

Rye Civic News



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March 2022 Highlights

[Highlights Video & History tid bit](#)

1) Approximately 33% of Rye voters participated in the Town/School Election. N. Hampton was at 27% and Greenland 25%. ZBA 1 year recount had removed one vote for one candidate and added two votes to another, so the results stand. [Click Here](#) for candidates and [Click Here](#) for warrants.

2) Rye residents are engaged in the effort to mitigate the PDA plans to expand cargo business at Pease. [Click Here](#) to sign the petition and please share with others on the Seacoast. Additional Information [Click here.](#)

3) Town demolished the TD Bank interior and the single bid for phase 1 is over \$600K and over \$600K for phase 2. Bid opening video [Click Here](#) (no meeting minutes) Select Board meeting with builders to attempt to find cost reductions as there are not this level of funds to enable employees to relocate to the Town Hall Annex. March 28th Public comment video [Click Here](#) [Statement](#) [LTE](#)

4) Conservation Commission led [Natural Resource Inventory](#) was released. Hard copies are at the library for viewing. The Natural Resource Inventory needs to be reviewed, lists, prioritization and actions declared. . [Executive Summary](#)

5) Select Board workshop was held on March 30th about the water and sewer challenges as developers continue residential expansion proposals along Rt. 1.

6) Over sixty residents signed a petition to the Select Board to improve how residents are informed about open appointed positions for Select Board assigned committees and commissions. [Click Here](#) for Statement to Select Board. [Click Here](#) for petitions

7) Rye RES and RJH English, Math and Science proficiency scores show Covid impact. [Click Here](#)

8) Planning Board approved the LRC proposal to move to a themed based rewrite of the Master Plan. This is a shift from the previous plan of first updating the vision chapter.

9) Approximately 1% to 2% of Rye Water District customers attended the RWD annual meeting and approved \$2,689,000 ([budget and warrant articles](#)).

10) Forty-one variances approved year to date by the Zoning Board. [Click Here](#)

11) What was interesting in the 2021 Town Annual report [Click Here](#) (births, deaths & marriages, revenue sources, how much debt, number of employees,)?

UPDATE: Master Plan Information (Long Range Planning Committee)

Updated Plan from LRP/Planning Board

See LRC Feb. 1st Minutes. [Click Here](#) March 15th meeting approved the LRC report.

Theme based Master Plan Rewrite - estimated completion of September 2024

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

1) March 15th Meeting does not seem to pick up where the February discussion ended [Video](#) discussion starts at 3:03

[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 and 1 Member vacancy
Energy Committee 2 Member Vacancies
Recycling Education Committee 2 Member Vacancies
Recreation Commission..... 2 Member Vacancies
Demolition Review Committee..... 1 Alternate vacancy

General Announcements

1) Mosquito Control Public Notice: [Click Here](#)

2) [Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) is open for Public Comment. [e-mail](#) comments due 4/29. A quick glance found things not current - what can you find or point out?

3) 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 signs that describe natural areas and the built environment in Rye. [More Information](#)

4) Rye students at PHS need to raise funds for the coaches and team in National competitions.

National Quiz Bowl in Atlanta GA: Rye students Karina Havalshko/Josie Sedam [Donate](#)

National Public Debate in Louisville, KY: Rye students Josie Sedam/Sam Borne [Donate](#)

5) PHS Debate Team needs judges for the April 16th Debate in Portsmouth. No experience required [e-mail](#) to volunteer or learn more

6) Portsmouth has started to reconfigure the Lang Rd./ Lafayette Rd (Rt. 1). Impact will be for turning South and coming from the South.

7) NH Civics and NHPR Building Civic Strength with Laura Knoy **May 3rd 6pm to 7pm**. Rochester Opera House. [Click Here](#) for In-person registration (required). Attend virtually - [Click Here](#)

8) Learn about the New Hampshire effort for Ranked Choice Voting **April 20th 6:30pm** Portsmouth Library. [Click Here](#)

9) Rye Art group **April 18th 9:30am** Congressional Church. [More Information](#)

10) Have a home built before 1901? Learn what is being done by Rye Advocates [Click Here](#)

11) Rye PTA, Rye Education Fund and Civic League Presidents explain their groups [Click Here](#)

12) Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#) 2022 Process Information [Click Here](#)

13) GIS Town Mapping Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on how to find properties with the Rye GIS mapping.

14) July 4th Fireworks will be on Friday July 1st this year. (our vendor retired and we could not get another vendor for July 4th)

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.

April 4th Recreation Commission April 14th: Conservation Commission
April 5th: Long Range Planning April 19th: Mosquito Commission
April 5th: Energy Committee April 19th: Recycling Education Commission
April 6th: Rye Water District April 20th: School Board
April 6th: RTCC April 25th: Select Board
April 6th: Board of Adjustment
April 11th: Select Board
April 12th: Sewer Commission
April 12th: Planning Board
April 13th; Historic District



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 March 28th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Residents speak out about Town Hall Annex. [Statement LTE](#) read
- 2) Over 60 residents [sign petition](#) asking Select Board to improve process for filling Select Board appointed positions. [Click Here](#) for statement.
- 3) Town Finance Administrator resigned.
- 4) First public hearing on [Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) for Federal support. Residents have until 4/29 to submit review comments. e-mail
- 5) Rye Fireworks may be moved to Friday, July 1st as no vendors are available July 4th
- 6) See [agenda](#) for multiple 3 year appointments to commissions and committees.
- 7) Select Board is hoping they receive a re-bid for Town Hall annex at the April 4th meeting that would create a path forward to get Town employees into the Town Hall Annex.
- 8) Discussion on how to better communicate with residents. Rye Civic League explained how successful the Civic News is. Select Board could promote the Rye Civic News in the quarterly Select Board Newsletters.
- 9) Select Board started a process of Select Board where Select Board members summarizing the meetings where they are the assigned representative (Planning, Heritage, RWD, Budget,...).

Select Board Meeting March 14th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available two weeks after the meeting

- 1) Business requesting a Beach Parking Sticker was denied
- 2) Chair Epperson will continue until July 2022, then the chair will return to Phil Winslow for the remainder of his third year - typically the chair is the board member who is in the last year of the three year term.
- 3) The un-merger request for 62 Cable Rd. was not approved at this time
- 4) The Select Board waived a number of the A-Q requirements for Conservation to acquire a parcel at 0 Brackett Rd.
- 5) Town Hall Annex phase 1 bid is over \$600K and phase 2 would be another \$600K. Select Board discussed if Rye Town personnel could coordinate the construction to save costs. The bidder is being asked what can be done to reduce the costs. The Town gutted the Town Hall annex to prepare the new office space.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

March 28th: Hiring and Reputation
March 14th: Acquisition
March 7th: Legal
March 4th: Reputation, Acquisition and Legal

Select Board Work Session: March 30th

Video Recording Sewer: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording Rye Water District: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

Sewer Discussion:

- 1) The Sewer Commission discussed the history of sewer in Rye and their roles and responsibilities regarding Sewer Expansions.
- 2) There was a discussion on the impact that Route 1 sewer would have on Rye and the current planning and zoning regulations.
- 3) A developer that has an option to purchase property on Route 1 is currently evaluating the possibility of connecting to the Portsmouth municipal sewer.
- 4) The City of Portsmouth has communicated that they need significant upgrades to their sewer infrastructure to accept additional flow from Rye.
- 5) It was discussed that the Foye's Corner Sewer Expansion was a good model as it was at no cost to the Town.
- 6) Next steps in pursuing Route 1 sewer was discussed and it was determined that a memorandum will be sent to The City of Portsmouth asking what is required to facilitate the completion of an Intermunicipal Agreement, Federal and State Funding will be explored and Bill Epperson will reach out to the property owner and developers representative.
- 7) Another work session was set for May 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the matter further.
- 8) More background information from Sewer Commission. [Click Here](#)

Rye Water Discussion

- 1) Rye Water would like to have guidelines and a permit process for irrigation to help with managing for droughts and for water management.. RWD likes that Portsmouth uses a second meter for irrigation (helps with sewer fees).
- 2) Discussion of usage and how this is monitored during drought restrictions. How to develop a best in class water management process.
- 3) Reviewed what can be done for water management from irrigation this coming Summer.
- 4) How to read your water meter. [Click Here](#)
- 5) 83% of water is used by 49% of customers. Irrigation use is the main driver.

Rye Schools

Meets 3rd Wednesday at RJH

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: March 16th

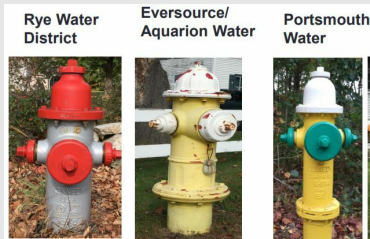
Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Newly elected Susan Ross and Katherine Errecart attended their first School Board Meeting
- 2) Matt Curtin elected as Chairperson, Heather Reed as Vice Chairperson, Susan Ross as Secretary
- 3) Ms. Michelle Costa nominated as new Principal of Rye Elementary School
- 4) Tech Roofing is awarded a \$255,000 contract for the replacement of the Rye Junior High School roof.
- 5) Four staff members will be resigning, Kacie Frieberg, Lana Hoyt, Aaron Scogin and Kelly Winfrey.
- 6) The next school board meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2022 at 5P at Rye Junior High School.

SAU 50 School Board Meeting March 23rd:

- 1) No update



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](#) How to read your meter: [Click Here](#)
 2017 Infrastructure Report Card: [Click Here](#) Imagine a day without water: [Click Here](#)

Rye Water District Meeting: March 2nd and Annual Meeting

Water Use Guidelines: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Post Covid February 2022 usage was a million gallons below the 2021 numbers
- 2) Draft Aquarion interconnection agreement was received to support the Hector's and Benchmark developments approved by the Planning Board.
- 3) RWD is asking for agendas and goals from the Select Board before RWD attends meetings.
- 4) Commissioners are working on requirements for irrigation permitting regulations that would need to be implemented through the Planning Board Rules and Regulations.
- 5) Salary and benefits will be added to the open [Water Operator position](#).

March 26th RWD Annual Meeting

[Click here](#) for Warrant

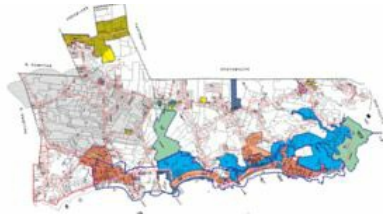
- 1) Scott Marion was elected to a three year Water Commissioner term
- 2) Lowered regulatory acceptable levels of Manganese may accelerate the need to have a Rye Water Treatment plant.
- 3) \$1.7M Budget and additional \$927K of warrant articles approved. RWD 2022 spend of \$2.688M

4) Attendance was about twenty five people out of the more than 3000 people who live in the Water District. So less than 1% of voters approved almost \$3M in spend.

Sewer Commission: March 8th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#) (no video as meetings are at the RBVD Building)

- 1) After 15 years as a Sewer Commissioner David Adams is retiring from the Commission.
- 2) Similar to Rye Water, February flow was down considerably from February 2021.
- 3) Adams Mobile Park has been asked for plans to make improvements to avoid another sewage spill in the Berry's Brook watershed. Correspondence said it would take 60 to 90 days, but that is once the engineering firm responds.
- 4) Rt. 1 Sewer discussion [Click Here](#) for [more detail](#)
 - Green & Co. asked to meet with Sewer Commission on Feb. 15th.



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](#)

Route 1 Development

To Residents: At the last "Your Rye Night Out", it was suggested that the Rye Civic League add a section to help residents track all that is happening along Rt. 1. Once volunteers help create the detail, RCL will move this to a document and post. Section of Rye image [Click Here](#)

1) Select Board Activities

- March 30th Sewer Commission discussion (see above section)
- March 30th Rye Water District discussion

2) What has to happen to get a Rt. Sewer Connection to Portsmouth or N. Hampton
(need some help here)

3) Supplying Water to the developments

- For Hectors and Benchmark RWD is connecting to Aquarion so incase of an emergency, water could be routed for fire suppression
- Impact to providing water to the rest of Rye, sensitivity analysis - may exist, but is not in the public domain
- Planning Board [Benchmark NOD](#) and [Hectors NOD](#)
- Planning Board video of Hectors development [Click Here](#)

Developments:

A) 1244 Washington - Washington Green

Need to capture: # of septic system and volume of land they are flowing into

Conditions development must meet and how these are being monitored

How many variances and other waivers were granted to allow this development

Need to capture Rye's sentiment on how this meets "our semi-rural character"

B) Rye Airfield Expansion through the Housing Partnership approved in 2018 [Location](#)

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

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

D) Benchmark 78 additional assisted living bed expansion. [case #14-2021](#)

F) 40 Units in Rye and 40 Units in Greenland for concept to the North of Breakfast Hill Rd.

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](#)

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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](#)

2) March 15th approved the 2021 LRC Report

Planning Board Technical Review Committee (TRC) Meeting:

1) Continued discussion of Hectors - 0 Lafayette [Location Video](#)

Planning Board Meeting: March 15th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1) 51 Central Rd. Granted 6-0 (one abstention) a second driveway cut with conditions and these are not numbered. [Case #-4-2022](#)

2) Accepted application for 0 Lafayette Rd (Tax Map 10, Lot 1 [Click Here](#)) to subdivide into two separate lots. Special meeting set for March 29th to finish the conditions and plans [Video](#)

3) Natural Resource Plan [Click Here](#) A hard copy is available at the Library. [Executive Summary](#)

- Rye is 8,580 Acres with 2,563 of mapped fresh and saltwater wetlands [what is counted](#))
- 1/4 of Rye is within the floodplain
- Rye has six of NH's highest habitat and ecological intact areas. These priority habitats to protect cover 4,484 acres (41% of Rye) [page 43 Click Here](#).
- Rye does not have an inventory of vernal pools
- Rye does not have a Prime Wetlands classification ([page 19](#))

The Natural Resource Inventory needs to be reviewed, lists, prioritization and actions declared. As Conservation is a Select Board appointed commission, the Select Board is responsible for making this a living document and communicating to all groups in Rye.

4) Voted to accept the LRP Master Plan report (see [Feb. 1st meeting minutes](#))

Rules and Regulations March 22nd:

See [town ballot](#) for 2022 Ordinances or the [RCL Warrant Presentation](#)

1) March 22nd Rules and Regulations meeting. No video recording available. No meeting minutes available. Meeting agenda was changed without notification of changes.

2) A Non Public Session was added with "Town Counsel" and agenda item 3 "Review and comprehensive overall of RZO with Town Attorney" was removed.

Planning Board Agenda for April 12th

Agenda: On Town Hall Bulletin Board but not the website

- 1) 1196 Ocean Blvd. Adding a shed
- 2) 12 Goss Rd. Install a fence in the voluntary buffer
- 3) 2263 Ocean Blvd (Carriage House) for outdoor dining
- 4) 1244 Washington Rd request to reduce the line of credit.

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: March 2nd

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

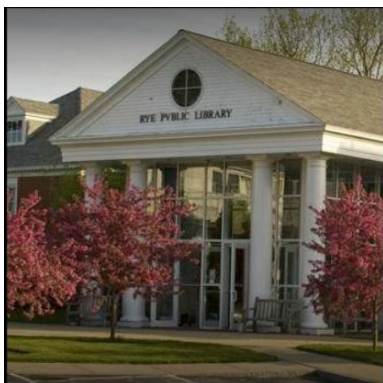
RCL Notes and Relief/Variations Tracking Table: [Click Here](#) 41 variances in the first quarter.

- 1) 371 Washington Rd. Granted 4-0 variance for extending a barn with two conditions. [Case #10-2022](#)
- 2) 0 Airfield Dr granted 5-0 special exception for non-illuminated sign. [Case #13-2022](#) This is the new Housing Authority development Village at Rye Place [Click Here](#)
- 3) 280 Wallis Rd. Granted 5-0 Two variances to expand a non-conforming structure [Case #09-2022](#)
- 4) 1459 Ocean Blvd. Applicant withdrew request for equitable waiver. [Case #14](#) Also approve 5-0 variance for setbacks along with a condition. [Case #14b](#)
- 5) 46 Appledore Ave. Granted 5-0 granted variances for a non-conforming structure. [Case #15-2022](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: April 6th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 1196 Ocean Blvd: Shed and lot coverage
- 2) 25 Breakers Rd. expanding a deck on a non-conforming building
- 3) 133 Washington Rd. Shed and lot coverage
- 4) 10 Huntervale Ave. Expansion of a non-conforming building
- 5) 1641 Ocean Blvd. Administrative appeal and expansion of a deck



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: March 22nd

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video. [Click Here](#)

- 1) Library fine eliminations will be announced National Library week
- 2) Website update includes new catalog view and reservation elements. Other work is still in progress.
- 3) Youth Department moving to mask optional. Looking at having a day or time period when masks will be worn for highly vulnerable patrons.
- 4) Now that the Olde Parish Road paper road has been resolved, the concepts may adjust.
- 5) Discussed options for starting to raise money for the Common activities.

Natural Resource Inventory December 2021

Full Report: [Click Here](#) [Executive Summary](#) [Habitat section](#) [all Maps](#)

Map 1 [Base-line](#) Map 6 [Sea level rise](#) Map 11 [Soil limitations](#)

Map 2 [Watershed Boundaries](#) Map 7 [Water Quality](#) Map 12 [Farm lands](#)

Map 3 [Groundwater](#) Map 8 [Forest Resources](#) Map 13 [Scenic Resources](#)

Map 4 [FEMA Flood 100 & 500](#) Map 9 [Wildlife action](#) Map 14 [Conserved Land](#)

Map 5 [Floodwater storage](#) Map 10 [Productive Forest soils](#) Map 15 [Unfragmented Land](#)



Conservation Commission

Meets third Thursday of the month
 Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)

Engaging with CC Process: [Click Here](#)
 Application Checklist for ZBA: [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: March 10th and 21st

March 10th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) March 10th: Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)
 March 21st Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) March 21st: Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)
 RCL Meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Acting very fast (less than a week) the Conservation Commission acquires, with Select Board approval, 3.6 acres off of Pioneer which completes the protection of the entire north side of Berry Brook at the estuary, a key wildlife corridor, fly fishing and recreational area.
- 2) Suzanne McFarland, Chair; Sally King, Vice Chair were re-elected to lead Conservation Commission.
- 3) 50 Parcels are not on the GIS mapping and this needs to be correct.
- 4) The Conservation Commission with approval from the Select Board acted very fast and is working to acquire 3.6 acres [Tax Map 022, Lot 073](#) which will complete the protection of the entire north shoreline of Berry Brook off of Pioneer as it adjoins the 58 acre town Seavey Acres and another 11 acre town property and is a key state identified wildlife habitat with fly fishing and potential other recreational opportunities possible.
- 5) The trail at Cedar Run is completed. Many deer (20) observed during the work party. Discussion of leashing dogs during nesting season at next meeting

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: March 7th

Draft meeting minutes: Not available for all of 2022

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) March 7th meeting agenda: [Click Here](#)
- 3) There are **TWO** Recreation Commission vacancies.



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: March 3rd

Draft meeting minutes: [Click here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) A member of Demo review committee denied the right to speak at ZBA meeting. Town Attorney said this is wrong and Select Board should notify board chairs that anyone can speak at meetings, even if they do not have standing - (a direct interest in the case)
- 2) Discussion about Rye Beach having a Heritage commission and an adjunct demo review commission, an RHC member, resident of Rye Beach will speak to the commissioners about this
- 3) Historic signage 400th project has an established sub- committee and is working
- 4) Discussion of RHC need to update Chapter 9 of Master Plan
- 5) RHC work session on 3/24 discussed needed edits of master plan Decision: each member will send in edits to compile in one update

Demolition Review: February 22nd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: None

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

Historic District Commission Meeting March 9th

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Public hearing on 562 Washington Rd.
- 2) New Vice Chair is James Tegeder
- 3) Temporary signs that are more suitable for Rye are being investigated
- 4) Post cards will be used to communicate the new guidelines
- 5) Updated application process must go to the Planning Board Rules and Regulations
- 6) Brainstorming and planning for a Candlelight Stroll

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: March 2nd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Scott Bole from RPC joined the meeting to discuss the TAP grant process.
- 2) Library Common project was discussed



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: March 8th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Preference is for a Heat Pump at the Town Hall annex
- 2) Community Power continued to progress. Portsmouth is joining. Rule making has started([article](#)).
- 3) Discussed Battery/Capacitor systems to reduce/eliminate Demand charges. One breach and the Demand charge is for the full month (is 30% of the bill). All Rye Municipal buildings are paying demand charges. Other States have programs for this.
- 4) Federal monies are available for "clean" school buses.
- 5) New Building Codes go into effect March 15th, reducing the number of air changes/hour from seven to three.

Rye Recycling Education Committee: March 15th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: none

- 1) Earth Day discussion
- 2) Large Yard Sale at RHS on May 21st.
- 3) Discussions for RJH Flex Friday
- 4) Mr. Fox food composting program going well
- 5) Discussed Rye Recycling pick up for elderly
- 6) Swap shop needs more volunteers.

Telecommunication Infrastructure Committee: March 31st

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Mosquito

Mosquito Complaint Form: [Click Here](#)

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



Mosquito Commission Meeting: No 2022 meetings yet

Draft Meeting minutes; none

Recorded Video: [Click here](#)

Public Notice about spraying: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Tim Sanborn will continue as Chair.
- 2) Dragon Mosquito will continue as the vendor
- 3) Discussion with Dragon's Sarah MacGregor centered around the timeline for the 2022 season's activities.
- 4) Public notices regarding spraying activities, including notification of bee-keepers, are ongoing.
- 5) Up to 16 new Greenhead traps are being constructed, with approximately 200 to be deployed for the season in late June/early July.
- 6) July 1st marks the date that the State Lab will begin testing mosquitoes for EEE and West Nile Virus; the State is looking to extend testing to include Jamestown Canyon Virus, as well.
- 7) The public is invited to all RMCC meetings, with the next one scheduled for Tuesday, April 19th at Town Hall.



Beach Committee

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

Parking Assessment Study: [Click Here](#)

Beach Committee Meeting: March 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](#)

Town 2020 Budget Sheet:

RWD 2022 Budget: [Click Here](#)

RBVD 2022 Budget: [Click Here](#)

JBVD 2022 Budget: [Click Here](#)

School Budget: [Click Here](#)

RCL Budget Analysis: [2022 presentation](#)

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.

Budget Committee Meetings:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Rye Beach Village District

1) \$140,852 Budget was approved. [Click Here](#) for details.

Jeness Beach District Budget

1) \$92,545 budget was approved as the district funds are for the Hydrant costs and water. [Click Her](#)

Rye Water District Budget

1) Total operating budget of \$1,761,760 [Summary](#) [Details](#) [Pie Chart](#)

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](#)

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.