



# Rye Civic News

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

### Special September Activities

Town Master Plan visioning chapter Resident Survey: [Click Here](#)

September 18th: 12pm to 4pm Goss Farm Fair [Click Here](#)

September 21st: Mobile Covid Vaccination [Click Here](#) 2 locations 8:00am to 1pm and 2pm to 7pm

September 29th: Newish Rye Resident Meet & Greet [Click Here](#)

### August 2021 Highlights

- 1) RTCC TAP Grant (Town Center) made it through the [first stage](#) and is moving to the next step in the process.
- 2) Fecal bacteria Rye beach closings this summer. Wallis Sands State Park (3 days), Jenness State Beach (3 days), Wallis Sands (11 days) , Jenness Cable Rd Beach (6 days).
- 3) Town Attorney Donovan is retiring from a position he has held since 1993 and was engaged in planning activities as far back as 1986. Select Board will review RFP bids on Thursday, Sept. 9th
- 4) Select Board has created a new committee to make recommendations to modify how Beach Parking stickers are issued. Plan is to complete by September 27th.
- 5) Select Board is moving to have online interaction with the Public. 8-23 meeting used parts of the solution that will be deployed.
- 6) Verizon communicated that they have withdrawn the 120 Brackett Road cell tower [applications](#).
- 7) Hear Planning Board explanation of how the Rules & Regulations sub-committee develops changes to land use regulations, [Click Here](#) 2:16 *Editors Note, No mention of the role the Mater Plan should play, nor does this discussion appear in the draft meeting minutes.*
- 8) Rte 1 Development: RWD notes Evolve expansion has been reduced from 90 to 50 additional beds, but, [PB NOD](#) shows 78 units. Another developer contacted RWD about a new 80 unit development near Lagos on Rte. 1.
- 9) ZBA has granted 76 variances from March through August. [Click Here](#) for summary.

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

Town positions [e-mail](#)..... Planning or Zoning positions: [e-mail](#)

Rye Historic District Commission ..... 2 Alternate Vacancies

Board of Adjustment..... 2 Alternates Vacancies

Rye Heritage Commission ..... 2 Alternate Vacancies

Energy Committee I ..... 2 Member Vacancies

Recycling Education Committee I.....	2 Member Vacancy
Beach Committee.....	1 Alternate Vacancy
Recreation Commission.....	1 Member Vacancy

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

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

1) Long Range Planning is focused on updating the "Visioning Chapter" of the Master Plan. Next steps are:

- Residents please complete the [Online Survey](#) by October 1st
- Boards, Committees, and Commissions have been asked to jointly complete a survey. [Example copy.](#)
- Public please attend the Public Discussion on **November 10th, 6:30pm RJH**

2) From meeting minutes, only the Rye Recycling group suggested members first read/look at the current master plan.

3) For more information on the Master Plan see the Long Range Planning section below.

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) Goss Farm Fall Fair September 18th from noon to 4pm. [Click Here](#)
- 2) 38th Annual Rye Lions Car show Sept 19th 8:00am to 11:00am [Click Here](#)
- 3) New Rye Resident Meet & Greet Sept. 29th 7:30pm at Gibb's Garage Bar & Grille [Click Here](#)
- 4) Legal Services RFP bid opening Sept. 9th 2pm Town Hall
- 5) Town Hall Annex Historic District Commission Sept 15th 5:30pm RPL with RTCC, RCC and Select Board. See 8-4 RTCC letter to Select Board. [Click Here](#)
- 6) Save the Date. **Nov. 10th 6:30pm RJH Public Discussion for the Master Plan Visioning Chapter**
- 7) RHS Yard Sale, September 25th 8:00am to 1pm
- 8) NEW Rye Recreation Fall Program: [Click Here](#)
- 9) Have a home built before 1901? Learn what is being done by Rye Advocates [Click Here](#)
- 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: [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. Please check the agendas as locations are changing with the Covid 19 restrictions removed.

Rye Civic League Monthly Meeting last Wednesday of the month:

Sep. 7th: Rules and Regulations.	Sept. 15th: Beach Committee
Sep. 8th: Supervisor of Checklist	Sept. 16th: CIP
Sep 8th: HDC..	Sept. 21st: Mosquito : CIP
Sep. 9th: Select Board bid opening. .	Sept. 27th: Select Board
Sept. 9th: Heritage Commission	
Sept. 10th: Demolition Committee.	
Sept. 13th: Select Board	
Sept. 14th: Sewer Commission	
Sept. 14th: Planning Board .	
Sept. 14th: Energy Committee	
Sept. 15th: Joint HDC, SB, RTCC, CC	



## 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 August 23rd:**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) DWP sole source bids for Salt Shed work and Backhoe was approved
- 2) Goss Farm Fair parking and logistics discussed. [See Flyer](#)
- 3) Discussion of full time Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector job descriptions discussed. Discussion of what requirements say about Covid precautions in the job requirements.
- 4) Assistant Recreation Program Administrator (32 hours) description was provided.
- 5) Friends of Town Hall and HDC are paying for new Town Hall storm windows, so no budget impact.
- 6) Mary Mitchell from the Beach Committee is being added to the add-hoc Beach Parking committee that plans to complete work by September 27th.
- 7) Update on plans for 400th Anniversary activities. Looking to create a committee to lead identifying what events Rye should hold in Rye and in-conjunction with neighboring communities.
- 8) **Interior** demolition permit for the TD Bank was approved and interior demolition work will begin.

## **Select Board Non Public Meetings**

None in August

## **Select Board Meeting August 9th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Library Trustee provided an update to the Select Board on the Library Green.
- 2) Rye has now qualified for a better ISO Fire Insurance Rating. This enables residents to have lower home insurance costs. We are now a 4/4X rating. [More information.](#)
- 3) Approved Mobile Covid Vaccine Van to come to Rye
- 4) Carriage House was approved for selling beach parking when the restaurant is not open.
- 5) RFP going out for legal services, replacing Town Attorney Donovan. Note he has been collecting over \$100K per year from Rye.
- 6) Committee established to look at how to curb what are viewed as "abuses" to beach parking stickers.
- 7) Town Hall Annex updated drawings were discussed, but not made available electronically for the public. See [RTCC letter](#) to the Select Board.

## **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: August 17th:**

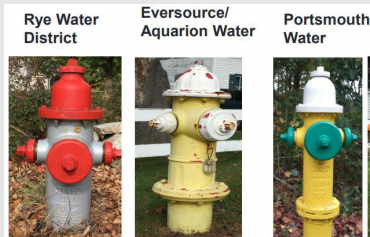
Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

- 1) There is typically no August meeting, so this one was scheduled exclusively to discuss the use of [Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund \(ESSER Funds\)](#)
- 2) SAU50 office to conduct stakeholder survey by August 1 to meet deadline for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
- 3) Board reviewed the 2021-2022 State of New Hampshire [COVID-19 School & Childcare Toolkit](#).
- 4) Based on guidance from the Toolkit, the Board determined to proceed with planned school safety protocols.

## **SAU 50 School Board Meeting:**

- 1) 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: August 4th**

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) Two new hydrants installed.
- 2) Work is starting on the Resiliency Emergency Response Plan
- 3) RWD will meet with Aquarion Water about a Rt. 1 interconnection
- 4) Looking into selling the old generator.

## **Sewer Commission Meeting: August 17th:**

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) New Church Rd. Pump 1 is showing efficiency improvements. Pump 2 and the Abeniqui Pump system need to be replaced.

- 2) Rye Sewer is looking to leverage American Rescue Plan Funds (Covid relief) for the additional pump work.
- 3) While Portsmouth Sewer raised rates July 1st. Comparison shows they are twice as much as the Rye Sewer rates.
- 4) Needed pump station upgrade costs are estimated totaling \$157,000
- 5) Discussion of the sewer moratorium that is not allowing for extensions or expansions until there is additional pump capacity.
- 6) Discussion with new Select Board member King about a sewer connection for all of the development on Rt. 1.



## 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](#)

References: 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](#)

In 2021 Rye Planning budgeted \$8,000 for the Visioning Chapter, while Rye Recreation budgeted \$10,000. Rye Public Library has a methodical Strategic Planning process. Kittery just announced [\\$65,000 for Climate Change.](#)

August 24th Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

August 16th: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

August 11th: 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: August 10th

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 pages in the Civic News when meetings were via Zoom.*

1) Committee discussion of Rules and Regulations did not discuss how the Master Plan should be driving Rules and Regulations activities. Not in the minutes. Discussion [starts at 2:15](#)

2) Discussion about how to address situations when a development does not complete the work and this unfinished work impacts abutters. Not in the minutes.

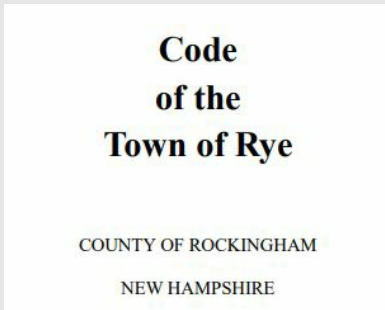
- 3) 251 to 279 Pioneer Rd Major sub-division, jurisdiction was not accepted to convert 8 dwelling in 4 duplex structures to eight condominium units. [NOD #13-2021](#)
- 4) 17 Alder Ave. Jurisdiction not accepted for lot line adjustment for two lots. [NOD 12-2021](#)
- 5) 295 Lafayette Rd. Evolve at Rye jurisdiction accepted 7-0 and that it meets regional impact requirements. Note [Case 14-2021](#) says 78 units, while RWD reported it to be going from 90 to 50.
- 6) 120 Brackett Rd. Verizon Wireless is withdrawing the permit. [Case #03-2018](#)
- 7) 0 Airfield Drive: Housing Partnership granted a twelve month extension for the 2017 approval to build multi-family units

### **Rules and Regulations:**

- 1) At the Aug. 10th [meeting at 2:15 Planning Board](#) discusses the Rules & Regulations process. Note: This is not in the meeting minutes, nor does the discussion include the role of the Master Plan in guiding town ordinances.
- 2) First meeting scheduled for September 7th

### **Planning Board: September 14th**

Not Available at Civic News publication release.

 <p><b>Code of the Town of Rye</b></p> <p>COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE</p>	<p><b>Zoning Board of Adjustments:</b> 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: August 4th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) 117 Wentworth Road, Shed. **Continued.**
- 2) 2 Merrymeeting Lane, New home with septic within the wetland boundary. **Withdrawn.**
- 3) 2 Merrymeeting Lane, driveway in the wetland boundary. **Withdrawn.**
- 4) 21 Vin Mar Court, §190-2.2A.D(1) for two family homes on one lot; and from §190- 2.3A for two family homes on one lot. **Granted** 5-0 with two conditions, 1) Both homes and entire property must be owned by the same entity, 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> home connected to public sewer
- 5) 63 Old Beach Road, Demolition of one home and building of a new home (16 requests for relief) **Granted** 5-1 with 3 conditions 1) Smaller pervious patio, 2) Tree planted in front of house, 3) Plants with 85% survival rate. Concern over fill being used to bring the house out of the flood zone. What does it mean for this very low lying neighborhood in the future?
- 6) 63 Old Beach Road, driveway in the wetland buffer. **Granted** 5-0. [NOD Case 31a, b 2021](#)
- 7) 1065 Washington Road, for the creation of a lot for subdivision: left side boundary of +/- 17' where 20' is required; Split 141' of frontage into +/- 116' lot 1 and +/- 25' lot 2 frontage where 200' is required for each lot. **Denied.** 5-0 12 reasons for denying the variances. [NOD Case #32 2021](#)
- 8) 4 Breakers Road, for an addition of a platform deck. **Continued**
- 9) 261-279 Pioneer Road, for a condominium conversion. **Continued**
- 10) 261-279 Pioneer Road, 8 apartments in existing 4 buildings. **Continued.**
- 11) 30 LaMer Drive, an Administrative Appeal from the Building Inspector's June 28, 2021 letter which refers to a swingset/play system as an accessory building. **Continued.**
- 12) 30 LaMer Drive, for a swingset/play system 10+/- from the rear property boundary where 30' is

required and in the 100' wetlands buffer. **Continued**

13) 92 Old Beach Road, for a patio, grill and kitchen 9'+/- from the right side property boundary where 20' is required. **Continued**

14) 120 Brackett Rd. Vz Wireless withdraws cell tower application

15) A third person has stepped up to serve as a ZBA alternative

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment: Sept 1st Agenda**

Agenda: [Click Here](#). Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 117 Wentworth Rd adding a workshop/shed
- 2) 261-279 Pioneer Rd. Condominium conversions
- 3) 92 Old Beach Rd. adding a patio and outdoor kitchen
- 4) 1627 Ocean Blvd. administrative appeal on demolishing and rebuilding. Variances requests
- 5) 705 Brackett Rd. Deck in the wetlands boundary
- 6) 1 Clark Rd. Expansion of a non-conforming structure
- 7) 22 Jenness Ave. raze and existing building and rebuild



### **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: August 10th**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video. [Click Here](#)

- 1) Reviewed the key points from the Strategic Planning Advisory Committees first two meetings [Click Here](#) to see all eight key points.
- 2) Discussed Adirondack chairs are now available on the Library Green.
- 3) HVAC repairs where funded from the unanticipated building maintenance fund.



### **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 Forest Management Plan: [Click Here](#)

Town Forest Map: [Click Here](#)

Town Forest trails: [Click Here](#)

## **Conservation Commission (CC) Meetings: August 12th**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Aug. 4th Site Walk Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video of CC: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) The Conservation Commission authorized spending not more than \$15,000 for a new well at the Goss Farm to improve water supply and pressure as well as a new line to supply the community gardens (\$1560 + trenching)
- 2) Having completed their ZBA Notice of Decision conditions for native buffer plantings, two properties were recommended for their certificate of occupancy. Previously temporary prior to completion certificates had been issued with conditions sometimes not followed through on.
- 3) Conversion of 261-279 Pioneer to condo ownership: "obvious" wetland violations have been observed, such as sheds in the buffer and potentially parking as well. The CC wrote the ZBA that the conversion should not occur until the wetlands are delineated, signs put in and violations cited correctly prior to conversion.
- 4) Grass clippings are being dumped on the recreation field behind the playground in a very wet area in a possible wetland buffer. A wetland delineation will be done.
- 5) Properties review. 30 LeMer, 705 Brackett Rd. , 261-279 Pioneer, Goss Farm Well, Pioneer Rd. Duck Blind and 21 Vin Mar Court



### 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: August 3rd.**

Draft meeting minutes: [Click here](#)

Recorded Video: None as the meeting was in the Wave Community Center room at the Congregational Church

- 1) Meghan Spaulding is the new Recreation Director
- 2) CIP priorities will be the \$10K for Recreation Master Planning and the Recreation area bathrooms
- 3) Master Plan RFP is on hold to give the new director time to settle in.
- 4) Request to repaint the Pickle Ball lines was made.
- 5) Discussion about a grand opening of the Wave Room @ the Congregational Church
- 6) NEW Fall Rye Recreation Program. [Click Here](#)



### Heritage, Historic & Demolition

Citizen's Handbook: [Heritage](#)

Citizens Handbook: [Historic District](#)

Rye Heritage Merchandise: [Click Here](#)

Heritage Commissions donations: [Click Here](#)

Heritage Facebook Page: [Click Here](#)

Historic District Booklet #4: [Click Here](#)

Demolition Review Procedure: [Click Here](#)

Graveyards needing adoption: [Click Here](#)

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

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

## **Heritage Commission Meeting: August 12th, 23rd and 30th**

August 12th: Draft meeting : [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)



August 23rd: Draft meeting : [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

August 30th: Draft meeting : [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Trolley Barn was one of two reviewed demolitions
- 2) Rye Advocates is pushing forward and will be having monthly meetings
- 3) Review of approved HB 164 that goes into effect September 1st.
- 4) Plans made to review articles saved from the Parsonage demolition
- 5) Pulpit Rock inspection report is due August 27th
- 6) August 23rd meeting authorized \$6,757.40 for the Town Hall storm window replacements. Friends of Town Hall provided the \$4,500 balance.
- 7) August 30th meeting was a full committee vote for the storm windows.
- 8) [Shop](#) the RHS site for gifts. Look the the House Plaques [Click Here](#)

### **Historic District Commission Meeting August 18th**

Draft meeting minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL summary: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Review of 1<sup>st</sup> draft of HDC guidelines from Dominique Hawkins
- 2) Next meeting 9/8 to finalize guidelines
- 3) HDC to review application for 500 Washington Road

### **Demolition Review: Aug. 30th**

August 30th: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

August 23rd: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

August 17th: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

### **Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: Aug. 4th**

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Details: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Tap Grant recommendation to Executive Council 9/1
- 2) TD Bank building work starts without a plan and without a name?
- 3) Town Green part of Town Center – the conversation continues



### **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: August 3rd:**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

### **Rye Recycling Education Committee: August 17th**

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: Not available

- 1) Group is the only Board, Committee or Commission we have seen who included in their meeting minutes that the current Master Plan should be reviewed before answering the LRP Visioning Chapter survey.

- 2) Discussion on taking an inventory on what RES and RJH are currently doing for recycling
- 3) Swap shop needs better signage and more volunteers

## **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: August 17th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Detailed Monthly update: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) July rains were perfect for mosquito breeding, Dragon Mosquito was doing the extra work
- 2) While all 180+ Greenhead traps were deployed, they were all removed to avoid being demolished by tropical storm Henry.
- 3) Tic monitoring continues, RES, RJH, Parsons Field and Rye Rec. were all sprayed for tics
- 4) Dragon Mosquito is treating the catch basins, but residents are responsible for their own standing water.
- 5) See the [Detail notes](#) for more information on EEE, WNV and JCV that are being monitored



### **Beach Committee**

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

Parking Assessment Study: [Click Here](#)

## **Beach Committee Meeting: April 18th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Resident raises concern about Cable R./Jenness Beach resident who appears to be leaving furniture on the public beach.
- 2) Jointly completed the visioning survey - responses are in the meeting minutes
- 3) Suggested that Beach Committee member Mary Mitchell join the ad-hoc Beach Committee Sticker committee
- 4) Discussed how to better support parking for bikes and scooters
- 5) Noted that there is no Handicap parking at Sawyers Beach
- 6) Reviewed places where more parking could be made available
- 7) Next meeting will focus on permit parking/bike racks, Commercial activity, water quality/environment and Educational activities

### **Budget, CIP and Trust Funds**

**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

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) August 5th & 19th**

Aug. 5th Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Aug. 19th: Recorded Video [Click Here](#) Draft meeting minutes; Not available

- 1) [Click Here](#) for 2021 -2026 CIP Document
- 2) Positions and members defined
- 3) Reviewed up to page 14 of the CIP draft

## **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 21st**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

## **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 current topics in town. All are welcome to join this discussion and introduce town-related topics.

## **Other Town Activity**

### **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)

## **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](#)

## **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

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