

# Rye Civic News



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RCL meetings the last Wednesday of the month 7:30pm

## TOWN ELECTION 2021

**School Deliberative Meeting:** June 1st 6:30pm Rye Junior High School

**RCL Warrant & Budget Presentation:** June 3rd 7pm [Zoom Link](#) ID: 850 3741 3231

Warrant Presentation: [Click Here](#) Provides background information on the warrants

Budget Presentation: [Click Here](#). Analysis and trends of the Town and School budgets

**Town Deliberative Meeting:** June 5th 9:00am outside at Wentworth-by-the-Sea Country Club 60 Wentworth Rd.

... Town Moderator Note: [Click Here](#)

Remote Access: Check the [Town Website](#) Friday evening. (links will only be posted if everything is working)

**RCL Candidates Night:** July 6th 7pm (link to be provided later in June)

Jenness Beach Village District 5pm

**Town Election:** July 13th 8am to 7pm Rye Elementary School

## **RCL Survey Question**

Would you like all Rye public meetings to include a Zoom (remote two way live communication)?

YES

Select

NO

Select

## May 2021 Highlights

1) Rye Recreation Director Lee Arthur resigned from Recreation and will be the Sewer Director, Town is searching for a new Rye Rec director.

2) Rye is hiring a second full time Building Inspector as the town has not been able to recruit for the open part-time position.

3) Bid accepted for the Trolley Barn (old Police Station). [Click Here](#) There was only one bid.

4) Portsmouth, Aquarion, and Rye Water met with the Select Board to discuss consistent policies for water conservation during droughts.

5) Outgoing Rye Library Trustee summarizes personal opinion of what led to the court settlement for the TD Bank and Parsonage property. [Click Here](#) start at 14:00

6) RTCC discusses traffic and speed limits with Select Board and Police Chief [More Detail](#) Discussion continues June 3rd with Select Board [agenda](#)

7) ZBA approved six applicants with 29 variances and xx conditions [More Detail](#)

8) Wentworth by the Sea Country Club patio and awning project is now deemed a major site development since it now will be a covered porch. Application was approved by the Planning Board. [Click Here](#) for diagrams shown at the meeting (slides 8-10)

9) Sewer commission meeting discusses possible 120 housing units along Rt. 1 in Rye and potential impact to Sewer and water. This does not include all of the Portsmouth developments.

10) Masks will continue to be required in Town buildings for now. Library sets its own rules.

11) Two Rye Graveyards were adopted. There are many more available that need maintenance and care.

12) Rye Sewer had two pumps fail. Abeniqui Pump Station needs a full upgrade.

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

Town positions <a href="#">e-mail</a> .....	Planning or Zoning positions: <a href="#">e-mail</a>
Rye Historic District Commission .....	1 Alternate Vacancy
Planning Board   .....	2 Alternates Vacancies
Board of Adjustment.	<b>4 Alternates Vacancies</b>
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**

In March, the Rye Civic League sent a survey out to those on the Civic News distribution to understand what's on the minds of our fellow residents. The survey asked: What are your top 3 issues (in order of priority) that are of concern. Over 120 people responded.

The top issues are 1) Beach (Traffic, crowds, noise, etc.) , 2) Long term planning, and 3) Water Quality.

We will be sending the cleansed survey data and results analysis to the Select Board and Town Committees. We are asking the Select Board and Town Committees to:

1. Include in future meeting agendas a discussion of relevant survey findings and
2. Have the Select Board and the relevant Committee or Commission coordinate on responding to Town's people.

We encourage the Select Board and Town Committees to facilitate dialogue with constituents and hope to see open, public discussions be held.

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

Initial survey summary [Click Here](#)

### **Master Plan Information (Long Range Planning Committee)**

#### **Care about Rye? Get involved with the Master Plan Update**

Draft May 5th Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video May 5th: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video May 25th; [Click Here](#)

- 1) Developing 2 types of online surveys (municipal and property & business owners/residents) to gather

information for an update of the Master Plan Vision Chapter.

2) It was initially planned that Scott Marion (School Board) and Stacey Smith (HDC) were going to provide assistance in developing a questionnaire for the first survey (municipal) by working in collaboration with Julie Labranche (from RPC). This did not occur.

3) The LRP Committee worked on the questionnaire for the municipal survey at the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting by editing a framework of questions provided by Julie Labranche. Questions relating to Climate Change/Resilience were added.

4) The municipal survey, as drafted at the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, is going before the Planning Board (June 8<sup>th</sup>) for approval before it can be sent to the departments/boards.

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](#) Conservation Commission completed a Natural Resource Inventory in 1978 [More Detail](#)

## General Announcements

1) Correction to First Half Tax Bills notice: [Click Here](#)

2) Rye PTA will be hosting free Yoga on Parson's Field Thursdays, 4pm to 5:30pm through September 30th.

3) Library returns to pre-Covid hours on June 1st

4) Fire and Rescue Staffing Public Hearing. June 1st 6:30pm [Agenda with Zoom Link Slides](#)

5) Updated **Spring and Summer Recreation Schedules**: [Click Here](#)

6) Have a home built before 1901? Learn what is being done by Rye Associates [Click Here](#)

7) Rye School 2021-22 Calendar [Click Here](#)

8) July 4th Photo contest. [Click Here](#)

10) Kindergarten and Grade 1 registration is now open. Please use this [Registration Link](#) Please share 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

June 1st: School Deliberative..... June 8th: Jenness Beach District

June 1st: Energy Committee..... June 8th: Planning

June 1st: Fire/Safety Staffing..... June 9th: Historic District Commission

June 2nd: RTCC..... June 10th: Heritage Commission

June 2nd: ZBA..... June 10th: Conservation Commission

June 3rd: Select Board..... June 14th: Select Board

June 3rd: RCL Budget & Warrant..... June 16th: Mosquito Control Commission

June 5th: Deliberative Town Meeting.... June 16th: Beach Commission

June 7th: RCC NRI..... June 28th: Select Board

June 7th: Recreation

### 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 May 24th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Library Trustee communicated the short term plans for making the former Parsonage land available for public use.
- 2) Outgoing Library Trustee makes statement about Select Board actions in association with the TD Bank and Parsonage court settlement. [Click Here](#) starts at **14:00**
- 3) New Police Administrative Assistant was introduced.
- 4) Mask ordinance discussed. Masks continue to be required in Town Hall for the public. One Select Board member is concerned that residents may not vote on July 13th masks are required. Discussion starts at **27:40**
- 5) Town is in favor of allowing the outdoor seating for restaurants to continue. However full indoor capacity and additional outdoor seating may raise parking, septic and other concerns.
- 6) Select Board approved the acceptance of the 12 acres donated to the Conservation Commission. It was noted that the Select Board should approve first, as the land had already legally been conveyed to Rye. [Click Here](#) to see location
- 7) Select Board and Police Chief agreed to support making Alder and Tower Ave no parking by ordinance. A 2022 Town Vote would make this permanent.

## **Select Board Non Public Meetings**

**May 24th:** Hiring

**May 19th:** Legal ( After non-public, Town Center Safety concerns were discussed No recorded video of the public portion of the meeting).

**May 10th:** Personnel and Hiring

## **Select Board Meeting May 10th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Trolley Barn/Old Police Station sold for \$411K, it was the only bid. \$280K will be spent on refurbishing the TD Bank. This is in addition to the \$700K Rye paid in the TD Bank court settlement.
- 2) Rye Conservation Commission Chair apologized for the last meeting minutes not including the letter from the two Washington Rd. property owners who are impacted by the public (dogs) use of the Town Forrest. [Click Here](#) for letter to SB. [Click Here](#) for letter to RCC
- 3) Residents raised concerns about traffic increases and noise in the center of town. SB were informed that the poor condition of the Parsons Field platform may be a safety hazard.
- 4) With Lee Arthur stepping down from Rye Recreation, that before a commitment is made to a new hire, the SB should lead a public discussion of Rye Recreation and possibly expanding its charter. In public comment, it was pointed out that the Select Board hired the Town Administrator and Fire Chief without public discussion.
- 5) Select Board acknowledged the resident letter informing the Select Board of the 1978 Natural Resource Inventory from the Conservation Commission and the 1985 Master Plan that should be leveraged for the Master Planning Visioning chapter and hopefully a best in class Master Plan rework. [Click Here](#)

- 6) Select Board invited Portsmouth DPW, Aquarion Water and Rye Water to discuss a coordinated approach to address water conservation for the next drought as there were inconsistencies across the area and its one common aquifer the communities are drawing from. Plan was not discussed at the May 24th meeting as requested in the May 10th meeting.
- 7) Summer Sessions Surf camps and lessons were approved with the curtailed options and capacities.
- 8) Rye PTA will be hosting Thursday Yoga on Parsons Field from 4pm to 5:30pm through Sept. 30th.]
- 9) Select Board approved the Rye Recreation Director job description.
- 10) RTCC and residents are advocating for slowing traffic in the center of town as it appeared that the Police Chief is not in favor of different speeds on roads, DPW director was not advocating for action and part of the Select Board did not support slowing traffic. Town Administrator was requested to organize a follow up discussion with RTCC. June 3rd continuation. [Click Here More Detail](#)
- 11) Town Hall renovation architecture work can not start until later this summer with possible work completed by next Summer (2022).
- 12) A second full time Building Inspector was approved as the part time position has gone unfilled. The Select Board indicated a need to better monitor the increase in housing rentals and the related growing volume of approved conditions for the Planning Board. Next step is a discussion with the Budget Committee.

## **Select Board Meeting May 6th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) The sole bid for the Trolley Barn was accepted.



### **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 Meetings: May 4th and 19th**

### **May 19th**

- 1) The School Board hosted Rye School District retiring staff to thank them for their significant contribution to the schools and community. Each retiree received a plaque commemorating their service.
- 2) The School Board approved (5-0) the nomination of Eugene Guth as RES music teacher, Catherine Francoeur as Speech Pathologist and Elise Thompson and Sarag Schryer as Special Educators.
- 3) Acceptance with regret (5-0) of resignations submitted by Kathleen Kennedy and Elkaine Richards.
- 4) Board expressed a strong preference towards developing a plan for hybrid School Board meetings in the future to allow community members to join and School Board meetings via Google Meets as this has spurred additional public interest, engagement and participation from the public. May 26 Joint SAU Board Meeting

### **May 4th:**

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) The Wedgewood Committee presented a 3 year plan for development of the property. Via special public hearing, the Board voted (4-0) to approve up to \$9000 in funding from the Wedgewood Trust Fund for the coming year.
- 2) Board voted (4-0) to approve a revised Solar Power Purchase agreement with Revision Energy.

Pending voter approval via Warrant Article in July.

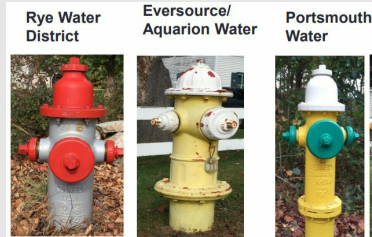
3) Board voted (4-0) to provide up to \$15,000 for summer enrichment programs through RES and RJH to help close any academic gaps due to the impact of COVID 19 in 2020/2021 year.

4) Board approved change to local COVID 19 protocols to reduce quarantine time for known exposure from 14 to 10 days to conform with NH DHS guidelines.

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

1) Board accepted the resignation of Mindy Green as SAU50 Business Administrator and Denise Monroe as Preschool Teacher with regret and thanks.

2) Superintendent reported on search activity to fill the following open positions: SAU Business Administrator, Finance Manager & Facilities Manager.



## **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 Annual Meeting: May 22nd**

2021 Rye Water District Warrant: [Click Here](#):

- 1) \$1,722,325 budget approved. Budget increases driven by capital outlays, engineering work for new wells and older well and the costs to connect the new well.
- 2) Approved new truck and plow to clear the 300 RWD hydrants.
- 3) \$45K approved for expendable maintenance funds.
- 4) Commissioners did not address public question about combining with the Sewer Commission.
- 5) Public discussion asked about an upper limit for development before the aquifer could not support the water needs, the commissioners only reported that its a function of conservation.

## **Rye Water District Meeting: May 5th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

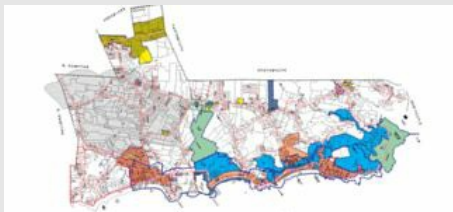
Wallis Rd. and Garland Well project overview. [Click Here](#)

- 1) Wright Pierce reported Garland pumphouse and Wallis Rd work is finalizing. Wallis Rd. work may start after Labor Day.
- 2) Cedar Run well replacement has stalled as the "sanitary ring", around the well cuts through private property and one owner was not informed when they should have been. Editors note: Owner explained to the Civic League this is complicated as he did some work without permits and since then the Town has been making each steps very difficult.
- 3) Continued investigation of additional wells, working with Conservation for Rand property investigation.
- 4) Discussion with Select Board and Town Administrator about getting ahead with plans to manage water conservation for the next drought.
- 5) Assistant Superintendent is continuing effort to control high water usage due to leakage and potential service line leaks.
- 6) Continued discussion of the impact of Rt. 1 development and impact to Rye Water.

## **Sewer Commission Meeting: May 18th**

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Church Pump 1 was down and had to be replaced, Abenaqui Pump Station was pulled for inspection and failed. This left only one operating pump.
- 2) Abenaqui Pump station needs a full upgrade, pumps, control panel and generator.
- 3) Discussion with the Select Board for Federal Fund to support extending the Portsmouth Sewer on Rt. 1 from Portsmouth to the Rye/N. Hampton line. Select Board said the septic systems for a potential 120 new housing units (current work, proposals and Rye Air field development) could overwhelm area. There are also the Coakley Landfill issues. Rye Water is also concerned about the stress this demand will put on existing infrastructure.
- 4) Discussions about sewer capacity in Hampton and Portsmouth as there are many large developments in Portsmouth.
- 5) Resident stressed the need for the Sewer Commission to be active in updates to the Rye Master Plan.
- 6) Resident informed the commissioners that there are nine septic systems in the sanitary ring of Aquarion well 5A and wanted the Commission to be aware so that these homes could be added to the Sewer system if there is an expansion.
- 7) Discussion of options to handle the unanticipated costs of the pump failures.
- 8) Abenaqui Country Club grease trap was not functioning properly was the cause of the grease fund in the pump.
- 9) 82 South Rd and 1-3 Cable Rd were informed that they needed sewer permits for the work they were doing.



### 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](#)

What others Investment on Master Plans: [Click Here](#)

See section above on current activities.

### Planning Board Technical Review Committee (TRC) Meeting:

No meetings

### Planning Board Meeting: May 11th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft Meeting Minutes: None posted.

- 1) 150 Lafayette Road responded to questions from consultants and site walk. Applicant will return after ZBA meeting. [Click Here](#) for drawings (slides 2-7)
- 2) WBTSOC patio and awning application is now major site development as the updated proposal is a

covered porch. Planning Board waived requirements and approved the application that allows the WBTSCC to move forward with the Major Site Development. [Click Here](#) for drawings (slides 8-10)  
3) Announced that the \$10K grant was not received so the Town is only spending \$8K to support the Master Plan visioning. Goal for visioning sessions is late September.

## **Rules and Regulations:**

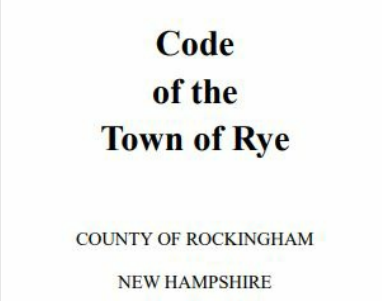
### **2021 Proposed Zoning Amendments:**

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: June 8th 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) 295 Lafayette Rd. Lot line adjustments
- 4) LRP Survey for Town Staff, Boards and Commissions
- 5) Fertilizer use Recommendations for Aquifer and Wellhead Protection Districty

 <p><b>Code of the Town of Rye</b></p> <p>COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE</p>	<h3><b>Zoning Board of Adjustments:</b></h3> <p>Meets 1st Wednesday Citizen's Handbook information: <a href="#">Click Here</a></p> <p>Town of Rye Code Book: <a href="#">Click Here</a></p> <p>Rye Beach Village District Zoning is independent of the Rye ZBA. <a href="#">Click Here</a></p> <p>GIS Information: <a href="#">Click Here</a></p>
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## **Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes: May 5th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

**RCL Notes and Tracking Table:** [Click Here](#)

- 1) 51 Central Rd. 5 variances granted 5-0 for expansion of a non-confirming structure [NOD #17-2021](#)
- 2) 16 Wentworth Rd revised to include missing condition [NOD #10am and b 2021](#)
- 3) 193 Locke Rd 2 variances granted 5-0 for non conforming building [NOD #16-2021](#)
- 4) 24 Maple Ave Variance for shed granted 5-0 [NOD #13-2021](#)
- 5) 9 Cable Rd. Two variances with two conditions granted 5-0 [NOD #18-2021](#)
- 6) 797 Ocean Blvd. 7 Variances granted 5-0 with four conditions for expansion of a non-conforming building [NOD #15-2021](#)
- 7) 1367 Ocean Blvd. 13 variances with two conditions approved 3-2 [NOD #08-2021](#)
- 8) Summary of May 5th: 6 cases representing 29 requests for relief from specific sections of the ordinance
- 9) Starting this month, RCL will tally the relief granted by section number to identify patterns that may emerge.

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment: June 2nd Agenda**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 150 Lafayette Rd wetland buffer and driveway
- 2) 562 Washington Rd. Second Floor deck



- 3) 281 Wallis Rd. Shed
- 4) 117 Wentworth Rd. Shed
- 5) 104 Alehson Shed
- 6) 1481 Ocean Blvd. Demolition and rebuild, in wetland buffer
- 7) 1760 Ocean Blvd expansion in the tial marsh
- 8) 31 Perkins Rd. Shed



## 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: May 11th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: None

- 1) In person browsing started - more than double from March
- 2) Little Free Library at Cable Beach was reinstalled
- 3) Interviewing for the opening in the Youth Department
- 4) Plan to pre-Covid hours June 1st.
- 5) Report on meeting with architect for the open space (former Parsonage) and discussion of options



## 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: May 13th**

Draft Meeting Agenda: [CLICK HERE](#)

Video Streaming April Meeting [CLICK HERE](#)

RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rye Place (27 room hotel and businesses) septic which is in failure and with its exact location "somewhat unknown" will be replaced and parking redesigned with impervious in buffer reduced.
- 2) 1760 Ocean Rd. addition
- 3) 150 Lafayette Rd trees, parking, wetlands
- 4) 63 Old Beach Rd. Tear down
- 5) Longstanding Conservation Member Jeff Gardner has stepped down. Danna Trustlow is the new full time member.



## 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: May 3rd**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [None](#) -

- 1) Lee Arthur's resignation discussed along with the hiring process.
- 2) Donations of a couch and adjacent chairs came from a resident and the Rye Lions provided 20 padded chairs.
- 3) Preparing for an RFP for updating the Recreation Master Plan once the 2021 budget is approved as it includes \$10K.
- 4) Recreation and Conservation Commissions will meet to discuss recreational activities on Conservation land.
- 5) Commission has assigned members to be the liasons with other boards, committees and commisions.



## **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: May 13th**

Draft meeting : [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rye Advocates looking for UNH Interns
- 2) Gazebo work will cost about \$15,000; discussions on how to start the work.
- 3) House Plaque program is progressing and there will be a tab on the website.
- 4) Two Graveyards have been adopted
- 5) Ideas were raised and discussed for fund raising.

## **Historic District Commission Meeting May 12th and 18th**

Draft meeting minutes: Not posted

Recorded Video May 12th: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video May 26th: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Planning for CLG event
- 2) Solar panels on the Junior High
- 3) Updating the HDC guidelines
- 4) Working session with Dominique Hawkins

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

No February meeting

## **Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: May 5th**

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rye Conservation Commission to provide guided tour of Rye Town Forest for Committee members
- 2) Traffic Safety: Chief Walsh attended to talk through Committee concerns with speed limits and other traffic issues in Town Center Letter to Chief Walsh [Click Here](#) Traffic Statistics: [Click Here](#)
- 3) Committee concerns around speed limits added as agenda item added to May 10th Select Board.



### **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: May 4th and 18th**

### **May 18th Public Hearing**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) Public Hearing held to get input on the Solar Panels for RJH

### **May 4th Meeting**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 360NH Reached out to speak to the committee.
- 2) Still discussing solar panels for Town garage and Public Safety Building
- 3) Committee will present the Community Power work to the Select Board on June 17th
- 4) Lighting proposal approved for the Public Safety Building.
- 5) Discussions about getting involved the Master Plan and what to do about electric vehicle charging
- 6) As Town renovates the TD Bank, Energy Committee would like to be involved early, not at the end

## **Rye Recycling Education Committee: May 18th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: None

- 1) Immediate focus is on re-opening the swap shop

## **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](#)



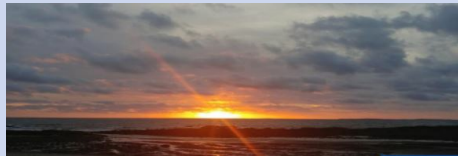
## **Mosquito Commission Meeting: May 18th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) Completed last spring larvicide in freshwater swamps and monitoring catch basins
- 2) Salt water larvicide will happen at the next full moon high tide
- 3) Greenhead traps will go out in March. Town trails and Parsons Field will be sprayed for ticks.
- 4) Residents are responsible for tick control on their property.



## **Beach Committee**

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

Parking Assessment Study: [Click Here](#)

## **Beach Committee Meeting: May**

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not posted

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 8 of last year Rye Beach Life Guards are returning
- 2) Discussing what other beach communities are doing for shark bouys and if it is applicable for Rye. Program tracks tagged sharks.
- 3) Discussion with Chief Cotreau about managing the Life Guards. One issue is parking for Life Guards on duty.
- 4) Update on the RES/RJH carry-in and carry out communication
- 5) Beach stickers issued totaled 4000 last year (2020) compared to a typical year of 2500.

### **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: May 17th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: not available



### **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 & Jeness 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 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 1,300 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](http://www.ryecivicleague.org) or by mail to Rye Civic League P.O. Box 971 Rye, NH 03870.

### **Get Involved:**

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

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

### **Contact Info**

Rye Civic League: [civicnews@ryecivicleague.org](mailto:civicnews@ryecivicleague.org) Steven Borne - President

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