with Jonathan Halle, of Warren Street Architects to share thoughts and ideas for the land adjacent to the library that has recently come under the custody and management of the Trustees.
- 2) The LBOT would like to use this land as efficiently as possible in both the near and long term. As the Board designs the space, it will aim to be as collaborative and transparent as possible. This means taking into account the efforts of the Rye Town Center Committee and its plans for the center of town as well as input from the Rye Historical Society. The design will take the eventual expansion of the library into account.
- 3) Mr. Halle will come up with a few ideas for the space for a meeting on May 4th.
- 4) The BOT has received proposals from Seacoast Treecare and Green Penguin Landscaping for work that will begin this Spring to ready the space for library programming this summer.



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: April 8th and 13th

April 8th Meeting Agenda [CLICK HERE](#)

Video Streaming April Meeting [CLICK HERE](#)

Draft Official Minutes (Not available at Civic League publication date)

Civic League Notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Timber trespass at the Town Forest and adjacent private land with a total of 18 illegally cut trees as well as brush and limbing over ½ acre. Person who did the cutting will restore with new trees and remove cuttings as some are invasive.
- 2) A non-conforming triangle shaped 10.850 sq foot lot (245) Brackett Road across from the Parsons Creek Watershed is proposed to be developed.

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: April 5th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Seacoast Lacrosse (with plenty of Rye players) withdrew the applications because the Rye Schools would not let non-Rye Schools use the fields.
- 2) Rye Little League and REC are working on the Covid plans for field use.
- 3) Friends of Rye Library are working with The Wave Community Center at Rye Congregational Church as there is a need for about 20 chairs.
- 4) Working on the plan for an RFP to update the Rye Recreation Master Plan. Note \$10,000 has been budgeted.
- 5) Rye Summertime Horizon Day Camp will not be offered, but process is being made on a number of week long camps (Baseball, Basketball, Lego Robotics and Video Game Designer).
- 6) Very detailed discussion about needs for children, space and using school and space. Read that discussion [Click Here](#)



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](#)

Graveyards needing adoption: [Click Here](#)

Graveyard Histories: [Story 1](#) [Story 2](#)

Heritage Commission Meeting: April 8th

Draft meeting : [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

- 1) 1053 Washington Rd Barns demolition discussed
- 2) Rye Advocates is the new name for the Historic Structure Taskforce. A mailer has been sent out
- 3) Gazebo repair estimates are not that easy, Commission is looking for more assistance and will be raising awareness.
- 4) The Graveyards in Rye will be available online. [List](#) of available graveyards.
- 5) Historic homes plaque inventory is almost depleted. Discussion of turning Historic plaques over to the Heritage Commission from the Historic District Commission
- 6) No input to the NHDOT for the Ocean Blvd. culvert.

Historic District Commission Meeting April 14th

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

1) 652 Washington Rd. project will be issued a Certificate of Approval Summary from Historic District Commission.

2) Discussion of the Heritage process to determine if there should be a level between no interest and Public Hearing

3) Guideline project meeting with Dominique Hawkins will be May 17th

Demolition Review: January 15th was last meeting

No February meeting

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: April 7th and 1st

April 7th Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

April 7th Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

April 1st Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

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

RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

1) Trolley Barn: Committee concludes that they will not recommend to the Select Board to hold on selling Trolley Barn until more discussion can be had.

2) TD Bank Building: Expected to be fully occupied by October however funds from Trolley Barn sale are required to complete renovations

3) Speed Limits: Committee agrees to send letter to Police Chief and Select Board recommending lowered speed limits and other traffic easing measures in Town Center



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: April 6th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1) Worked on the statement the Select Board would need to sign for Rye to join the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH)

2) The Public Safety Building is next up for the Lighting upgrade, next step is a walk through.

3) School Solar panels were not able to be discussed at the April 21st School Board meeting, rescheduled for May 4th. Public Information session is planned for May 18th

4) Rye Recycling Education is under the Energy Committee and the charter needs to be renewed by the Select Board.

5) For the Master Plan committee is looking at other towns for best in class ideas. Exeter, Stratham and Harrisville.

Rye Recycling Education Committee:

No meeting information and member resigned.

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: April 20th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
 Draft meeting minutes:
 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: April 21st

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

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.

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 1,300 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 7:30pm
- 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

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

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