



Rye Civic News

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YOUR RYE NIGHT OUT -Last Wednesday of the month: [CLICK HERE](#)

Town & School Election March 8th 8am to 7pm RES

RCL Mark your votes and bring on Election Day: [Click Here](#)

RCL Table of the warrant articles: [Click Here](#)

Town Hall Stream recording of Candidates Night [Click Here](#)

Library (8:53), ZBA (23:30), Supervisor of the Checklist (50:00), School Board (1:05:30) Select Board (1:49)

Sample Town Ballot: [Click Here](#)

Sample School Ballot: [Click Here](#)

RCL Budget Presentation: [Click Here](#)

Town Budget Table: [Click Here](#)

School Budget Table: [Click Here](#) School budget increase sheet: [Click Here](#)

RCL Warrant Article Information: [Click Here](#)

RCL Warrant and Budget Presentation video: [Click Here](#)

Town Deliberative Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Town Deliberative Meeting recorded video: [Click Here](#) (fast forward to the 54 minute hour mark)

Absentee Ballot request form: [Click Here](#)

Rye Water District meeting March 26th 10:00am RJH(see budget and warrants in RWD section)

February 2022 Highlights

1) Approximately 56 Rye residents attended the Town Deliberative Session, so just under **99% of Rye voters did not participate**. There were approximately 56 residents in attendance. One resident, not required to be there, attended the School Deliberative meeting in person.

2) TAP Grant for Rye Town Center sidewalk and street improvements are listed 10th, with the top 13 projects expected to be awarded funding in December.

3) Planning Board is now advocating a theme based Master Plan rewrite with a September 2024 completion goal. More detail below.

4) Dyana Martin was announced as the new Recreation Director.

5) Planning Board approval included a total of 99 conditions (17 pages) for the two major Rt. 1 developments. **30 Units (former Hectors)** and the **78 additional assisted living beds**. RWD is purchasing an Aquarion Water Main to support these developments. Feb. 15th Select Board work session ([video](#)) discussed water usage impact to Rye and the challenges of getting a Rt. 1 Sewer connection with Portsmouth.

6) In two months ZBA has approved 16 variances for Wetlands and Wetland buffers [Click Here](#)

7) Many residents expressed concern to the Select Board about the proposed Pease Air Cargo expansion. PDA Public Meeting on March 17th, 8:00am 55 International Drive. [Click Here](#)

8) DOT discussed 0.3 miles of Rail Trail that will be in Rye [see image](#) Full presentation not made available electronically.

9) Select Board member defends Dog Waste baralls and DPW deploys improved solution. [Click Here](#)
At February 8th Select Board work session, Selectman King strongly argued that Rye needs to move to more electronic information for the Building Department to improve the process and reduce costs.

10) No Boards or Commissions are actively discussing the December 2021 Parson's Creek report that says fecal contamination is coming from the ground water. [Full Report](#). [Table of recomended actions](#) starting with the 2016 Parsons Creek committee.

11) Seect Board has lifted the mask requirement for town municipal buildings. The Schools had previously announced March 21st as when masks would no longer be required.

UPDATE: Master Plan Information (Long Range Panning Committee)

Updated Plan from LRP/Planning Board

Theme based Master Plan Rewrite - estimated completion of September 2024

Time Line description [Click Here](#) Time line graphic: [Click Here](#)

Discussion Presentation. [Click Here](#) Recorded Video. Starts at 1:08 [Click Here](#)

Master Plan Vision Framework: [Click Here](#)

November 10th Visioning Workshop Output: [Click Here](#)

207 Residents completed the Community survey: Only findings shared are the [Q2 Word Image](#)

19 people completed the SWOT for January 12th. Inputs not incorporated

The results from the Municipal survey (staff and boards) are not available.

Planning Board Master Plan Statement for March Select Board newsletter: [Click Here](#)

1) Next steps will be discussed at the March 15th Planning Board meeting

2) Planning Board concern over if there is a town resource who can manage this large and important investment

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

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

Energy Committee 2 Member Vacancies

Recycling Education Committee 2 Member Vacancies

Regional Association Review.....2 Member Vacancies

Recreation Commission.....1 Member

General Announcements

1) Rye Water District Annual meeting is March 26th at 10:00am at the Rye Juniouir High. There is over \$2M in planned spending. More information below.

2) To celebrate the 400th anniversary of Rye in 2023, the Rye Heritage Commission (RHC) is looking for volunteers to work on a sub-committee that will propose some historic signs that describe natural area and the built environment in Rye. [More Informaiton](#)

3) Rye Art Study Group. March 21st at 9:30am [More Information](#)

- 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.

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| March 2nd RTCC | : March 15th Planning Board |
| March 2nd ZBA | ...March 16th: School Board |
| March 2nd : Rye Water |March 16th: Beach Committee |
| March 2nd: RWD Public Hearing | March 19th JBVD Select Board |
| March 3rd.: Heritage Commission | .March 26th: RWD Annual Meeting |
| March 7th: Recreation Commission | March 28: Select Board Meeting |
| March 8th: Town Election | |
| March 8th Energy Committee .. | |
| March 9th : Historic District Commission | |
| March 10th: Conservation Commission | |
| March 14th: Select 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 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 February 28th

Video Recording part 1: [Click Here](#) Recorded Video part 2: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Only one bid was recieved for the Town Hall Annex work. Discussion contionued in a non-public session.
Phase 1 \$635,083 and Phase 2 \$698,592 so over \$1.3M [Click Here](#) for RFP documents
- 2) There is a HB bill that will make it impossible to control noisy motorcycles.
- 3) Old Ocean Blvd State project to re-pave then turn over the street to town pending agreement on drainage approach. Paving planned for Summer 2022.
- 4) Perkins Rd. new proposal has sidewalks and raised crosswalk to control cars going into lot at Summer Sessionls
- 5) Road pavement markings, low bidder is Bus Industrial Traffic Lines
- 6) Rye held five vaccination clinics. Approximate attendees were 34, 530, 470,90, and 5, respectively.
- 7) Masks mandate lifted for municipal buildings.

8) Proposal for pet waste collection revisited.

8) Pease meetings concerning cargo proposal upcoming. SB to get word out and encourage people to petition. [Click Here](#)

Select Board Meeting February 15th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Meeting was preceded with a Rt. 1 water discussion. How will the additional water needs impact the rest of Rye was discussed. Irrigation was a major discussion point.
- 2) A Sewer connection to Portsmouth requires commitment and effort from Portsmouth, but Portsmouth has other priorities. See Rail Trail picture of Rye land near Rt 1.
- 3) Candidates for office can hold up signs at the Transfer station if the form is submitted correctly.
- 4) RJH Graduation will be allowed at Parson's Field, with an exception for longer times to help with the logistics.
- 5) Rye will continue with Masks to be worn in public buildings.
- 6) Dyana Martin was announced as the next Rye Recreation Director
- 7) Discussion about the Air Cargo complex for Pease. [Air Cargo News story](#). [Story with more detail](#).
- 8) As Pease is already a Cargo port, the question will be, can the scale be limited to not adversely impact Rye and the surrounding communities. The next Pease Development Authority meeting is Thursday March 17th at 8:00am at 55 International Drive.
- 9) The NH Rail trail is only has 0.3 miles in Rye, but the DOT presented to Rye. The communities are responsible for trail access points. [Click Here](#) for picture. [Click Here](#) for the full presentation.
- 10) Discussion of [SB 249](#) that would prohibit communities from blocking short term rentals. Select Board will ask our representatives to oppose this bill.
- 11) The TAP grant for Rye Center road work and sidewalks is listed 10th and the top 13 projects may all get funded in December 2022.
- 12) The committee who will review where Rye makes contributions to human services organizations has been assigned and will start to meet. [Click Here](#) for where 2021 contributions were made.
- 13) Select Board member move to end the dog waste barrels, but another Select Board member defends their effectiveness. This resulted in DPW deploying a good solution. Listen to discussion starting at [3:08 in Video](#). [Click Here](#) for DPW solutions.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

February 28th: Legal

February 8th: Personnel and Legal advice

Select Board Work Session: February 8th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) The DPW will be doing the Salt Shed site and installation work directly as the outsourced quotes were larger than the funding approved by the town. There will be monthly updates to the Select Board
- 2) Discussion of the culvert work with the DPW director. Select Board King strongly lobbied that the town have a more rigorous long term culvert financial plan, such as Capital Improvement Plan with potential bonding.
- 3) Digitization discussion has Select Board King making strong arguments to move drawings submitted to the Building Inspector be increasingly digital to improve communication, access and reduce cost for applicants and the town (starts at the [1 hour mark](#))

Town Deliberative Meeting February 5th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#) (starts 54 minutes in)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Article 18 was the first warrant to have any public input, when a minor nomenclature change was

amended.

2) Energy Committee made minor changes to their Community Power warrant article. There was a discussion and proposed amendment to assure all costs to the town would come from people in the program. Proposed amendment failed. [Community Power page](#)

3) Amendments to the "Ban voting machines" Article 23 were made, but all failed, leaving the original wording. This and Article 25 were the only articles with deliberations with multiple residents.

4) Article 25 to change Columbus Day to Indigenous People had a sponsor supported amendment fail, but a Select Board amendment to make the article voice if SB1173 passes was approved. [Click Here](#) to see a sign in Rye.



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: February 16th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: not available

- 1) Rye Elementary Principal search continues as application deadline closes.
- 2) Rye School Board unanimously approved relaxing the district's mask mandate on March 21 if the administration provides an acceptable revision to the district's COVID-19 safety plan by the next School Board Meeting (March 16).
- 3) The School Board offers use of Rye Junior High School for the Recreation Department Summer Camp Program.
- 4) This is the final School Board meeting for outgoing Chairperson Margaret Honda (2 terms) and Vice Chair Scott Marion (3 terms) as they will not seek reelection.
- 5) Next School Board meeting is Wednesday, March 16th
- 6) Process for RES principle will need to begin soon.

SAU 50 School Board Meeting: February 15th and 17th

- 1) Final two candidates were interviewed.
- 2) The Joint School Board unanimously agrees to offer Dr. Steven Zadavec a contract to become the next SAU50 Superintendent of Schools.
- 3) Dr. Zadavec was officially announced as the new Superintendent February 21st.

Budget Committee Meetings February 2nd Districts

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Rye Beach Village District

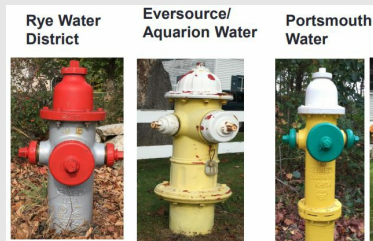
- 1) \$140,852 Budget was approved. [Click Here](#) for details.
- 2) The \$15,435 for the FEMA sidewalk repairs will be moved to a reserve fund. This amount will be transferred from the \$120,405 surplus [Click Here](#)
- 3) RBVD Treasurer's report. [Click Here](#)

Jeness Beach District Budget

- 1) \$92,545 budget was approved as the district funds are for the Hydrant costs and water. [Click Here](#)
- 2) Annual Meeting March 19th at 5pm

Rye Water District Budget

- 1) Total operating budget of \$1,761,760 [Summary Details Pie Chart](#)
- 2) \$852,000 Warrant Article for water main on Wallis Rd. [Public Hearing](#) March 2nd 7pm RJH
- 3) \$30,000 warrant for RWD Equipment and Buildings. Current balance of \$78,860.31
- 4) \$30,000 warrant for Storage Tank maintenance. Current balance of \$152,498.40
- 5) \$15,000 warrant for system replacement fund. Current balance of \$137,115.41
- 6) Budget and warrants add up to \$2,688,760
- 7) **RWD Annual Meeting March 26th 10:00am RJH** [Warrant](#)



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](#)
2022 Budget: [Detail Summary](#) 2020 Projects presentation: [Click Here](#)
2017 Infrastructure Report Card: [Click Here](#) Imagine a day without water: [Click Here](#)

Rye Water District Meeting: February 2nd

Water Use Guidelines: [Click Here](#)

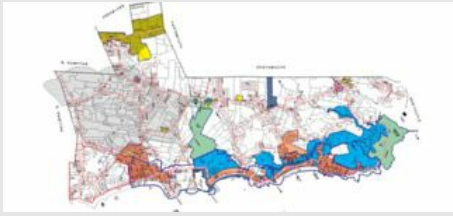
Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) RWD will know if matching grants for water auditing, strategic planning and a ssettment will be awarded later in February.
- 2) New water source investigations continues off West Road. The Spring is the only time the vernal pools assessment can be made.
- 3) Garland Well upgrade project should be completed this sprint.
- 4) The Design Work for the booster pump station at 60 Sagamore Rd. will begin this year.
- 5) Draft Interconnection agreement from Aquarion Water was received. RWD will purchase the Water pipe Main from Acquarion and expects to be reimbursed by the 30 unit development and the additional 78 assisted bed expansion and will get an easement for a future interconnect building. It was not clear if the water connection could be available for when the developments need water.
- 6) Annual RWD meeting will be March 26th at 10am at RJH
- 7) Wallis Rd. Main Replacement work public hearing will be March 2nd 7pm (school vacation week)
- 8) Wallis Rd. Main replacement public hearing, March 2nd 7pm RJH. [Click Here](#)

Sewer Commission Meeting: February 15th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Long discussion of Sewer on Rt. 1 with the developer looking to build 80 units (40 Greenland and 40 in Rye), Rt. 1 access roads next to Lago's and across from Rye Airfield. See Rail Trail picture (big parcel were "Rye" label is [Click Here](#)). Also Feb 15th Select Board work session revealed this is not a priority project for Portsmouth.
- 2) The \$30,000 Warrant article which will only cost Rye \$300 (the interest) was not modified at the Deliberative Meeting. Grant money will be used for inventory and to assess Sewer Department assets.
- 3) Wright-Pierce is completing and energy evaluation of each pump station.



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)

NH Statute re: Master Plan requirements [Click Here](#)

Current Rye Master Plan [Click Here](#)

References: Stratham Master Plan [Click Here](#)..... [Bedford Master Plan RFP](#) [Exeter Action Plan](#)

Theme based Master Plan Rewrite - estimated completion of September 2024

Timeline description [Click Here](#) Time line graphic: [Click Here](#)

Discussion Presentation. [Click Here](#) Recorded Video. Starts at 1:08 [Click Here](#)

Master Plan Vision Framework: [Click Here](#)

November 10th Visioning Workshop Output: [Click Here](#)

207 Residents completed the Community survey: Only shared findings are the [Q2 Word Image](#)

No findings shared from the Municipal (Departments and Boards) survey

Planning Board Master Plan Statement for March Select Board newsletter: [Click Here](#)

Resident synopsis of past Rye Master Plans . [Click Here](#)

Chronological History leading to the 1985 Master Plan [Click Here](#)

1) Feb. 1st LRP draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Planning Board Technical Review Committee (TRC) Meeting:

None

Planning Board Meeting: February 8th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1) Minutes not posted

2) See the above section for the updated plans for the Master Plan. Discussion starts at 1:08

3) Top Planning Board concern for developing a new Master Plan is who can project manage this endeavor. There is no current town employee available for this work.

4) Discussion of limiting the length of Planning Board meetings. Getting all information, including inputs from "experts" the town leverages to be submitted with adequate time for review. Suggestions included keeping presentations to maximum times, create a point when the remaining agenda will be assessed and other ideas.

5) January meeting minutes have been posted

[Case 18-2021](#) Variance granted for the Goss Farm Lane deck buit too large and in the wetland buffer.

30 Units (Hectors Development) [case #11-2021](#)

- 11 pages of conditions
- 22 Conditional Use conditions, some with multiple sub-sections
- 38 conditions associated with the specical use conditions

Breakers 78 additional assited living bed expansion. [case #14-2021](#)

- 6 pages of conditions
- 16 line items for the Conditional Use Permit
- 23 line items for the Conditions of approval

Rules and Regulations:

Planning Board Agenda for March 15th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 51 Central Rd Driveway
- 2) 1196 Ocean Blvd. adding a shed
- 3)) Lafayette Rd. Tax map 10, lot 1 to subdivide into two separate lots
- 4) 12 Goss Farm Lane to install a fence in the voluntary buffer
- 5) Natural Resource Inventory
- 6) LRP and Master Plan discussion

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: February 2nd

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes and Relief Tracking Table: [Click Here](#) (Wetlands and Wetland Buffer are the most by far)

- 1) 1595 Ocean Blvd: Granted 5-0, 5 varainces, 1 spcecial excpetion and 4 conditions to be coordinated with the Conservation Commission letter for the tear down and new non-conforming structure. [Case #04-2022](#)
- 2) 16 Wentworth Rd. Granted 5-0 four variance and 5 condntions for destruction and new build [Case #05-2022](#)
- 3) 19 Glendale Rd. Granted 5-0 variances for generator [Case #06-2022](#)
- 4) 705 Bracket Rd. Denied administrative appeal. Granted 5-0 variance for swing set in the wetland buffer. [Case #07-2022](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: March 2nd

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 280 Wallis Rd. Expansion of non-conforming structure
- 2) 1196 Ocean Blvd. Variances for shed set backs
- 3) 37 Washington Rd. construction in the wetland buffer
- 4) 25 Breakers Rd. Expansion of a non-conforming structgure
- 5) 0 Airfield Drvie. 64ft. sq sign
- 6) 1459 Ocean Blvd. Extension of patio
- 7) 46 Appledore Ave. Expansion of a non-conforming building

Rye Library

Library Strategic Plan page:

Library Usage Statistics:

Friends of RPL:

RPL Facebook page:

Citizen's Handbook information:

Sign up for Monthly Newsletter:



Library Board of Trustees (LBOT) Meeting: January 12th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video. [Click Here](#)

- 1) Library will be waiving the suspend fines for book and a new policy will be created. Fines will remain for lost or damaged items.
- 2) After research (including other libraries), the background check process will now include volunteers and fingerprinting. A definition of a volunteer needs to be created.
- 3) The HVAC system is showing signs that its days are numbered and an updated replacement quote will be requested.
- 4) Attorney confirmed that strip of land is a paper street and should be divided between the abutters.
- 5) The board will review the past fund raising proposal, inquire with N. Hampton and others before embarking on fundrasing.
- 6) Library Common concept. 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: February 10th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussion of prohibited and allowed uses for Jim Raynes Forest and Brown Lane Farm: hunting, trails, impacts on endangered Atlantic White Cedar swamp
- 2) Leashes will be required on the 62 acre conservation portion of the Town Forest from March 15-July 15th as they were in 2021
- 3) 1641 Ocean Blvd.: Deck and patio in the wetlands buffer. Sitewalk planned
- 4) 691 Brackett Rd.: Barn renovation in the wetlands buffer
- 5) 46 Appledore Ave.: After the fact application of window replacement in the shoreland protection area

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: February 7th

Draft meeting minutes: Not available

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

- 1) The new Recreation Director is Dyana Martin.
- 2) February 7th meeting agenda: [Click Here](#)
- 3) There is a Recreation Commission vacancy.



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: February 3rd

Draft meeting minutes: [Click here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Demolition discussion of 280 Wallis Road led to a discussion that the Master Plan should set the course, then the Planning Board Rules and Regulations takes the lead on new or modified ordinances.
- 2) PHS like the idea of helping with the Gazebo, but can't help. Port City MarketSpace was mentioned as well as contracting Bud Jordan.
- 3) Fundraising approaches were discussed, what worked and didn't work. It is the Commissions ten year anniversary.
- 4) Contract for the Town Hall Monumental Windows was discussed and updated. Costs will be split 50/50 between the Heritage Commission and The Friends of Town Hall.
- 5) Pulpit Rock Tower board discussion with Patty Weathersby will be in March or April.
- 6) Historical Signage sub-committee to look at what other towns do (look and style) and what sites are appropriate for signs.

Demolition Review: February 22nd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: None

- 1) No meeting minutes. [Agenda](#)

Historic District Commission Meeting February 9th

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) The Technical Review Committee did a dry run test of the updated application process and they were able to complete in the allowed time. One improvement will be to request sketches of work/renovations.
- 2) The Commission will add a Vice Chair role.
- 3) 2023 CLG Grant application will focus on funds for the upstairs of the Town Hall building.
- 4) Discussion of helping with the Heritage Committee for Historic signs.
- 5) Early planning stages of an event to highlight historic homes and ending at Parsons Field. Plan would be to include multiple interested Rye groups.

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: February 9th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: not available

RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) TAP Grant update: Sidewalks in the town center are one step closer
- 2) The top thirteen projects are expected to be funded and Rye Town Center is ranked number 10. [Click Here](#) to see the rankings.



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: February 1st

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Public Safety Building lighting upgrade is complete and estimated 20% cost savings.
- 2) Energy committee attending the TD Bank bid conference to better understand what is being proposed.
- 3) Worked on the Community Power presentation for the Deliberative Meeting. [Click Here](#) for more information on the Community Power program.

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 2022 meetings yet

No meeting



Beach Committee

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

Beach Committee Meeting: February 23rd

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [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

Budget, CIP and Trust Funds

CIP Plans: [Click Here](#)
 Town 2022 Budget: [1 page summary](#)
 Town 2021 MS-7: [Click Here](#)
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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

Rye Historical Society: [Click Here](#)

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

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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.