



# Rye Civic News

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**YOUR RYE NIGHT OUT** (Hopefully in March, February is Zoom and will be the Budget/Warrant presentation): [CLICK HERE](#)

### Rye CIVICS in February and March:

#### **Feb. 1st 7pm Civic League Budget & Warrant Article Presentation**

[Zoom Link](#): ID: 863 6425 4778 pass: 542859

We will be at the RPL if you would like to join in person. There is a limit of people so please [e-mail](#) in advance if you need to be there. We will let you know if there is still room.

**February 5th Town Deliberative** meeting. 9:00am RJH Warrant posted [Click Here](#)

- Six feet spacing and a section for people unable to wear masks

**February 8th School Deliberative** meeting 6:30pm RJH

**February 24th Candidates Night 7pm:** [Town Hall Streams](#) w/ Chat function for questions

**March 8th Town Election** 9am to 7pm Rye Elementary School

Absentee ballot request: [Click Here](#)

### January 2021 Highlights

1) Budget Committee does not approve \$20,000 for Long Range Planning. The \$20K was to be used to have help from consultants in completing the Master Plan Visioning framework and chapter. Board members were unimpressed with the visioning survey and cited a lack of clarity on how the funds will be used as well as limited information shared with the public to date.

2) 80% of tests for fecal contamination are above the State threshold in the [2021 Parson's Creek Watershed](#) (page with data [Click Here](#)). Report states that fecal matter is coming from the groundwater. [See table](#) of 2016 Select Board Committee and FB Engineering recommendations. As of 1/12/22 586 of the 634 properties (92%) in the Parson's Creek Watershed have complied with the Septic System Pump-out ordinance. 48 owners not compliant have been notified. October 2020 State Shoreland Septic System report. [Click Here](#)

3) Town Warrant Articles for the February 5th Town Deliberative meeting are posted [Click Here](#). RCL will provide background on warrant articles, who is running for office and the Budget Analysis on February 1st at 7pm [More Information](#).

4) Town Hall Annex RFP Documents have been issued - [Click Here](#) to review the RFP information. [Click Here](#) to see Stamped Plans to review drawings.

5) Barn easement applications due April 1st. For program information and form [Click Here](#)

6) Draft concept for the Library Common was presented to the Select Board on 1/24 (slides were presented on Zoom and recording is not available). January 20th Special Meeting video [Click Here](#) See one page concept sketch. [Click Here](#) (you can rotate image)

7) Planning Board approved the 30 Units on Rt. 1 across from Dow Lane and the adjacent 78 bed-assisted living expansion. Each development has about 30 requirements/monitoring conditions. No drawing or information made available to the public electronically.

8) Rye's Mindi Messmer was on the PBS News Hour discussing PFOA pollution. [Click Here](#)

9) Portsmouth High School won the NH Granite State Challenge Championship for the first time since 1992. Rye's Josie Sedam and Karina Havalesheko were two of the five team members. Competition will be on NH PBS in February.

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## **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.

Current process is only to develop a visioning chapter framework.

Results of the survey, visioning session or SWOT have yet to be shared with the public.

[Click here](#) to see the 2021 Exeter Master Plan action analysis.

2) **For more information on the Master Plan see the Long Range Planning section below** Note,

Town Board members appear to not clearly understand this.

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](#)

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### **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 Vacancies

Regional Association Review Commission 7 Member Vacancies

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## **General Announcements**

1) The Select Board will have a seven member review committee to review where Rye donates funds each year. [Click Here](#) for the list. Contact the Select Board if interested. [e-mail](#)

2) Town Deliberative Meeting is February 5th 9am RJH. Wording can be changed on all but the zoning ordinances. School Deliberative meeting is February 8th at RJH.

3) Candidates Night will be February 24th. [Town Hall Streams](#) with the chat function. There is limited seating and residents need to [e-mail](#) the RCL to confirm there will still be room. There are five contested races.

4) Rye Softball signups have started. [Click Here](#)

5) Rye Little League signups started. [Click Here](#)

6) Seacoast Lacrosse League. [Click Here](#)

7) Rye is entering into a Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan. [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](#) 2022 Process Information [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.

Feb. 1st Long Range Planning . : Feb. 15th: Select Board  
Feb. 1st. Energy Committee. .Feb. 16th: Beach Commission  
Feb. 2nd: Rye Water ....Feb. 16th: School Board  
Feb. 2nd. Budget Committee Feb. 28th. Select Board  
Feb. 2nd. ZBA .  
Feb. 3rd. Heritage Commission  
Feb. 5th. Town Deliberative Meeting  
Feb. 8th: Sewer Commission ..  
Feb. 8th. Planning Board  
Feb. 8th. School Deliberative Session  
Feb. 9th. Historic District Commission  
Feb. 10th. Conservation Commission



### Select Board

Meetings are 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.  
Public Comments: At the beginning of meeting. 5 minute limit.  
Consent Agenda: Select Board will not discuss unless it is pulled off the consent agenda. Consent agenda is voted for as 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 January 24th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) April 1st is the deadline for the 79D Barn Easement applications. [Click Here](#)
- 2) 62 Cable Rd. un-merger request was pulled from the agenda, so the abutters are asking for a March date so they can attend. Select Board needs to check with the applicant.
- 3) Library presented conceptual designs for the Library parcel. Diagrams that were shown on Zoom during the meeting are not available. January 20th video has a good discussion. [Click Here](#)
- 4) Rye Community Power agreement is still developing and the final agreement may need modifications after the Town Election. Select Board asked for a timeline for the program implementation. Community Power page [Click Here](#)
- 5) Deliberative Meeting will have six foot separation and a section for people who can't be wearing masks.
- 6) Progress is being made for a start up business that will pick up Rye trash and deliver to the transfer station on less busy days. Questions raised about including Mr. Fox food composting as this reduces the tipping fees for Waste Management for what goes in the compactor.

### Select Board Meeting January 10th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) \$150 Preservation Easement fee approved, cost of legal notice was pointed out as one reason why they can't be lower.
- 2) State Rep. Grote and chair of the Long-term Seacoast Commission on Drinking Water provided an update. Free Water Testing kits will soon be available. Current forms are [Click Here](#). Commission website with reports and other information. [Click Here](#)
- 3) Discussion about grant money and applications that Rye Water District is looking for to help with a Rye Water Treatment plant.

- 4) Jenness Beach drainage study reported that clearing some growth could cause increased flooding as more blockages help protect from seawater flooding. Report not made available for the public but will be provided to residents in that area.
- 5) While Rye beaches are carry in and carry out, dog waste containers are being looked at to help reduce fecal contamination.

## **Select Board Non Public Meetings**

January 24th: Legal  
January 6th: Personnel



### **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: January 19th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) The Board approves \$27,430 expenditure for the consulting and design phase of school roof replacements.
- 2) Parent & Community Forum to present RES principal search process to be held at Rye Elementary School at 6:30 PM on January 25th.
- 3) Rye Junior High School students leading renewed school recycling and compost initiative.
- 4) Rye School District Deliberative Session: Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 6:30 PM Rye Junior High School
- 5) Rye School Board Meeting: February 16, 2022, 5:00 PM at Rye Junior High School
- 6) New SAU50 Superintendent search is ongoing. Follow progress [click here](#):
- 7) RJH has instituted Flex Fridays. Community members to come in and work with students for sessions of time on these days. If you have an area of expertise (health, wellness, fitness, career, finance, etc.) that you'd like to share with students, please e-mail [RJH Principal](#)

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

- 1) March 23, 2022- SAU 50 Joint Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Greenland Central School

## **Budget Committee Meetings January 12th and 13th**

### **SCHOOL**

January 12th School Budget Public Hearing: Draft Minutes [Click Here](#)

January 12th School Budget: Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

- 1) Resident Steven Borne was there representing the Public.
- 2) Budget increase of \$837,050 to \$15,709,681
  - \$166,129.29 Increase from Healthcare
  - \$296,774.99 Staff increases
  - \$54,268 increase to Portsmouth High School tuition
  - \$106,508 transportation cost increase
- 3) If there are surplus funds in the unassigned balance at the end of the year, \$90,000 can be moved to

the Maintenance expendable trust fund. New roof (s) could cost \$500,00. Fund currently has \$297,000 balance.

4) If there are surplus funds in the unassigned balance at the end of the year, \$80,000 can be added to the Tuition Expendable Trust Fund.

5) It was stated that the \$127,000 in the Special Education Trust fund is adequate at this time.

## TOWN

January 13th Town Budget Public Hearing: No minutes

January 13th Town Budget Public Hearing: Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

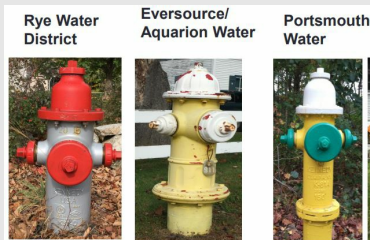
1) Information provided to the Public: [Click Here](#)

2) Single budget sheet provided at the Deliberative meeting: [Click Here](#)

3) As the Budget Committee is unclear how the \$20,000 request by the Planning Board for the Master Plan Visioning Chapter will be used, they only approved \$1,000. Members stated that they were not impressed with the Survey that was produced by the Long Range Planning Committee. Members indicated the lack of results and information provided to the public, is creating doubts.

4) Resident Steven Borne, who has been attending these Budget Public Hearing sessions for many years, indicated that he is unsure of their value or the intended purpose. At past Budget Committee Public Hearings it was discussed that this requirement left over from when we had a "Town Meeting" only. It may not be relevant now that Rye is an SB2 town (Deliberative meeting, then an official ballot in March).

Borne stated that this Public Hearing is too late in the process for the public to have meaningful dialog or to have an impact on the Budget.



## 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: January 12th

Water Use Guidelines: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Wallis Rd. and Garland Well project overview. [Click Here](#)

1) Garland well went back online December 20th.

2) RWD pumped 17 million less gallons in 2021 compared to 2020

3) RWD will be implementing a new pay scale.

4) Warrant Articles discussed:

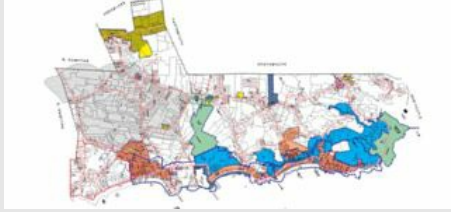
- \$852,00 for Wallis Road work
- \$30,000 for Equipment and Buildings Balance of \$63,858 as of 10/31/21
- \$15,000 System Replacement Balance of \$137,082 as of 10/31/21
- \$1,761,760 2022 Budget

5) Annual RWD meeting will be March 26th at 10am at RJH

6) Wallis Rd. Main Replacement work public hearing will be March 2nd 7pm (school vacation week)

## Sewer Commission Meeting: No January meeting

No meeting.



## 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](#)

**NEW Annual Exeter Master Plan Action analysis from 2021: [Click Here](#)**

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 other towns Invested 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.](#)

January 20th. Posted but public not informed of the cancelation

January 5th: Recorded Video [Click Here](#) no meeting minutes

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

1) None

## Planning Board Meeting: January 11th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft Meeting Minutes: Not posted almost three weeks after meeting

January 6th Work session for 30 unit development and 78 bed assisted living.

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#). No minutes, drawings or other information posted online for the public.

- 1) 2022-02 Multi-family Development increase spacing from 25' to 35' will be on the ballot
- 2) 2022-09 Changes to definitions of walls will be on the ballot
- 3) 78-bed Assisted living expansion at 295 Lafayette Rd was approved with around thirty (30) conditions that will need to be monitored.
- 4) 30 unit development at Rt. 1 across from Dow Lane was approved with around thirty (30) conditions that will need to be monitored.
- 5) Planning Board discussed resident letter to Select Board and Planning Board. [Click Here](#) for draft response to Planning Board Letter. [Click Here](#) for draft response to letter sent to the Select Board.

## Rules and Regulations:

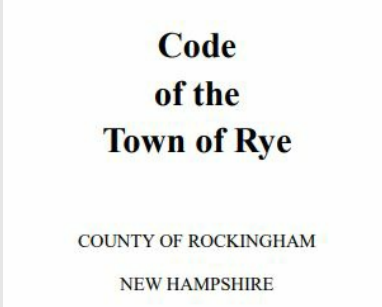
See Planning Board minutes. No information for the other proposals.

## Planning Board: February 8th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Webster at Rye requesting a one year extension.
- 2) 1196 Ocean Blvd. Surf Club of Rye Condominiums, resident adding a shed to Unit #2

- 3) 51 Central Rd. Relief from driveway regulations
- 4) Visioning Presentation and update
- 5) 41 Appledore Ave - lot merger
- 6) Time limits for meetings

 <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: January 5th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)


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

- 1) 10 Shoals View Drive Approved 5-0 for tear down and rebuild of a non-conforming structure. 1 Special exception, 10 variances, relief from 2 building codes and these came with 4 conditions. [Case 1a&b 2022](#)
- 2) 4 Breakers Road. Denied deck expansion or four variances. Seven (7) reasons provided. [Case #33-2021](#)
- 3) 1 Rand Lane granted 5-0 patio expansion along with two conditions. [Case 02-2022](#)
- 4) 50 Brackett Rd. granted 5-0 variance for a generator 40' from the wetland. [Case #3-2022](#)

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: February 2nd**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 1595 Ocean Blvd: Demolish a non-conforming dwelling and replace it.
- 2) 16 Wentworth Rd. Demolition of a 2 story dwelling and garage and replacing it
- 3) 19 Glendale Rd. Generator
- 4) 705 Brackett Rd. Administrative appeal of building inspector letter regarding a swing set
- 5) 1196 Ocean Blvd. Shed
- 6) 280 Wallis Rd. Expansion of a non-conforming structure

	<p><b>Rye Library</b></p> <p>Library Strategic Plan page: <a href="#">Click Here</a>  Library Usage Statistics: <a href="#">Click Here</a>  Friends of RPL: <a href="#">Click Here</a>  RPL Facebook page: <a href="#">Click Here</a>  Citizen's Handbook information: <a href="#">Click Here</a>  Sign up for Monthly Newsletter: <a href="#">Click Here</a></p>
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### **Library Board of Trustees (LBOT) Meeting: January 12th**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video. [Click Here](#)

- 1) Library was informed by the Historic District Commission that the event sign is not in compliance with

the sign ordinance. The LBOT will investigate.

2) The Youth program had switched back to virtual with the rising Covid cases.

3) The board will work with Chief Coutreau so visitors have "masks", not face coverings as the most current guidance has an emphasis on N95 masks.

4) Library Common current ideas to be presented to the Historic District Commission and the Select Board in January (see Select Board January 24th video). January 20th meeting and discussion video.

[Click Here](#) See one page draft concept sketch [Click Here](#) (you can rotate it)



## 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: January 13th

December 28th Draft Meeting minutes [Click Here](#)

January 13th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

January 13th Agenda: [Click Here](#) minutes not available

Tromp Farm Jan. 12th Site Walk. [Click Here](#)

- 1) **1090 Washington Road Tromp Farm** request for a 40' x 120' horse tent in the agricultural easement was denied. A proposal in the building envelope would be considered. New paddocks were allowed.
- 2) **550 Washington Road** cutting off the property and burn piles dragged onto the property. Renter continues to be in non-compliance
- 3) In 2022 RCC will meet at Town Hall with both video streaming and Zoom participation including presentations as the Library does not have Zoom capabilities.



## 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: January 6th and 10th

Draft meeting minutes: Not available

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

January 6th Agenda: [Click Here](#)

January 10th Agenda: [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: January 13th**

Draft meeting minutes : None  
Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)  
1) No minutes: [Agenda](#)

## **Historic District Commission Meeting December 8th**

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)  
No meeting minutes  
RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)  
1) Draft Historic District Guidelines for homeowners  
2) New application and refined process

## **Demolition Review: January 25th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)  
Draft Meeting minutes: None  
1) No meeting minutes. [Agenda](#)

## **Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: No January meeting**



### **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: January 4th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)  
Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)  
1) Public Safety Building lighting project is completed  
2) Discussion to prepare the warrant article for the January 6th Select Board meeting  
3) Planning for the January 20th information session  
4) Logo design still not decided  
5) Senergy Solar Development discussed possible solar project on the Breakfast Hill Landfill. This land is private, but the Town is responsible for the landfill on this property and would need to own the land to allow a solar project.

## **Rye Recycling Education Committee: January 18th**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Meeting with the School Board on January 19th. There is no Recycling Club at RJH or recycling promotion.
- 2) Additional Mr. Fox barrels have been added
- 3) Discussion of Rye Recycling Buckets, could they be subsidized?
- 4) Coordinating with Second Generation to have Swap Shop pick ups.
- 5) Rye could get more for Tin if it was compacted.
- 6) Discussions about a Yard Sale at the Historical Society/Museum
- 7) Still need to research Terracycle for recycling more plastic types
- 8) Need to remind people they can sell "Metal" to Wentworth Metals on Jones Ave.

## **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: No January meeting**

No meeting



### **Beach Committee**

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

Parking Assessment Study: [Click Here](#)

## **Beach Committee Meeting: January 19th**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Some discussion about the 2021 Parson's Creek Watershed report
- 2) Complaints to the changes in Beach Parking permits have been minor
- 3) RES and RJH "environmental/kindness" program produced 58 posters
- 4) Reviewed designs for Dog Waste signs
- 5) The town has placed barrels at Jenness Beach to see if people will deposit dog waste (Rye Beaches are carry in/carry out).

### **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](#)

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

RBVD 2021 Budget: [Click Here](#)  
JBVD 2021 Budget: [Click Here](#)  
School Budget: [Click Here](#)  
RCL Budget Analysis:

## **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) No Minutes**

- 1) [Capital Improvement Plan](#) accepted by the Select Board.
- 2) Plan was posted on Saturday for the Public Hearing on Monday, limiting the time voters had to review beforehand.

## **Trustee of the Trust Funds Meeting: December 7th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Trustees feel the at the portfolios are well positioned in the high dividend paying equities

## **Additional Town related Web Sites**

Rye Historical Society: [Click Here](#)

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

Fire Department Facebook: [Click Here](#)

Rye Beach & Jenness 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 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](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

