



Rye Civic News

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2021 Citizens' Handbook ([Click Here](#))

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

October 2021 Highlights

[CLICK HERE](#) for Video Summary

1) Rt. 1 Development - 170 units of Multi Family and Condo (being built, in review or conceptual), plus 78 assisted living expansion (in review). [Click Here](#) for RCL diagram

2) New Recreation Director submitted her notice. Opening of the new Wave room at the Congregational Church has been delayed. Recreation Master Plan RFP moving forward.

3) 10 Land Use Ordinances are being proposed. See details below [here](#). Will be discussed at [Nov. 9th](#) Planning Board meeting. Public must request changes directly to Planning Board as these can't be modified at the Town Deliberative meeting.

4) ZBA did deny an application. [Jan. to October variances](#) led by relief in the Wetlands Buffers, Setbacks and then lot coverage.

5) Perkins Rd./ Ocean Blvd options will be reviewed with the building owner. Drawings and information not posted for the public.

6) Beach Committee presented commercial activity recommendations to Select Board. [Click Here](#) for presentation.

7) With rise of Fecal contamination at the beach, the Surf Rider Foundation, Beach Committee and are stepping in. [Click Here](#) to see the presentation. 2021 saw over 20 days of Rye beach closures. Also, the Rt. 1 Adams Mobile Home Park septic storage tank overflowed last month.

8) Library began discussing a concept of moving the History Museum closer to Washington Rd., creating more green space and room for a possible building expansion.

9) Select Board may have made a decision on contracting for Legal Services, but October 28th video is only 4 minutes and nothing is posted.

10) Rye passage of [Article 22](#) for fair and open redistricting was to be communicated to the NH General Court. The Rye Select Board did not appear at the Rockingham County listening session or inform the Redistricting Commission before hand. RCL has been told a letter was sent, but it has yet to be made available.

11) Three listening sessions were held for the new SAU 50 Superintendent were held. Portsmouth (SAU 52) is also looking for a new Superintendent.

12) Heritage Commission lead project to replace the Town Hall Storm windows has been completed.

13) The Sewer Commission is moving to disseminate meeting review information (meeting packets)

electronically. Can Planning and Zoning follow the Conservation and Sewer lead? Select Board provided the proposed \$100K Land Use Administration [job description](#) to the RCL. This is in addition to the current Planning and ZBA administrator position.

Rye CIVICS in November, December and January:

Town and School Budgets:

By the time the Schools, Town and Budget committees get to the Budget Public Hearings in mid January, all of the work has been done. If you want to be involved or drive change in budgets, you need to be engaged now.

School: Nov. 1st Workshop 8:30am to 3:30pm [agenda](#). Budget timeline. [Click Here](#)

Town: Nov. 4th Workshop [agenda](#)

Running for Town or School Office:

The window to register to be on the ballot is the last two weeks of January (the two weeks prior to the Town Deliberative Meeting. If you want to learn more about a position the RCL can introduce you to current members or chairs if you do not know them [e-mail](#)

[Click Here](#) to see the elected positions from the Citizens Handbook

Other positions are appointed and that discussion should begin with the Chair.

Warrant Articles:

It is your town and all it takes is 25 resident signatures to get a petitioned warrant article to the Town Deliberative meeting. For example if all the incremental cost to support the [Rt. 1 build up](#) concerns you, you could create a warrant saying that Rye should sell the section of Rt. 1 to Portsmouth.

2022 Warrant information from the town: [Click Here](#)

Process overview from the RCL many years ago: [Click Here](#)

Communicating to Rye Boards, Commissions and Committees

If something is concerning you, the best way to engage with these groups is to write to the Chair. To help this process we ask that you also send a copy to the Civic League. So, if the group chooses to not discuss your communication, we will post and include in the Civic News for visibility. Here are some of the contacts:

[Civic League](#), [Select Board](#), [Planning Board](#), [ZBA](#), [Conservation](#), [School](#)

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:

- Public please attend the [Public Discussion](#) on **November 10th, 6:30pm RJH**
- [Register Here](#)

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](#)

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 2 Member Vacancy

Beach Committee..... 1 Alternate Vacancy

Recreation Commission..... 1 Member Vacancy

General Announcements

- 1) **Your Rye Civic Night Out** is November 29th 7pm at Common Root on Ocean Blvd. Monthly Rye Civic League meeting followed by whatever people want to talk about.
- 2) Budget Workshops - this is when the details are discussed
Nov. 1st School Budget Workshop Full School budget [schedule](#)
Nov. 4th Town Budget Workshop [Click Here](#) for agenda Full budget [calendar](#)
- 3) Mark your calendar for the November 10th [Public Comment session](#) on the Master Plan Visioning session at the RJH. [Register Here](#)
- 4) Rye is entering into a Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan. There will be information sessions in December and January. [More Information](#). [Flyer](#)
- 5) Nov. 18th 7pm "A Celebration of Eastern Woodland Native Peoples" [Get Tickets](#)
- 6) Rye Holiday Parade December 5th Entry Form and [More Information](#)
- 7) 2022 King Tide Photo contest Nov. 5th to 8th [More Information](#)
- 8) Rye Art Study Meeting November 8th 10am Rye Congregational Church [More Information](#)
- 9) Rye Water District Fall Flushing October 4th to November 15th [More Information](#)
- 10) Have a home built before 1901? Learn what is being done by Rye Advocates [Click Here](#)
- 11) Rye PTA, Rye Education Fund and Civic League Presidents explain their groups [Click Here](#)
- 12) Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
- 13) GIS Town Mapping Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on how to find properties with the Rye GIS mapping.

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

TOWN Meetings will be at the Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Please check the agendas as locations are changing with the Covid 19 restrictions removed.

Nov. 1st: Long Range Planning.	Nov. 9th: Planning Board
Nov. 1st: School Budget Workshop	Nov. 10th: Visioning Chapter listening session
Nov. 1st: Recreation	Nov. 10th: Historic District Commission
Nov. 2nd: Sewer Commission. .	Nov. 15th: Conservation Commission
Nov. 2nd: Rye Water	Nov. 16th: Select Board Working meeting
Nov. 2nd Energy Committee	Nov. 16th: Mosquito Commission
Nov. 3rd: Rye Water District..	.Nov. 17th: School Board
Nov. 3rd: RTCC	.Nov. 17th: Beach Commission
Nov. 3rd. ZBA	.Nov. 18th: Budget Committee all day work shop
Nov. 4th: Select Board Budget Workshop.	Nov.22nd: Select Board
Nov. 4th: Heritage Commission	
Nov. 8th: School 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 October 28th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Legal Selection Committee recommendation was on the agenda, but video recording does not have this discussion.
- 2) Rye Safety policy was accepted.

Select Board Meeting October 25th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Select Board reports that there are 5 active COVID-19 cases and there have been 382 reported to date.
- 2) The town assessment process is starting, Rye evaluation could exceed \$3 billion.
- 3) New Rye Recreation Director has resigned. Select Board question Recreation Master Plan RFP.
- 4) 370 Wallis Rd. [un-merger request](#). A butter raises the question if the lots were merged voluntary for tax savings and not merged un-voluntarily and hence not eligible for automatic unmerging. Select Board approve and ask Attorney Donovan to review his opinion based on the dates of merger.
- 5) Beach Committee presented commercial activity recommendations to the Select Board [Click Here](#)
- 6) Select Board approve wage increase for Rye Life Guards to compete with Hampton and other jobs.
- 7) Rye 400 celebration group will have the draft plan in January.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

October 28th: Hiring and Reputation

October 25th: Personnel and Legal Advice

October 14th: Personnel

Select Board Meeting October 14th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Perkins Rd./Ocean Blvd intersection reconfiguration discussed. First proposal eliminated. The modified painted version will be reviewed. Drawings and report not made available online for the public.



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: October 20th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

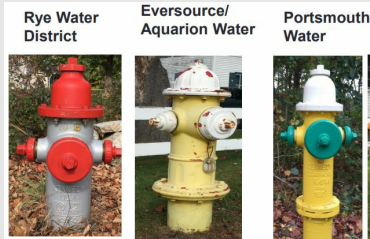
Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) New Technology Coordinator for Rye School district hired and will begin work in the 2nd week of November.

- 2) Rye Junior High School to host the first annual Wedgewood Festival on Friday, November 5th to raise funds for 8th grade trip.
- 3) The Superintendent Search committee hosted 3 community focus groups on the week of October 25-29 for public input on qualifications for new SAU50 Superintendent candidates.
- 4) Town is seeking candidate to fill vacant School Board Clerk position
- 5) Annual School Board budget meeting to be held November 1, 2021
- 6) Next School Board regular meeting is November 17, 2021 at Rye Public Safety Building
- 7) Next SAU 50 Joint School Board meeting is November 17, 2021 at Rye Junior High

SAU 50 School Board Meeting: October

- 1) There were three listening sessions in Rye as part of the new Superintendent search.



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: October 6th

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) [Fall flushing](#) will continue to November 15th to remove sediment build-up and disinfecting water mains.
- 2) Emergency plan is completing this month as it is due to the State in December.
- 3) Wallis Rd. delays and cost increases must go to the 2022 District meeting.
- 4) Annual water usage is the second highest ever, only trailing Covid year 2020.
- 5) Seacoast Drinking Water Commission will be working with Well owners to educate about testing for water quality.

Sewer Commission Meeting: October 5th

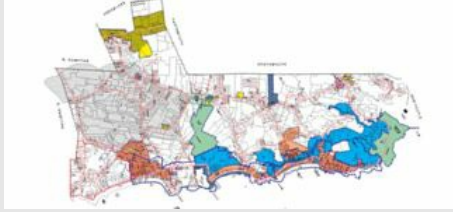
Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Data for the Commissioners can be sent electronically to reduce paper and be more efficient.
- 2) Wright-Pierce toured each pump station to prepare scope of services to upgrade the pump stations. This work will be funded by the \$166,200 from the American Rescue Plan Project (Fed money).
- 3) Mission Communications System will be upgraded to support 5G.
- 4) Sewage from the Adams Mobile Home Park on Rt. 1 was discovered in the wetlands. Cause was overflow from a storage tank. The commissions engineer will get involved and next steps need to be defined.

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](#).

October 19th Meeting: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) No meeting minutes

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

Planning Board Technical Review Committee (TRC) Meeting:

No meetings

Planning Board Meeting: October 12th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) LDR Section [202-4.4 Conditional Approvals](#) was changed 6-0. Clock does not start during an appeal to the courts.
- 2) 705 Bracket Rd. and 691 Brackett Rd. Lot line adjustment approved 7-0 No NOD provided.
- 3) 733 Ocean Blvd. Condo conversion Waivers approved 7-0 and the Major Development approved 7-0.
- 4) Evolve expansion 295 Lafayette Rd. 78 bed complex being added. Continued and no summary available.
- 5) Hector's Property (across from Dow Lane) 30 2-bedroom condominium tri-plex buildings continued to November.
- 6) The Grail Zone at 6 Airfield Road was granted an exception from LDR 202.1.B(4) Exempt activities.
- 7) Planning Board discussed extending the window in the fall for paving as "climate change has made it possible to push out the deadlines a bit"

Rules and Regulations:

October 4th Meeting was canceled with no notification.

Recorded Video October 21st: [Click Here](#) No draft meeting minutes available

- 1) October 21st meeting discussed: driveway; retaining walls; stone walls (wetland buffers); stormwater runoff; housing appeals Board; Wetlands 1909-10.0 (as per agenda).
- 2) Chair Pat Losik spoke about a standalone driveway ordinance as opposed to a "skimpy" proposal to just include 10ft setback requirements for driveway in RZO.
- 3) Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kim Reed, spoke about a conference she attended about ADUs. Chair Pat Losik stated that the rental period should be more than three months for ADUs. Discussion on issues on how to deal with short term rentals; how many ADUs have been approved in Rye (relatively few); the need to better understand water resources; density issues; and lack of a waste water treatment plant in Rye.

Editorial Note: Attorney Donovan provided drafts and “confidential memos” regarding many of the Proposed Zoning Amendments. November 9th Planning Board meeting agenda includes a total of 10 Proposed Zoning Amendments for discussion/schedule a public hearing. Rules and Regulations Committee (2 members in attendance) made a motion for only one Proposed Zoning Amendment (a correction/housekeeping) to be moved to the Planning Board for approval/schedule a public hearing (10 zoning amendments are proposed).

[Proposed 2022 Zoning Amendments](#) for Discussion and schedule Public Hearing November 9th
2022-01: Multi-Family Developments reduce # of dwelling units *Reduces units in a multi-family dwelling from 8 to 5*

2022-02: Multi-Family Development increase spacing from 25' to 35' More spacing between structures

2022-03: Workforce Housing increase the percentage from 20% to 30% Increases the min % of workforce units in a multi-family development to 30% (max 51% as before) while removing the prior density bonus for 30%

2022-04: Accessory Units in Detached Buildings (ADU's) In addition to ADU within the main dwelling would allow for such units in existing detached structures on the property, but with not more than 20% expansion of the footprint of the accessory building.

2022-05: Parking requirements for ADU's At its discretion Planning Board may approve 1 parking space per ADU (vs 2 now) and may condition approval on limiting occupant to only 1 vehicle.

2022-06: Housing Appeals Board Appeals may be taken to either Superior Court or to the newly established by state law Housing Appeals Board

2022-07: Driveway setbacks Closes a potential loophole by affirming that driveways are structures and regulating (via existing Land Development Regulations) that they may not be located within 10 feet of an abutting property line

2022-08: Bio-Retention ponds in the setback Bio-retention ponds, detention ponds, rain gardens and similar drainage facilities be defined as structures and must comply with setback requirements.

2022-09: Amend definition of structure to define retaining walls Retaining walls will be considered as structures. Definitions added for stone walls and retaining walls.

2022-10: correct a wetlands delineation reference *Housekeeping*

Planning Board: November 9th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 251-279 Pioneer Rd. Major subdivision Condominium Conversion
- 2) 295 Lafayette Rd. 78 unit assisted living expansion
- 3) Major Site Development - Across from Dow Lane on Lafayette Rd. 30 2 - bedroom units
- 4) Conceptual Consultation Lafayette Rd. 80 unit construction
- 5) 10 Zoning Amendments to be discussed: [Click Here](#) for RCL Summary (see above also).

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: October 6th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) 63 Old Beach Rd. request for rehearing and reconsideration denied 3-2 [Case 3a, 3b 2021](#)
- 2) 261-279 Pioneer Rd. Granted 5-0 two variances for condominium conversion. Granted 5-0 special

exceptions along with six conditions statements from Conservation. 8 units with 4 units not meeting the minimum of 600 sq. ft. of floor area and 6 conditions meant to help reduce the impact of this set of 4 buildings on the wetlands [Case 34a, b 2021](#)

3) 1 Clark Rd. Granted 5-0 variances for a non-conforming structure and in the wetlands buffer. [Case #40 2021](#)

4) 166 Sagamore Rd. Granted 5-0 variance for an addition [case #43-2021](#)

5) 17 and 0 Adler Ave. **Denied** 5-0 request to make a non-conforming lot less conforming. 2 lots less than 44,000 sq. ft. and frontage less than 150 ft [Case 44-2021](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment: November 3rd

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 30 LaMer Drive. Administrative appeal for a swing set as an accessory building and variances
- 2) 15 Sagamore Rd. Request for four residential lots where three exists and one is permitted.
- 3) 295 Lafayette Rd. Benchmark Sr. Living administrative appeal and variances for a bioretention pond
- 4) 1182 Ocean Blvd. variances for a generator for Units 1 & 3



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](#)

Sign up for Monthly Newsletter: [Click Here](#)

Library Board of Trustees (LBOT) Meeting: October 13th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video. [Link not working](#)

- 1) 11,000 of donations were received
- 2) Library Common Planning was reviewed with RTCC and will also be presented to the Select Board.
- 3) Concept for the new park Library Common would allow for an expansion of the library and move the Museum.
 - "increase the open / green space by about 50% by shifting the parking about 40 feet to the west and greening / scaping portion of the current parking lot
- 4) This concept would relocate the Town Museum closer to Washington Road and better incorporate it with town center, and in more of a campus like setting with the library building. The concept would provide for the future expansion of the library building as well as other functions in Rye town center"



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: October 14th

Draft Meeting minutes: Site walk only [Click Here](#)

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

1) **261-279 Pioneer Road.** The property is being converted from rentals to condominiums. The lawn, much of the driveway, part of a building, a dumpster and 3 sheds are in the Berry's Brook wetland buffer. The CC will take the position that these encroachments are not grandfathered and improvements need to be made: 50' unmowed buffer, 3 sheds removed, no dumping, dumpster relocated, invasive plants to be removed, mowed path on CC property left to grow back.

2) **1090 Washington Road.** The CC conducted the site walk to ensure compliance with the conservation/agricultural easement and noted hoop houses are removed and manure management & storage (a prior issue) is "greatly improved".



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: October 4th

Draft meeting minutes: [Click here](#)

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

- 1) Project delays has pushed out the opening of the Wave room
- 2) Programs will be free this year, but the plan is to charge for Wave programs in 2022
- 3) Sub-committee formed to support the Master Planning process
- 4) Still an opening for the Recreation Commission
- 5) Steps to the storage facility will get a permanent fix in 2022.
- 6) Discussion of Social Media for communicating. There is a hodge podge of FB and other pages in Rye at this moment.
- 7) 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: October 15th

Draft meeting minutes : [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) The Gazebo project has \$6,000 of the estimated \$11,105 for the restoration project.

2) Discussion of seeking grants as the spiral stair case in Town Hall will need to be addressed in the near future.

3) A number of requests for historic house plaques were received over the last few months

4) 1481 Ocean Blvd. will be tearing down a carriage house. The communication for noticing people of the public hearing did not happen and it was noted that the BOA variances are enabling more demolition.

5) Rye Advocates will be holding a strategic planning session in November.

6) Graveyard #10 (off Ocean Blvd. near 1483 Washington) adoption request approved.

7) Town Hall storm windows replacement has been completed.

8) Two workshops for advocacy efforts and best practice skills for education of citizens on preservation efforts were held on October [18th video](#) and [25th video](#)

Historic District Commission Meeting September 8th and 15th

Draft meeting minutes Not available

Recorded Video October 18th: [Click Here](#) Recorded Video October 25th: [Click Here](#)

1) The HDC hosted a program on effective communication. The goal of the program was to help town HD commission and board effectively manage communications and public meetings.

Session 1

- o Not Just the NO Commission: Building a Positive Image for the HDC
- o Communicating Effectively Across the Channels: Methods, Media, and Messaging
- o Administering a Historic District: Case study from Bedford

Session 2

- o Educating the community on the how and why of preserving community character
- o Developing a strong communications plan
- o Case study: Negotiating positive preservation outcomes for historic buildings

Demolition Review: October 13th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1) 1481 Ocean Blvd. was granted variances by the ZBA allowing for the replacement of the historic and architectural significant building to be demolished.

2) Efforts will be made to photograph the building before it is demolished.

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: October 6th

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Details: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Meeting with Recreation Director Meghan Spaulding
- 2) Library Trustees present Library Plans
- 3) Discussion on proposed changes to Town Hall Annex (Old TD Bank)
- 4) Letter from citizen encouraging sidewalks



Energy & Recycling

Rye Energy Reports: [Click Here](#)

Recycling Brochure: [Click Here](#)

Food Compost Program: [Click Here](#)

Zero Waste Presentation: [Click Here](#)

Community Power Information: [Click Here](#)

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: October 12th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: None

1) Information on the Community Energy Plan. [Click Here. Flyer](#)

Rye Recycling Education Committee: October 19th

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: Not available

- 1) November 15th is Recycling day
- 2) Large metal can be sold to [Wentworth Scrap Metals](#) on Jones Ave. in Portsmouth
- 3) Discussion on engaging with the RJH and RES recycling programs and education
- 4) [Terracycle](#) was discussed to expand plastic recycling.

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: October 19th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: Not available

Detailed Monthly update: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) No Mosquito borne diseases in Rye for 2021
- 2) 2020 draught drove down the 2021 mosquito population, 2022 is predicted to have higher potential for disease.
- 3) There will be a 2022 education campaign working with businesses.
- 4) Dragon Mosquito performed a tick drag on town walking trails and was funded by a budget surplus.
- 5) 2022 RFP should be ready in December.



Beach Committee

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

Parking Assessment Study: [Click Here](#)

Beach Committee Meeting: October 20th

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) [September meeting](#) focused on producing the report for the Select Boards.
- 2) [Click Here](#) for presentation.
- 3) Surf Rider Foundation is stepping in to help with the Fecal contamination on Seacoast beaches. [Click Here](#) for presentation.

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) No Minutes

Recorded Video October 21th: [Click Here](#) No draft meeting minutes

Recorded Video October 7th: [Click Here](#) No draft meeting 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: No 2022 Schedule yet

November 1st. School Board Internal Budget discussion

November 4th is the Town internal Budget discussion [Schedule](#)

School Budget Time line and dates: [Click Here](#)

Town Budget Calendar: [Click Here](#)

Additional Town related Web Sites

Rye Historical Society: [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 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

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 or by mail to Rye Civic League P.O. Box 971 Rye, NH 03870.

Get Involved:

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

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

Contact Info

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

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