



# Rye Civic News

## August 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

### Change in Monthly Civic League Meeting

#### Starting for the September 1st 7pm RCL Monthly Meeting:

- Monthly Meetings will be at rotating Rye restaurants
- 1st one will be at Kooks September 1st at 7pm
- Initiating Rye New Resident Orientation

[e-mail](#) the RCL if you can help with the monthly meetings and the New Resident Orientation.

### July 2021 Highlights

1) Wallis Rd. Extension beach was closed for several days after July 11th and 12th rains increased the fecal bacterial levels 10 times the top State contamination level. Both Wallis Rd. Extension and Jenness Beach (might have been ducks) were closed on July 28th for fecal bacteria. Wallis Extension remained closed through 7/31. [More information](#) on Parsons Creek watershed leach field oversaturation.

2) Select Board approved per-diem job descriptions as Fire Department takes steps to increase staffing to support demographic shifts. [Presentation slides](#).

3) Library Board of Trustees is starting their Strategic Planning Process. *Note: Does the Planning Board for the Master Plan and Select Board have anything they could learn from the professional strategy process the LBOT has been using for many years?* Next meeting is August 5th.

4) Swap Shop trial re-opening is in process. [More Information](#)

5) Rye Water reported that the Housing Development 40 Units on Airfield Drive will soon start construction. The Rye Airfield property is expected to also be developed. The Planning Board is reviewing the 30 units proposed on the other side of Rt 1 and the adjacent Evolve is expanding.

6) From [NOD](#): "as the Atlantic Ocean is not a wetland as defined by the Zoning Ordinance."

7) First [DRAFT](#) on Town Hall Annex floor plan was shared with the Select Board. [Click Here](#). Note RCL had to scan what was handed out as neither the Town nor the Architect would provide an electronic copy.

8) Small lot on 245 Brackett Rd was ruled a non-buildable lot by the ZBA [NOD](#)

9) Master Plan Visioning work provided the Select Board with the survey questions that will be provided to Boards, Committee and Commissions. While the online Survey Monkey tool will be used, Select Board would not provide a copy of those questions for the RCL to share with the public.

10) Heritage Commission's request to meet with the chairs of Land Use Boards (Zoning, Planning and Conservation) was turned down. Select Board representative suggests they speak with the

11) Over 40 applicants applied for the Recreation Director position. The top candidate declined the Town Offer. Review committee is returning to the applicant pool.

12) Zoning Board of Adjustments had 10 cases (14 Applications) [More Detail](#) including tabulation of the types of relief being granted.

### **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 .....	2 Alternate Vacancies
Board of Adjustment.....	<b>.2 Alternates Vacancies</b>
Rye Heritage Commission .....	3 Alternate Vacancies
Energy Committee I .....	2 Member Vacancies
Recycling Education Committee I .....	2 Member Vacancy
Beach Committee .....	1 Alternate Vacancy

### **RCL Survey of what is important to Rye Citizens**

ZBA mentioned the RCL survey.

Select Board did not discuss what they could have learned from the Survey information.

Planning Board discussed, but also did not understand the directional insights was for them to discuss what the information tells them.

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

Initial survey summary [Click Here](#)

### **Master Plan Information (Long Range Planning 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 for a framework for the visioning chapter with Rockingham Planning Commission was withdrawn because Julie LeBranche who was working with Rye has left the RPC. LeBranche is now an independent contractor for and the funds are being shifted to her. No open bids or RFP for this work.

2) The municipal survey will be going to Rye boards, committees and commissions as it was approved by the Select Board.

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) Save the date Goss Farm Fall Fair September 18th from noon to 4pm.

2) Land Development Regulation Public Hearing to make permanent the change to Hammerheads. August 10th at the RPL 6pm. *Note: At time of Civic News publishing this notice as not posted online, but at the Town Hall. The same with the ZBA and Planning Board agendas (physically posted in the bulletin board but not on the Town Website).*

3) **Summer Recreation Schedules:** [Click Here](#)

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

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

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

7) GIS Town Mapping Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on how to find properties with the Rye GIS mapping.

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

Aug. 2nd Recreation Committee.

Aug 18th: Historic District

Aug 3rd. Energy Committee

Aug: 18th: Beach Committee

Aug 4th: RTCC

. Aug 19th: CIP

Aug 4th: ZBA .

Aug 4th: RWD

Aug 23rd: Select Board

Aug 5th: CIP.

Aug 9th: Select Board

Aug 10th: Sewer Commission

Aug 10th: Planning Board .

Aug 12th: Heritage Commission

Aug: 17th: Mosquito Control Commission



## 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 July 26th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

1) Resident reminded the Select Board that NH DES informed Rye in 2017 that the Parson's Creek Watershed is over-saturated with leach fields ([More Information](#)) and that is likely why after the July rains Wallis Rd. Extension Beach was closed. Note: Wallis Rd. Extension and Jenness Beach were also closed on July 28th.

2) Signs for the Pease PFOA Study were approved. [More Information.](#)

3) Before appointed positions were assigned, it was raised if the opening information was sufficiently posted (30 days) for the public. That information can now be found at the [Volunteer](#) tab on the Town website.

4) Master Plan Visioning survey questions for Boards, Committees and Commissions were shared with the Select Board, but not the public. Survey for residents will follow.

5) Select Board will be supporting NH RSA 79:d Discretionary Preservation Easements with a March 2022 warrant.

6) Select Board approved the Job Description for Fire Department Per Diem employees. This is a step in implementing Chief Cotreau's strategy of increasing staff to address the shift in demand for Fire/Paramedic services. [Click Here](#) for slides

7) Port Way Cell tower footings are in. No update on the schedule, but Verizon is getting close to letting the 120 Brackett Road application expire.

## Select Board Non Public Meetings

July 21st: Legal

July 14th: Legal

July 12th: Legal and Hiring

July 2nd: Legal

## Select Board Meeting July 12th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Resident noted that at the Post Office (one of two Central Rd. Post Offices) closer to Town Hall, the bulletin board is displaying May Planning Information.
- 2) The 10 page recommendation document from retiring DPW Director McCarthy was mentioned but not shared with the public.
- 3) Select Board was not in favor of expanding the Rye Town Center Committee to include the Green abutting the Rye Cemetery since the Rye Trustees of the Cemetery are responsible for that land.
- 4) 43 resumes were received for the Recreation Director. There is a Selection Committee that narrowed the options to seven. One of the top two candidates was offered the position, but declined.
- 5) Rye Water reported that the rain is recharging the wells, but the voluntary water restrictions remain in place.
- 6) Comcast Franchise agreement was approved, but reduced to three years.
- 7) Plan is to have an RFP ready for the TD Bank work for early August. Printouts for the draft layout were available, but not electronically from the Board or the Architect. [Scanned image](#) from RCL.



## 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: July 29th Annual Retreat**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Board to begin strategic planning process in 2021/22 by revisiting district mission, vision, and restarting Portrait of a Learner" initiative delayed by pandemic.
- 2) School principals presented 2021/2022 academic, logistics and safety plans to board.
- 3) Current plan is to have mixed populations (no pods), return to student assemblies, limited guest access and no outdoor mask requirements.
- 4) Introduction of new Business Administrator Susan Penny and new Facilities Manager Tim McDuff

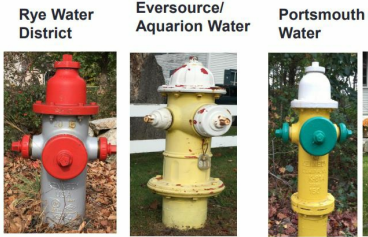
## **School Board Meeting July 29th:**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) School Board voted to accept CDC recommendation and require all students, teachers, and staff to wear masks indoors (5-0).
- 2) School Board and Rye Recreation reached provisional agreement with Rye Recreation on Elementary School space for aftercare program for 2021/2022 year (5-0).
- 3) District was notified by Revision Energy of concerns regarding age and condition of the school building roofs. District facilities manager to investigate and report.
- 4) Next Rye School Board Meeting – September 15, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. at RJH
- 5) Next SAU 50 Joint Board Meeting – September 22, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at Newington Public School

## **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: July 7th**

NHDES Drought & Water Use Info: [Click Here](#)  
 2021 Voluntary Restrictions: [Click Here](#)  
 Water Use Guidelines: [Click Here](#)

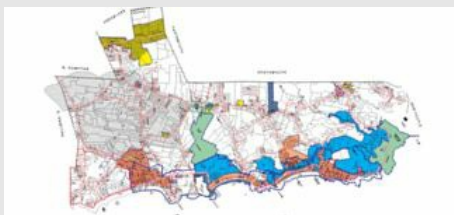
Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)  
 Wallis Rd. and Garland Well project overview. [Click Here](#)

- 1) Wallis Rd project approved by DES, out for bids.
- 2) Cedar Run well will be a replacement well, not a back up well.

## **Sewer Commission Meeting: July 13th**

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Wet well the Church Rd. Pump station was high due to the rains and pump trucks were needed.
- 2) Abenaqui Pump Station upgrade RFP had not gone out yet.
- 3) American Rescue Plan Funds are soon to be distributed by the State and Rye's share is \$572K if eligible projects (e.g.Sewer) are submitted.



## **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.

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

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

No meetings

*Note: At the July 13th Technical Review meetings were discussed and determined the current Technical Review Committee role will remain as is.*

## **Planning Board Meeting: July 13h**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

*Note: The Planning Board is no longer making diagrams and drawings available to the public during the meetings or to be seen on the live streaming or recorded video. The RCL can not provide the drawings that 150 to 200 unique people opened when the RCL cut and linked these impages in the Civic News when meetings were via Zoom.*

- 1) 2263 Ocean Blvd. The Planning Board did not take jurisdiction for the The Carriage House Restaurant request to sell parking spaces during non-business hours. [Case #10-2021](#)
- 2) 500 Washington Rd. and 55 Recreation Road lot line changes were approved 6-0 [Case #9-2021](#). 2.3 Acres are added to the Town Forest and 1.3 acres to the Town.
- 3) 0 Lafayette Rd (Hectors lot across from Dow Lane). Board voted 6-0 not to take jurisdiction and listed 9 items that leave it incomplete. [Case #11-2021](#). Voted 6-0 that the application meets the requirements of Development of Regional Impact and notifications should be sent to N. Hampton, Greenland and Portsmouth.
- 4) Discussion of the [RCL Survey data](#) revealed that the full information was not provided to all members, and some Board Members did not understand what the RCL did or that this directional information was provided to the board to consider and discuss what it might tell them to help plan Rye's future.
- 5) 421 South Rd. Is still consuming town resources as it is monitored and not yet complete. At least ten dead trees were noted.
- 6) Speaking of the four large buildings under construction at the south corner of Washington Rd. and Rt. 1, a member stated that "as much as he looked at that project, he never recognized the visual impact with four big buildings". (from the draft meeting minutes). Board discussion also confirmed that the section of Rt. 1 will be very developed in the near future.

## **Rules and Regulations:**

- 1) All 2021 articles passed at the July election
- 2) Minutes indicate a meeting, but none seem to have been held.

## **Planning Board: August 10th Agenda**

Agenda for meeting: Posted at Town Hall, but not on the website when Civic News Published

- 1) Public Hearing on the LDR Hammerheads for dead end streets
- 2) 0 Airfield Rd. Major Subdivision requests twelve month extension of their approvals from Cas3 #7-2017
- 3) 251-279 Pioneer Rd.: Major subdivision and condominium conversion
- 4) 273 Lafayette Rd. Evolve Memory Care expansion adding 78 additional beds

### **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: July 7th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) Two of the open Alternate positions have been filled, two remain open.
- 2) 31 Perkins Rd. Variances for a shed and lot coverage granted 5-0. [Case #28-2021](#)
- 3) 104 Alehson Granted 5-0 variance for storage shed with one condition. [Case #23-2021](#)
- 4) 1481 Ocean Blvd. Six variances granted 5-0 with two exceptions. [Case #24a and #24b 2021](#) Note in this NOD states that according to Rye Zoning Ordinances, The Atlantic Ocean is not a wetland.
- 5) 245 Brackett Rd. Voted 5-0 to deny variances to allow building on a non-conforming lot. [Case #27 2021](#)
- 6) 710 Long John Rd. Granted variance 5-0 for storage shed [Case #29-2021](#)

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment: August 4th Agenda**

Agenda: Not posted on the website as of 8/1. Is on the Town Hall Bulletin Board

- 1) 2 Merrymeeting Lane set-backs and wetlands
- 2) 21 Vin Mar Court adding a second home to a lot
- 3) 63 Old Beach Rd. Many variances for destruction and re-build of a non-conforming building
- 4) 1065 Washington Rd. creation of a subdivision
- 5) 261-279 Pioneer Rd.: Condominium Conversaion



### **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: July 20th**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video. [Click Here](#)

- 1) First half 2021 had 2429 e-books to date and Hoopla 1741 to date
- 2) Strategic Planning Meeting is set for August 5th. The Space Needs assessment is five years old.
- 3) Park Committee planing meeting was held. [Recorded Video.](#)



### **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: July 8th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

June 10th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Town will no longer issue temporary certificates of occupancy for projects not complete as it has been a struggle to get people to finish and getting bonds in place has been problematic.
- 2) O Meerymeeting Lane site walk, while applicant made improvements the CC members still believe the lot is unbuildable as it is entirely in the Berry Brook wetland buffer.
- 3) July 15th Site walk minutes. [Click Here](#)



### **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: June 17th, 22, 24 and 30

July meetings were non-public as Director candidates were discussed.



### **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](#)

Shop Rye Historical Merchandise: [Click Here](#)

## Heritage Commission Meeting: July 8th

Draft meeting : [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Long discussion with the Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower as the new repair estimates are even larger. The Friends want to move the property to the Town, but that must happen by vote.
- 2) Discussed creating a History Tour with Seacoast Science Center, Albacore Museum, Wright Museum, and a few other groups.
- 3) Still looking for a resource to complete the carpentry work for the Gazebo.
- 4) Fundraising committee is looking for more volunteers.
- 5) Much discussion about what can be done to the changing character in Rye and what can be done. Conclusion was for the Select Board Representative to take the Statement to the Planning/Zoning Administrator and the Select Board (note, there was not public discussion of this at either July Select Board meeting).
- 6) [Shop](#) the RHS site for gifts. Look the the House Plaques [Click Here](#)



## **Historic District Commission Meeting July14th**

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) The committee continued to work with Dominique Hawkins to update Rye's HDC guidelines. Key topics today: Process, Abutters, Landscaping, Decks, Sheds and other outbuildings, More on materials
- 2) Committee is really happy with the work Dominique is doing.

## **Demolition Review: January15th was last meeting**

No February meeting

## **Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: July 7th**

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Tap Grant Warrant article approved by voters
- 2) Rye Town Center Scope – no change as Select Board said Town Green is under control of Cemetery Trustees.
- 3) Visioning activities Continue
- 4) Tap Grant moves along with a September 1 presentation.



### **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: No July meeting**

No meeting.

## **Rye Recycling Education Committee: No July meeting**

No July meeting.

## **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: July 20th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) Weather has been great for Mosquitoes, residents are reminded to remove standing water.
- 2) Rye is now sending mosquitos to the State for testing. West Nile has already been reported in Mass.
- 3) All 184 Greenhead traps are out and they are seeing high numbers in them.
- 4) Who wants Pest Unwanted Posters? Efforts will be made to share with local businesses.



## **Beach Committee**

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

Parking Assessment Study: [Click Here](#)

## **Beach Committee Meeting: July 21st**

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not posted

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) No updates available

### **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 2021 -2026 CIP Document
- 2) Meetings started for 2021, but no minutes.

## **Trustee of the Trust Funds Meeting: July 28th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) nothing available or provided.

## 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.

## Additional Town related Web Sites

Rye History Museum: [Click Here](#)

Town Facebook page: [Click Here](#)

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

Rye Police Facebook Page: [Click Here](#)

Fire Department Facebook: [Click Here](#)

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

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

## Rye Public Forum Discussion Topics

Once the RCL monthly meeting concludes, there is a public forum discussion about some of current topics in town. All are welcome to join this discussion and introduce town-related topics.

## Other Town Activity

### **Rye Town Handbook from the Rye Civic League:**

NOTE: 2020 Update is available at the Library, 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.