Rye Civic News

July 2021 Sign Up to get the Civic News

2020 Citizens' Handbook (<u>Click Here</u>) Get involved with the Rye Civic League <u>VOLUNTEER</u> RCL meetings the last Wednesday of the month 7:30pm



CANDIDATES NIGHT July 6th 2021 7pm Town Hall Streams

Candidate Questions (Select Board, Library Trustees and Budget Committee only)

<u>e-mail questions</u> before hand - Questions should be for all candidates
 Use the Chat feature on Town Hall Streams when those Candidates are on the screen
 <u>www.townhallstreams.com</u> Rye Public Library

TOWN ELECTION 2021 July 13th 8am to 7pm Rye Elementary School

Sample Town Ballot: <u>Click Here</u> Sample School Ballot: <u>Click Here</u>

RCL My Voting Sheet - to bring to the voting booth

RCL Warrant Article Summary sheet (table of warrant articles)

Absentee ballot form: Click Here

Town Deliberbative Meeting: Recorded Video

School Deliberative : Recorded Video

RCL Election Quiz Contest: \$100 Carriage House Gift Certificate

ALL ANSWERS ARE FOUND IN THE PRESENTTIONS

CLICK HERE for Questions (only ten)

Answer found in the RCL Warrant & Budget Presentations:

Warrant Presentation: Click Here Provides background information on the warrants

Budget Presentation: Click Here. Analysis and trends of the Town and School budgets

Video Recording of Presentations: Click Here

June 2021 Highlights

- 1) DPW Dennis McCarthy is retiring in December.
- 2) Residents are petitioning <u>Click Here</u> to preserve semi-rural Rye. Focus is on the small 245 Brackett Rd lot. At the Zoning Board on July 7th
- **3)** Rye Recycling Committee will be re-opening the Swap Shop starting July 7th, Wednesday, Thursday, and Fridays from 11am to 2pm (volunteer staff permitting) <u>Click Here</u>
- 4) TD Bank (Town Hall Annex) renovation future plans include an expansion in the back of the building.
- 5) Aquarion Mandatory Water Restriction. Click Here. Rye Water Voluntary Restrictions. Click Here Rye

Water District bedrock well is down 40' from earlier this year. Present levels are below normal, 15' and 4' less for the bedrock and over burden wells.

- 6) Fire Chief is communicating his plan to increase staffing. Click Here
- 7) 142 Greenhead traps have been deployed, forty more available to install.
- **8**) Herritage Commission is concerned about the disappearing Semi-rural feel of Rye and is requesting discussions with the Planning and Zoning boards.
- 9) Jenness Beach Village District meeting; Recorded Video
- **10)** Library Board of Trustees Public Discussion on how to utilize the Parsonage land adjacent to the Library. Click Here to see summary of public input.
- **11)** Zoning Board of Adjustments heard 5 cases representing 21 requests for relief. <u>More Detail including</u> tabulation of the types of relief being granted.

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 2 Alternates Vacancies
Board of Adjustment. 4 Alternates Vacancies
Rye Heritage Commission 1 2 Alternate Vacancies
CIP Committee 1 1 Member Vacancy
Energy Committee 1 2 Member Vacancy
Recycling Education Committee 1 1 Member Vacancy

Beach Committee 1 Member Vacancy (April 1st)

RCL Survey of what is important to Rye Citizens

We encourage residents to engage the Select Board and Town Committees to facilitate dialogue with constituents and hope to see open, public discussions be held. Survey data is on the July 7th ZBA meeting and July 13th Planning Board agendas. At the June 28th Select Board meeting, there was no discussion about what the findings tell the Select Board.

<u>Click Here</u> to see directional details from the top concerns from respondents. Initial survey summary <u>Click Here</u>

Master Plan Information (Long Range Panning Committee)

Care about Rye? Get involved with the Master Plan Update

- 1) Initial plans included grant money that was not awarded to Rye. Then the \$8K contract with Rockingham Planning Commission is being withdrawn because Julie LeBranche who was working with Rye has left. LeBranche is becoming an independent contractor and Rye wants to re-alocate the money to her once she establishes herself as a business.
- 2) Progress has been made on the initial boards, committee and commission survey.

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) July 31st Household Hazardous Waste Day in Brentwood. More Information
- 2) Save the date Goss Farm Fall Fair September 18th from noon to 4pm.
- 3) 30 Unit Major Site development at July 13th Planning Board. Rt. 1 across from Dow Lane (Hectors).

- 4) Patriotic Roots of Rye 2021 July 4th Video. July 4th Faces of Rye Photo Contest Video
- **5)** Rye PTA will be hosting free Yoga on Parson's Field Thursdays, 4pm to 5:30pm through September 30th
- 6) Updated Spring and Summer Recreation Schedules: Click Here
- 7) Have a home built before 1901? Learn what is being done by Rye Associates Click Here
- 8) Rye School 2021-22 Calendar Click Here
- 9) Kindergarten and Grade 1 registration is now open. Please use this <u>Registration Link</u> Please share as it is crucial for the school planning. <u>More Information</u>
- 10) Rye PTA, Rye Education Fund and Civic League Presidents explain their groups. Click Here
- 11) Assessment Data: Online views of town lots Click Here
- **12)** GIS Town Mapping Software Presentation Video: <u>Click Here</u>
 RCL <u>Conservation Commission notes</u> 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. Please check the agendas as locations are changing with the Covid 19 restrictions removed.

Rye Civic League Monthly Meeting last Wednesday of the month: 7:30pm Zoom

July 8th: Conservation Commissiion. July 29th: School Board Planning

July 12th: Select Board......

July 13th: Election ...

July 13th Sewer Commission

July 13th: 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 June 28th

Video Recording: Click Here

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) All candidates need to follow the process for communicating with the Select Board before campaigning at the Transfer Station.
- **2)** No discussion of the findings from the <u>RCL Resident Survey</u>. No one from the RCL needed to be present for a discussion of the findings.
- **3)** Contract with the Rockingham Planning Commission to support the "Visioning" activities was terminated as Julie LeBranch resigned.
- **4)** Steve Carter who is leading the Planning Boards Long Range Planning Committe (i.e. the Master Plan), discussed how the Town is plans to contract Julie LeBranch once she is working as an independent contractor.

- **5)** U12 Youth Softball League Champions will be added to the Little League sings on Sagamore and Washington Rds.
- **6)** Lawn water ordinance will was approved and will be implemented this summer. Aquarion restrictions are in affect. Click Here.
- **7)** RWD bedrock well levels are down 40' from earlier this year. RWD over burden well is down 6' as well, neither bedrock or over burden wells are below historical data. However the present levels are below normal (15' & 4' less) for this time of year due to not fully recovering from previous 2020 drought conditions and minimal precipitation over the past year.
- 8) Safety Building Security systems have aged and will be replaced
- **9)** Full time assistant Building Inspector job description will be approved. Rye will now have two full time building inspectors.
- **10)** American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Covid Relief funds. The discussion focused on potential money for RWD or DPW projects under Infrastructure. It was not clear why local business support was not discussed in more detail.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

June 28th: Hiring and Personel

<u>Select Board Meeting June 21st (Budget Committee)</u>

Video Recording: <u>Click Here</u>
Draft Meeting Minutes: <u>Click Here</u>

- 1) Discussed planned expenditure from the Trolley Barn sale to be used for renovating the TD Bank Building (Town Hall Annex).
- 2) Goal is to have 2700 square feet of office space.
- **3)** Plans call for an extension off the back of the building, the space to be for the Town Administrator and her assistant. This will not be included in the first phase of renovation work.
- 4) Additional second floor framing will be included. Editors note: The Safety Building apparatus bay area was also built to accomodate an expansion, cost of \$40K
- **5)** The Select Board did vote to approve spending above the \$280K, but anything over \$411K would need to be approved by voters.
- 6) \$29K for Charles Hoyt Designs was approved by the Budge Committee.

Select Board Meeting June 17th

Video Recording: None

Draft Meeting Minutes: None posted

1) Select Board toured the TD Bank building, now being reffered to as the Town Hall Annex

Select Board Meeting June 14th

Video Recording: Link not working Draft Meeting Minutes: None posted

- 1) No parking was added to Spruce, Alder, Oak and Tower Avenues by ordinance.
- 2) Fire Chief discussed invasive plants. Resident pointed out that the Master Plan calls for dealing with Invasive plants, but there is no implementation plan and not much action.
- 3) DPW Director McCarthy is resigning at the end of the year. A replacement job description is being worked on. There was no discussion or engagement with the public about long term planning prior to filling the role.
- **4)** Discussion of Storm Water management (MS4) as Rye is included in the Portsmouth region over developed zone. Rye must manage our drinking, waste and run-off water. Editor Note: 2021 budgets for water management and fees is over \$2M per year.
- **5)** Recycling Committee discussed plan for re-opening the Swap Shop, limitted hours based on volunteers.
- 6) Select Board will move forward with TD Bank modifications plans by Charles Hoyt Design, as the

Architect firm who completed the previous work is not available.

- **7)** Mask ordinance removed for Town Hall even though some employees will be meeting with the public in small and possibly closed quarters.
- **8)** Rye Energy Committee presented on the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH). Select Board would need to approve of Rye joining.

Select Board Meeting June 3rd

Recorded Video: <u>Click Here</u>
Draft meeting minutes: <u>Click Here</u>

- 1) RTCC Chair presented a letter about safety concerns in the Town Center
- 2) Chief Walsh, DPW Direct McCarthy provided their perspectives and opinons
- 3) A fog line will be used to reduce the travel lane to 10ft with the remaining hashed-marked.



Rye Schools

Meets 3rd Wednesday at RJH

Covid-19 Return to School Plan: Click Here Most current Covod-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: June 16th and 29tn

June 29th Recorded Video Click Here
June 16th Recorded Video Click Here

SAU 50 Joint Board Meeting:

1) No updates



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
RWD 101 Information: Click Here
PFAS Testing updates page: Click Here
2021 Budget: Click Here
2021 Budget: Click Here
2021 RWD Quality Report: Click Here
2021 Projects presentation: Click Here
2021 Infrastructure Report Card: Click Here
2021 RWD Quality Report: Click Here
2020 RWD Quality Report: Click Here
2021 RWD Quality Report: Click Here
2020 Projects presentation: Click Here
2021 RWD Quality Report: Click Here

Rye Water District Meeting: June 2nd

NHDES Drought & Water Use Info: Click Here 2021 Voluntary Restrictions: Click Here

Water Use Guide Lines: Click Here

Draft Meeting Minutes: Click Here

Wallis Rd. and Garland Well project overview. Click Here

- 1) Contractor availability may push the Wallis Rd projec to the Spring of 2022
- 2) New Ford truck may not be available until 2022.

Sewer Commission Meeting: June 8th

Draft meeting minutes: Click Here

- **1)** Abenaqui Pump Station needs a full upgrade. Questions if the 30+ year old generator can support the new pumps.
- 2) Abenaqui grease trap appears to be cleaned. Grease impacted the pumps.
- 3) 1 Cable Rd. Line still needs to be tested
- 4) 56 Old Beach Rd. Old piping was replaced.
- 5) 21 Vin Mar Court. Exploring feasibility of adding a second home to the lot
- **6)** 0 Alder Ave inquired about Sewer connection. Home is in the Sewer district but there is a moratorium in place for expansions or extensions



Planning Board

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month Citizen's Handbook Information: Click Here

Master Plan: Click Here

Master Plan since 2014: <u>Click Here</u> and <u>Here</u> FEMA Floodplain presentation: <u>Click Here</u>

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: June 8th

Recorded Video: Click Here

Town Draft Meeting Minutes: Click Here

- 1) 1215 Ocean Blvd. Unanimously waived a site review More Information
- 2) 0 and 295 Lafayette Rd. Accepted jurisdiction for lot line adjustment plan Case #08 3021
- <u>3)</u> 150 Lafayette Rd. Approved 7-0 to convert gravel parking to paved parking that does not meet the Land Development Regulation requirements <u>NOD Case #6-221</u>
- 4) 150 Lafayette Rd. Conditional approval with 8 line items of conditions. Case #6-2021 NOD
- 5) LRP Survey work schedule that was discussed would not be feasible after it was announced that Jule

LeBranche is leaving Rockignham Planning Commission

- **6)** Fertilize Use Recommendations for Rye Acquifer and Welhead Protection will not be actively communicated, just posted on webpages hoping people actually go there and will read.
- 7) Discussions of removing hammerheads as an option for Cul-de-sacs.
- **8)** Stoneleigh Subdivision continues to consume Planning Board and town resourses as paving and iregation were discussed.
- 9) Webster at Rye letter addressing turf care and fertizer plans were received.

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: <u>Click Here</u> These will be voted on at the July 13th Election.

Planning Board: June 13th Agenda

Agenda for meeting: Click Here

- 1) TD bank lot line adjustments for Rye Conservation Commission
- 2) 2263 Ocean Blvd. Minor Site Development to "sell" restaraunt parking space during non business hours
- 3) Major Site Development 30 2 bedroom tri-plex condominium units
- 4) 15 Sagarmore Rd. Conceptual Consultation
- 5) Discussion of Hammerheads
- 6) RCL Survey Data

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. <u>Click Here</u>

GIS Information: Click Here

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes: June 2nd

Recorded Video: Click Here
Draft Meeting Minutes: Click Here

RCL Notes and Relief Tracking Table: Click Here

- 1) 281 Wallis Rd Granted 4-0 for a shed Case #20-2021
- 2) 150 Lafayette Rd. Granted 3-1 work in the wetlands buffer. Granted 4-0 for drive way in the wetlands buffer with two conditions. NOD Case 19-2021
- 3) 1760 Ocean Blvd Granted 5-0 for a leachfield in the tidal buffer with 3 conditions. NOD Case 26a 2021
- 4) 562 Washington Rd. Granted 4-0 for expansion of a non-conforming buildingNOD 22-2021

Zoning Board of Adjustment: July 7th Agenda

Agenda: Click Here

1) 104 Alehson Shed

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- 2) 31 Perkins Rd. Shed and lot coverage
- 3) 1481 Ocean Blvd. Demolition and new build. Driveway with in a 100' of wetlands
- 4) 2 Merrymeeting Lane set-backs and wetlands

- **5)** 245 Brackett Rd Driveway in the 75' wetlands buffer and building on a non-conforming lot. See residents petition effort. **Click Here**
- 6) 710 Long John Rd. Shed
- 7) 21 Vin Mar Court adding a second home to a lot
- 8) 63 Old Beach Rd. Many variances for destruction and re-build of a non-conforming building
- 9) 1065 Washington Rd. creation of a subdivison
- 10) RCL Survey data



Rye Library

Library Strategic Plan page: <u>Click Here</u>
Library Usage Statistics: <u>Click Here</u>
Friends of RPL: <u>Click Here</u>
RPL Facebook page: <u>Click Here</u>

Citizen's Handbook information: Click Here

Library Board of Trustees (LBOT) Meeting: June 1,

June 1st Draft Meeting Minutes: Click Here
June 1st Recorded Video: Click Here
June 8th Draft Meeting minutes: Click Here

June 8th Recorded Video: Click Here
June 15th: Recorded Video: Click Here
June 21st Draft Meeting notes: Click Here

June 2st: Public Discussion Recorded Video: Click Here

June 29th: Recorded Video. Click Here

- 1) June meeting focused on planning for the June 21st public discussion
- 2) Janet Davis moderated the discussions. Click Here to see the output



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: June 7th and 10th

NRI Draft Meeting minutes: <u>CLICK HERE</u>
NRI Video Streaming Meeting <u>CLICK HERE</u>
June 10th Draft Meeting minutes: <u>Click Here</u>
June 10th Recorded Video: <u>Click Here</u>

RCL Notes: Click Here

- 1) Rye Conservation Commission received the Legacy Award from the State of New Hampshire for their outstanding work in the community.
- 2) The cleanup of sawdust and loaming of the conservation access at Sea Glass Lane has been

completed.

- 3) The CC met to review the first draft of the Rye Natural Resources Inventory
- 4) 0 Merrymeeting Lane. New proposal was submitted.
- 5) 1627 Ocean Blvd. Rebuild will be more client to ordinances.
- 6) 0 Brackett Rd. Changes triggered from 2018 wetlands delineation.



Rye Recreation

First Monday of the month

Citizen's Handbook information: Click Here

Program Flyers: Click Here

Online Registration page: <u>Click Here</u> Recreation 2011 Master Plan: <u>Click Here</u>

Memorial Day Video Celebration: Click Here 4th of July Photo contest: Click Here

Recreation Commission Meeting: June 17th, 22, 24 and 30

Draft Meeting Minutes: None available

Recorded Video: None -

1) All four of the Recreation meetings were non-public as the subject was hiring a new Recreation

Director.



Heritage, Historic & Demolition

Citizen's Handbook: <u>Heritage</u>
Citizens Handbook: <u>Historic District</u>

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: June 10th

Draft meeting : <u>Click Here</u> Recorded Video: <u>Click Here</u>

- 1) Gazebo fund raiser generated \$2,360, combined with other funds there is now \$5,285 for the project.
- 2) Rye Advocates had 53 responses to the 318 mailers. Looking for a UNH intern to help this Fall.
- 3) Voters should bring funds to buy a hat from the Heritage Commission at the July 13th election.
- 4) A restricted fund was established to pay for the House plaques.
- **5)** Town Hall National Register of Historic Places Plaque was installed on June 14th. Former Chair, Mae Bradshaw was recognized for being the driving force behind this recognition.
- 6) 181 Brackett Rd. Graveyard #11 has been officially adopted by Susan Barrie
- 7) RSA <u>79E passed</u>. This is to help towns protect older barns.
- **8)** Discussion of Zoning and how Rye's feeling of Semi-rural maybe slipping away. The Heritage Commission is requesting to initiate discussions with the Zoning and Planning Boards.

<u>Historic District Commission Meeting June 9th</u>

Draft meeting minutes: Click Here
Recorded Video: Click Here
RCL Notes: Click Here

- 1) Work session with Dominque Hawkins to update Rye's HDCMore Detail
- 2) Solar panels at RJH were discussed.

Demolition Review: January15th was last meeting

No February meeting

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: June 17th

Recorded Video Click Here

Draft meeting minutes: Click Here

RCL Notes: <u>Click Here</u>

1) No news on TAP grant

- 2) Committee to proposal including Town Green in Town Center scope
- 3) Warrant article Get out the vote
- 4) Coffee shop in old Trolley Barn
- 5) Traffic safety: striping along Central Road



Energy & Recycling

Rye Energy Reports: <u>Click Here</u>
Recycling Brochure: <u>Click Here</u>
Food Compost Program: <u>Click Here</u>
Zero Waste Presentation: <u>Click Here</u>

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: June 1st

Draft Meeting Minutes: Click Here
Recorded Video: Click Here

Solar Panel Information Recorded Video: Click Here

- 1) Discussed the School Solar project information session.
- 2) The 350NH representative will be invited to a future meeting
- 3) Presentation of Community Power was reviewed for the Select Board.

Rye Recycling Education Committee: May 18th

Recorded Video: Click Here
Draft Meeting minutes: Click Here

- 1) Plans to communicate information on the re-opening of the swap shop
- 2) Discussion for better Mr. Fox food compost signage

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: June 16th

Recorded Video: Click Here Draft meeting minutes: Click Here

Click Here for information flyer on 2021 spraying and plans 1) Mark Troy is not a commissioner, so back up to three.

- 2) Discussed a ride a long with Dragon Mosquito to observer what they are doing
- 3) 142 Greenhead traps have been installed. There are forty remaining
- 4) Resident call to Dragon Mosquito triggered a discussion for developing a process for how to handle calls from residents.

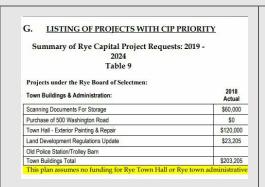


Beach Committee

2018 Beach Committee Report: Click Here Parking Assessment Study: Click Here

Beach Committee Meeting: June 23rd

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not posted Recorded Video: Click Here 1) No updates available



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 2021 -2026 CIP Document
- 2) 2022 meetings starting in July.

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: June 10th

Recorded Video: Click Here

Draft Meeting minutes: not available

1) Voted to confirm votes after wording changes to warrant articles.



Rye Related Activities

Rye Related At Home Activities

These are some activities with a Rye connection.

- 1) Library has online services <u>Click Here</u> Scroll down from <u>home page</u> also RPL News Letter <u>e-mail</u> 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. <u>Facebook Streaming</u>. They are posted on YouTube afterwards. <u>Click Here</u>
 - 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 <u>Link</u> 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: <u>Parson's Creek</u>, <u>Rye Last 50/Next 50 years</u> <u>Water in Rye</u>, Skim the <u>Citizens' Handbook</u> 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

Town Facebook 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, 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 <u>www.ryecivicleague.org</u> or by mail to Rye Civic League P.0. 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

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.