



Rye Civic News

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November 2021 Highlights

[CLICK HERE](#) for Video Summary

- 1) New Beach Sticker rules - only two per household. [Click Here](#)

- 2) Town applies \$1.9M from the \$4M un-assigned Fund Balance, the most ever, to keep tax rate flat at \$10.22. [Press Release](#) What are the different balances, [see example from Hollis](#) many towns have this statement.

- 3) Town Land Ordinances (Zoning, Building and Land) can only be discussed at Planning Board Public Hearing. To be discussed on December 14th at 7pm [Click Here](#). Note: Notice does not have links to the amendments. Go [Here](#) Wetland Buffers, Setbacks and Lot Coverage leading ZBA variances for this year. [Click Here](#)

- 3) Property values will be re-assessed in 2022. Re-assessment firm explained the market is driving up the value of smaller Rye properties faster than the value for more expensive homes, so smaller priced homes will be paying more in taxes than before the assessment increases. [Information from MRI](#)

- 4) Even more Rt. 1 developments are being discussed. How does this impact water, impact from septic systems, potential increases in services, traffic, [Recorded Video](#) of November 30th workshop on the 30 units on Rt. 1 across from Dow Lane.

- 5) Rye Community Power second information session, December 9th 7pm RJH, [More Information](#)
November 16th [Recorded Video](#)

- 6) Rye residents making a large land donation, South East Land Trust needs financial support to make the transaction happen. [More Details](#).

- 7) Master Plan Visioning Chapter community input session was held on November 10th with about 100 people participating. Results of the survey were not shared. January 12th for those who missed the first one. [Register Here](#)

- 8) New Select Board committee, seven people needed to review what regional Associations Rye makes donations to. Starting date for when Town started the 30 day posting window is un-known, so hurry and send a letter of interest, including background, to the Select Board. [e-mail admin](#)

- 9) Select Board had [Record Force](#) present its solution for digitizing documentation. Any residents with skills to help the Select Board?

- 10) Beach Committee report to Select Board was updated. [Click Here](#). Summer Sessions provided additional information to the Beach Committee meeting. [Recorded Video](#), presented information will be made available at a later date.

11) Rye Junior High has recycling bins, but nothing is being recycled or composted.

12) Select Board, Rye Water District, Planning Board Chair and others discuss water impact from Rt. 1 Developments. [Recorded Video](#). Select Board member said actions should have started five years ago. What are we not doing now for 2027? Who has those answers?

13) Rye Town Center Committee sent a letter expressing concerns about availability of TD Bank information, design and planning. [Click Here](#) for letter.

Rye CIVICS in 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. Attend one or both of the budget review meetings listed here.

School: December 7th 6:30pm RJH Budget Committee Review [Agenda Draft Overview Numbers](#)

Town: December 9th 6:30pm Town Hall Budget Committee Review [Agenda](#) *Draft budgets not available for the public electronically*

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.

Note: There will be two open School Board seats (incumbents are not running) and one more next year.

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. 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 for those who could not attend the November 10th session.

- Public please attend the [Public Discussion](#) on January 12th, **6:30pm Rye Congregational Church**
- [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

Rye Heritage Commission 2 Alternate Vacancies

Energy Committee 2 Member Vacancies
Recycling Education Committee 2 Member Vacancy
Recreation Commission..... 1 Member Vacancy
NEW: Regional Association Review Committee 7 Members

General Announcements

- 1) Rye Water Department will be operation on one well from December 6th to 16th, residents are requested to conserve water. [More Information](#)
- 2) Rye Firefighter Toy Bank Program [More Information](#)
- 3) **Your Rye Civic Night Out** is December 29th 7pm Location TBD: [Check Back Here](#). Interested in running for office, submitting a warrant article, or just want to talk about Rye
- 4) Budget Committee Workshops - this is when the details are discussed
School: **December 7th 6:30pm RJH** [Agenda](#) - [School Overview](#) up 8% Full School budget [schedule](#)
Town: **December 9th 6:30pm Town Hall** [Agenda](#) Full budget [calendar](#) No draft information is available for the public
- 5) Mark your calendar for the **January 12th** [Public Comment session](#) on the Master Plan Visioning session at the RJH. [Register Here](#)
- 6) Rye is entering into a Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan. There will be information sessions in **December 9th 7pm** RJH [More Information](#)
- 7) Rye Art Study Meeting **December 13th** Rye Congregational Church [More Information](#)
- 8) Have a home built before 1901? Learn what is being done by Rye Advocates [Click Here](#)
- 9) Rye PTA, Rye Education Fund and Civic League Presidents explain their groups [Click Here](#)
- 10) Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#)
- 11) 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.

Dec. 6th: Recreation Commission .	: Dec. 13th: Select Board
Dec. 7th: Long Range Planning	Dec. 14th: Sewer Commission
Dec. 7th: Energy Committee	Dec. 14th: Planning Board
Dec. 7th: Trustee of the Trust Funds .	Dec. 15th: Beach Committee
Dec. 7th Budget Committee - School	Dec. 15h School Board
Dec. 8th Demolition Committee	Dec. 16th; Budget Committee
Dec. 8th: Historic District Commission..	Dec. 27th Select Board
Dec. 9th: Heritage Commission	
Dec. 9th: Budget Committee Town	
Dec. 9th Conservation Commission	
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 pulled off the consent agenda. Consent agenda is voted for a block.
Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)

Town Organizational Chart:[Click Here](#)
Organizational Flow Diagram: [Click Here](#)

Select Board Meeting November 29th Rt. 1 Water/Sewer

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Rye Water District infrastructure is not adequate to support developments.
- 2) In Rye Water District 12 users consume 20% of the water. A few own multiple properties.
- 3) It is not the number of wells as Aquarion, Rye Water District and private wells are all pulling water from the same aquifer.
- 4) Discussion of population Rye Water can support with development and ADU. As it is a rate, irrigation and weather are the largest variables. Editor question: *Is there a point when residents can't water gardens because of residential growth?*
- 5) Aquarion does not have a Franchise to sell water on this part of Rt. 1, the State needs to approve of this expansion.
- 6) Water Treatment plants and more water equipment requires a larger workforce.
- 7) For approved developments, 1244 Washington, Airfield Drive, town/RWD can not now charge impact fees for the additional burden on the water infrastructure. There still may be an option for fees
- 8) Select Board member says the town has been remiss for not getting in front of these issues five years ago. *Editors Note: What are the 2027 issues we are not addressing now?*
- 9) Cedar Well will not be replaced because the water there needs to be treated.

Select Board Meeting November 22nd

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

NOTE: NO draft meeting minutes for all of November available as of December 3rd (should be posted 5 days after meeting)

- 1) Resident reminds Select Board that it will be 4 years since the State explained that a septic system above density of 0.26 causes problems, Parsons Creek Watershed was at 0.45 systems per acre. [More Information](#).
- 2) Resident informs board that over a decade ago N. Hampton Forever initiative bought land to prevent dense developments as at the time a home with two children would need to be assessed at over \$650K for taxes to cover incremental town services.
- 3) Select Board refuses to change Town employee holiday name from Columbus Day to Indigenous People day.
- 4) Discussed with the Budget Committee Chair on the Committee's concerns on adding another employee. Select Board made it clear staff can be added without going to Town Meeting.
- 5) New committee will be created to determine which groups Rye taxes will support. Information was requested to be included in the Civic News, but not provided by the Town and the Charter or what is needed can't be found on the website.
- 6) Discussed request for a business that wants to pick up Rye trash and deposit at the Transfer station.
- 7) Standard warrant articles for the 2022 ballot were approved.

Select Board Meeting November 19th Tax Rate

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) \$1,962,272 million from the un-assigned fund balance will be used to keep the tax rate at \$10.22. This brings the un-assigned fund balance down to \$2.35M and 8.08% of total town appropriations(\$29M for Town, School and County).
- 2) Town press release [Click Here](#). Form for State has not been made available.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

November 29th: Hiring

Select Board Meeting November 16th Work Session

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Record Force presented its software solution to the Select Board. Estimated cost of \$82K to scan documents.
- 2) Discussion of the Beach Sticker data, one home had 14 stickers and other situations discussed.
- 3) Discussion of how Rt. 1 development sewer upgrades required to support the development and who would pay for the upgrades if Portsmouth will allow expanding
- 4) Select Board met with Portsmouth Water about how Rye can't support the water needs of the developments on Rt. 1 and will need extraction fees.
- 5) Discussion of what needs to be done to capture Federal Infrastructure funds for Rye projects to be shovel ready. Approaches for Water treatment options.

Select Board Meeting November 8th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Over \$128K from the State Healthcare Trust was returned, about \$40K went to the employees and around \$80K moved to the general fund.
- 2) MRI the assessing firm will start the re-evaluation in 2022. Town assessment estimated to reach \$3B. Market is driving up the value of lower priced homes faster than the top of the market, this will shift tax burden towards lower priced homes. [More Information FAQs](#)
- 3) Aquarion Water presented an update. [Click here](#) for presentation (provided by Aquarion as report is not posted for the public).
- 4) Town Hall design and plans continue to progress, but drawings, summary and information is not available for the public to review.
- 5) Rye Energy Committee provides update and Select Board approved the process moving forward.
- 6) Temporarily help will be supported to help the Conservation Commission file years of records that need to be filed and controlled by the Town.
- 7) Regional Association Group request is discussed, no details of this is available for the public.

Select Board Meeting November 4th Budget Workshop

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Many interesting discussions, such as the poor condition of the Public Safety building, the large costs of heating unused and empty spaces and equipment needing to be replaced.

Select Board Meeting November 1st

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Appointment of Town Legal Counsel. No recording and no information available to the public on the decision matrix, information provided by the firms. December Select Board Newsletter reports it is the firm of Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella of Portsmouth.

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: November 17th

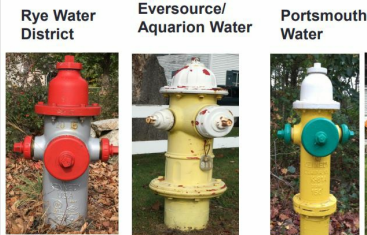
Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rye Schools to host student/staff COVID-19 vaccine clinic in November and December
- 2) Rye Junior High School hosted the first annual Wedgewood Festival on November 5th - over \$6000 raised for 8th grade trip
- 3) New SAU50 Superintendent search is ongoing. Follow progress [Click Here](#)
- 4) School Board approved initial 2022/23 budget of \$15,369,861.00 - this is a 5.77% increase over 2021/22 budget. [More Information](#)
- 5) Rye Education Foundation awarded over \$21,000 for ten different grants between the Junior High School and Elementary School
- 6) Next School Board meeting is December 15th at Rye Junior High School

SAU 50 School Board Meeting: October

- 1) School principals presented a proposal for a SAU wide strategic planning process
- 2) Joint Board review initial SAU 2021/22 Budget of \$1,905,450.00 which is a 8.07% increase over 2021/22 budget.
- 3) Next Joint SAU 50 School Board meeting is December 15th at Rye Junior High 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: November

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) Garland Well work December 6th to the 16th: [More Information](#)

Sewer Commission Meeting: November 2nd

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Church Rd. Pump 2 was down, the 7.29 inches of October rain impacts the pumps.
- 2) It appears the Church Rd. transformer was hit and displaced from its pad, Eversource came and replaced it.
- 3) Wright-Pierce will assess all three pump stations and recommend improvements and study capacity.
- 4) Discussions of how to best prevent future sanitary overflows at Adams Mobile Home Park, The agreements between the Sewer Commission, City of Portsmouth and the NHDES need to be updated.
- 5) Proposed Sewer budget is \$350,288, a 2.65% increase.



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](#).

November 2nd: Recorded Video [Click Here](#) Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

November 1st: Recorded Video [Click Here](#) Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Planning Board Technical Review Committee (TRC) Meeting:

1) November 30th meeting was not at TRC, but a workshop on the 30 units on Rt. 1 across from Dow Lane (former Hectors property).

2) [Click Here](#) for recorded video

3) There is no public dashboard to help residents see drawings, variances, waivers and impact information.

Planning Board Meeting: November 9th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1) 78 additional beds for 295 Lafayette Rd, Case #14-2021 continued as the ZBA needed to address the retention pond.

2) 30 2 bedroom tri-plex units on Rt 1 (Case #11-2021) Discussion continued to a November 30th Work Session. [Click Here](#) for video

3) Discussion of proposed Zoning Amendments: [Video Starting](#) at 2:00:00 (hours)

[2022-01](#): Reduce # of dwelling units at multi-family development: Dec. 14th Public Hearing

[2022-02](#): Increase spacing between unit and parking to 35ft. Requesting inputs from retired attorney.

[2022-06](#): Adds wording so that Appeals can go to the Housing Appeals Board Dec. 14th Public Hearing

[2022-07](#): Drive way setbacks must be 10ft. : Dec. 14th Public Hearing

2022-08: Bio-Retention ponds in the set-backs. Tabled for further discussion

2022-09 : Makes a retaining wall a structure. Tabled for further review.

[2022-10:](#) Correct a reference. Dec. 14th Public Hearing

4) Major Site Development 80 units on Breakfast Hill Rd. Conceptual Consultation

Rules and Regulations:

November 8th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

The following ordinances proposals were moved to be discussed at the Planning Board.

2022-01: Multi-Family Developments reduce # of dwelling units (from 8 to 5 in a single building).

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

2022-06: Housing Appeals Board

2022-07: Driveway setbacks

2022-08: Bio-Retention ponds in the setback

2022-09: Amend definition of structure to define retaining walls

2022-10: correct a wetlands reference

Status of other proposed ordinances is unclear as there is no dashboard to help residents track what is happening.

Planning Board: December 14th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1) Public Hearing on some Zoning Ordinances. [Click Here](#)

2) 251-279 Pioneer Rd. Major subdivision Condominium Conversion

3) 295 Lafayette Rd. 78 unit assisted living expansion

4) Major Site Development - Across from Dow Lane on Lafayette Rd. 30 2 - bedroom units

5) 6 Goss Farm Lane. Condition Violations for Deck in the wetlands

6) 60 Wentworth Rd. WBTSOC replace weekly tend with a seasonal 48' x 108' canopy on an existing paved pad

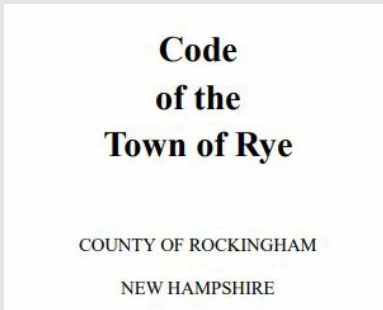
7) 15 Sagamore Rd. Conceptual Consultation for tear down and 3 town houses

8) Proposed Zoning Amendments (no longer available online)

2022-02: Multi-family Development spacing to 35' from 25'

2022-08: Bio-Retention ponds in the setbacks

2022-09: Make retaining walls structures



**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: November 3rd & 17th

November 3rd: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

November 17th: Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

1) 30 LaMer Drive: Denied 5-0 for a swing set in the wetlands and rear boundary set backs. Case #335B 2021

2) 1182 Ocean Blvd. Granted 5-0 for a generator 1' from the boundary

3) 15 Sagamore Rd. Granted variances 5-0 for tear down and new buildings Case #45-2021

4) 295 Lafayette Rd for 78 assisted living beds Granted 5-0 variances for bio-retention ponds and height limits Case #46a-2021

Zoning Board of Adjustment: December 1st

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1) 152 Harbor Rd. Multiple variances and some in the wetlands



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: November 10th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video. [Link not working](#)

- 1) Trustees were provided a Website usability checklist to drive improvements
- 2) Updated the policy for the Little Free Library
- 3) Discussion of concept of moving the Town Museum towards Washington St. and creating a larger Library Common. Project planning is continuing with the architect. The Advisory Committee continues to meet.
- 4) The Westerly boundary of the property is not accurately depicted and needs to be solidified to support planning and doing things correctly.



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: November

Draft Meeting minutes: not available

Recorded Video of CC meeting: [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: November 1st

Draft meeting minutes November 1st: [Click here](#)

Draft meeting minutes November 15th: Not available

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

- 1) Ironwood Landscape Architecture was selected to complete the Site Plan update in support of the Recreation Master Plan Update.
- 2) Members are asked to help find a fifth member as there is one open vacancy.
- 3) Only one staff member and volunteer helped assemble the furniture for the Wave room.
- 4) Lease was approved with the Rye Congregational Church for program space.
- 5) Discussed wage increases to help attract more part time help. There is a worker shortage that may impact the youth programs.
- 6) Budget could not be discussed as Director was not provided the update information from the Town Administrator.
- 7) Three Commission members will be on the committee to hire a new Recreational Director.
- 8) Winter Program schedule is not available.



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: November 9th

Draft meeting minutes : [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Thanks to the contribution from the Friends of Town Hall, the \$9K will be provided for the Town Hall Storm windows.
- 2) 2022 Budget contains matching funds for CLG grant for the Town Hall spiral staircases.
- 3) Demolition communication process worked with 1481 Ocean Blvd., as Building Inspector checked with the Demolition Committee and conditions had not been met.
- 4) Washington Rd home fenced in yard, obscuring historic graveyard and not protecting it from ponies.
- 5) Work is progressing on the 400 year activities coordination with the create of a calendar of events.
- 6) Gazebo is currently being stored on the old Trolley Barn, but that property is now up for sale.

Historic District Commission Meeting: No November meeting

Demolition Review: November 9th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
Draft Meeting minutes: [none](#)

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: November 3rd

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)
Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)
RCL Details: [Click Here](#)

- 1) TAP grant money may not be available until 2026/27
..... May 2022, sign off, 2023/24: Engineering, 2025 Right of way, 2027-2029 Construction
- 2) RTCC communicated to the Select Board concerns about the TD Bank plans, timing, and oversight.
[Click Here](#) for letter.
- 3) RTCC discussing what is the next priority to tackle



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: November 2nd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)
November 16th Presentation: [Recorded Video](#)

- 1) Budget request being reduced to \$1500 from \$4000
- 2) Planning for Select Board Presentation to residents in December 9th; [More Information Dec. 9th Public Discussion](#)
- 3) Attempting to get the Town to update the Energy Committee web page to include information on the Community Power program.
- 4) Meeting with the TD Bank Annex Architect for energy efficient plans.
- 5) New lights will be installed at the Public Safety Building.

Rye Recycling Education Committee: November 16th

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

- 1) RJH has bins, but nothing is actually being recycled or composted. No Recycling Club, no staff to help.
- 2) More Swap Shop volunteers are needed as people are still dropping of junk
- 3) Need to communicate that [Wentworth Metals](#) will pay cash vs swap shop or trash.
- 4) Need to investigate if the Transfer station can support [Terracycle](#)

Telecommunication Infrastructure Committee: March 31st

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Mosquito

Mosquito Complaint Form: [Click Here](#)
2020 Mosquito Control Notice: [Click Here](#)



Mosquito Commission Meeting: November 16th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
 Draft meeting minutes: Not available
 Detailed Monthly update: [Click Here](#)
[Click Here](#) for information flyer on 2021 spraying and plans



Beach Committee

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

Beach Committee Meeting: November 17th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)
 Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Residents continue to communicate about dog waste being left on the beach.
- 2) Summer Sessions presented to the Committee, provided additional information and to discuss concerns. More information will be posted later.
- 3) Discussion with Surf Rider about water testing on the Shoulder seasons and how to communicate findings to people going in the water.
- 4) December 15th meeting will provide information on Climate Change and Sea Water levels.
- 5) 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

Draft Plan should be available and ready to present to the Select Board

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:

November 18th Town Budget Work session discussion: Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

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

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

Rye Public Forum Discussion Topics at YOUR RYE NIGHT OUT

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.

[CLICK HERE](#) for details

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

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.