

# Rye Civic News



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## April 2022 Highlights

## [Highlights Video & Pollution](#)

- 1) Rye Recreation Summer Schedule and sign-up has been released. [Click Here](#)
- 2) Rye will share two NH House Representatives with Greenland (District 24) and 1 representative shared across Rye, Greenland and N. Hampton. [Click Here](#) for what was signed by the Governor. Note, N. Hampton has 1,000 fewer residents than Rye and has a dedicated House Representative.
- 3) Police accepted Highway Safety Grant that will allow Rye police to focus more on speeding and traffic violations (cell phone use while driving). Chief Walsh notes most speeders are Rye residents. [Click Here](#) for 2019 letter to residents from Chief Walsh.
- 4) Select Board sends [letter to PDA](#) about Cargo facility. Next public meeting at Pease May 25th at 8:30am (go early if you want a seat).
- 5) Select Board sated desire to have Town Hall employees in the Town Hall Annex in August. Budget Committee discussion revealed that the Select Board expects to get an update on cost for a the reduced scope by May 9th. Great explanation of Select Board/Town Administrator thinking starting at 53 minute mark of Budget Committee meeting [Click Here](#)
- 6) Lt. Scott Blaisdell is now Deputy Police Chief Blaisell. [Click Here](#)
- 7) Rye Fire & Safety received recognition for its EMS work and innovation. [Click Here](#) and [Here](#)
- 8) Rye Water reported that water consumption totals from the beginning of the year to the end of March, it has gone from 6 million to 9.5 million at a consistent increase. [Click Here](#) Also, RWD has not received Landfill monitoring reports since April 2021.
- 9) Year to Date Rye has approved 57 variances and 3 homes will be demolished and rebuilt. [Click Here](#) for more detail

## **NEWISH in Rye & Your Rye Night Out:** [Click Here](#)

If you are newish in Rye or know people who have recently moved to Rye, join the RCL Board and others at:

**May 25th at 7pm Kooks - Ocean Blvd (near Wallis Rd. Extension beach)**

This will be a social activity, just like the open public discussions each month at the conclusion of the RCL monthly meeting.

### **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) Rules & Regulation is discussing the rewrite of Rye Zoning with the new Town Attorney This is not specifically stated for the [May 5th Agenda](#).
- 3) Water/Environmental expert Mindi Messimer notified the Select Board of the Berry's Brook risk from Coakley landfill. [Click Here](#). Note, if you are concerned with water pollution and the role of our wetlands, the RCL is working on a Rye educational session. [e-mail](#) if you can help.
- 4) To celebrate the 400<sup>th</sup> 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](#)
- 5) 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](#)
- 6) NH Braver Angels event May 10th 7pm [More Information](#) and contact NH Leaders.
- 7) Rye Art Study (RAS) Meeting Monday 10:00am, May 16, 2022 Rye Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall. Nancy Morgan is a fabric artist who will speak about making the art that she loves. Refreshments will be served before the meeting.
- 8) Cedar Run Trailgate scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>
- 9) Have a home built before 1901? Learn what is being done by Rye Advocates. [Click Here](#)
- 10) Rye PTA, Rye Education Fund and Civic League Presidents explain their groups. [Click Here](#)
- 11) Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#) 2022 Process Information [Click Here](#)
- 12) GIS Town Mapping Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)  
RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on how to find properties with the Rye GIS mapping.
- 13) 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.

May 2nd: Recreation Commission .....	May 11th: School Board
May 3rd: Long Range Planning .....	May 12th: Conservation Commission
May 3rd: Energy Committee .....	May 17th: Mosquito Control Commission
May 4th: Rye Water District .....	May 17th: Recycling Education Committee
May 4th: RTCC .....	May 18th: Historic District Commission
May 4th: Board of Adjustment .....	May 19th: Beach Committee
May 5th: Rules and Regulations .....	May 18th: School Board
May 5th: Heritage Commission:..	May 23rd: Select Board
May 10th: Sewer Commission .....	
May 10th: Planning 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 April 25th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Army Core of Engineers will be working on the Star Island seawall, staging will be at Rye Harbor from April to November.
- 2) Rye Fire and Safety awarded and recognized. [Click Here](#)
- 3) DPW director recommends that Rye does not enter into a fuel contract now and waits until the market stabilizes. Select Board encouraged the DPW to top off the tanks while we are still on last year's lower rates
- 5) Select Board chair reads statement in response to resident Letter to the Editor (LTE) about process for allowing others to be considered for appointed positions. Select Board statement is not available. [Click Here](#) for LTE and resident response to statement.
- 4) Building permit fees are down 40% YTD, but expecting to climb. Note 4-26 budget committee meeting [video](#) 1:25 sites historic increase in building and more monitoring for new Land Use Administrator.
- 5) Pavement costs have gone up considerably, but the budget is sufficient as additional funds were added to make up for Covid budget cut-backs. The planned miles of re-pavement will be made.
- 7) While Cell tower lease payments were received from AT&T, nothing has been received from Verizon. No discussion on allocating those funds. A butters had asked to have the tower camouflaged.
- 8) Beach business permits are done to four from a high of eight a few years ago. Protracted discussion about making changes base on Covid learning, but Select Board did not want to make changes.
- 9) Six applications were received for the new full time Land Use Administrator position.

## Select Board Meeting April 11th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available two weeks after the meeting

- 1) Ceremony to "pin" Scott Blaisdell as Ryes' new Deputy Police Chief.
- 2) Continued discussion by a resident about the process for Select Board appointed positions. [Resident Statement](#). Rye Dog (ROMP) group comments positively to Select Board on impact from dog waste containers. [Click Here](#)
- 3) After spending many hours volunteering to assist with the Master Plan (Long Range Planning Committee), resident presents strong statement. [Click Here](#) Under new Business Selectmen King suggested that the Select Board become more engaged in the Master Plan update, Chair Epperson stated that was not necessary.
- 4) Chief Walsh describes Highway Safety Grant (\$17K) that essentially provides an additional cruiser to be used for deterring speeding and discouraging cell phone use while driving.
- 5) Transfer Station will not be maintaining and using old equipment to create compost and will utilize a contractor to produce compost.
- 6) Aquarion Water provides update presentation to Select Board. [Click Here](#) Residents can [buy rain barrels](#) and seeking nominations for Environmental Champion Awards. [Click Here](#)
- 7) Parson's Creek pump out ordinance update, 66 properties not reporting septic pump or inspection. There are 634 properties in the Parson's Creek Watershed. Send a copy of septic pump out and inspection to Town Building Inspector. [More Information](#)
- 8) Select Board confirmed they are following their process for appointments to committees and commissions and no actions are required.

## **Select Board Non Public Meetings**

April 25th: Personnel and Litigation

April 11th: Hiring and Reputation

April 15th: Select Board took a formal vote formal vote for 500 Washington Rd. and waiving of A-Q for 0 Pioneer Rd. [Recorded Video](#). Draft meeting minutes; [Click Here](#)



## **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: April 20th**

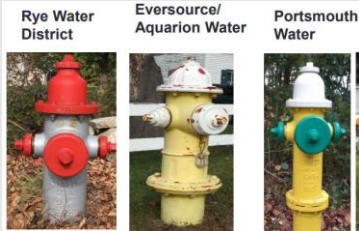
Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: not available

- 1) Board accepts resignation of Rye Junior High School Principal Marie Soucy with regret and best wishes in her position
- 2) Search committee for new Junior High School principal formed and the application process has begun. Search to be completed on or about May 31, 2022.
- 3) SAU 50 is seeking a new Facilities Manager. The application deadline is April 29th.
- 4) Mr. John Dinger has been hired as the new Grade 7 mathematics teacher
- 5) Replacement of the Rye Junior High School roof will begin on or about June 20th

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

- 1) Portsmouth High School #19 by US News Ranking [Click Here](#)



### **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](#)

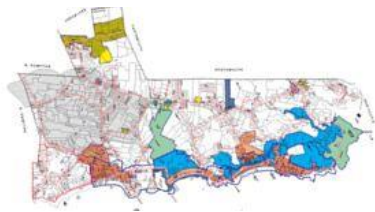
Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Garland Rd. pump project is almost complete.
- 2) Wallis Rd. project bids are in and the project goes to the Governors Exexutive Council in May/June.
- 3) Progress is being made on the grant to develop an asset management plan.
- 4) March had the highest monthly overall consumption over the past five years. It's also the highest annual average to the month of March. In looking at the totals from the beginning of the year to the end of March, it has gone from 6 million to 9.5 million at a consistent increase.
- 5) RWD moving forward with the interconnection agreements for the Benchmark and 30 unit development on Rt. 1.
- 6) RWD has not received Landfill monitoring updates from the town since April 2021. Data may be provided next month.
- 7) RWD will be providing 399 Breakfast Hill Rd water for Portsmouth Water customers as Portsmouth must provide bottled water because Coakley pollution prevents wells in this area.

## **Sewer Commission: April 12th**

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

- 1) NHDOT engineer explained the drainage project for the corner of Ocean Blvd and Cable Rd. Construction may take two months.
- 2) NHDOT will be repaving from Hampton to just north of Rye Harbor.
- 3) Much time and effort has been spend on getting the Utility billing module working with the new Town Tax software.



## 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:

What is happening on Route 1? What has been discussed, decided or what is the situation? The RCL will be working to capture this information to help residents and keep the discussions from being repeated. [Click Here](#) to view the shell and [e-mail us](#) if you can help with this effort.

## Long Range Planning (aka Master Plan) April 5th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) The LRP Committee has been "restaffed" and is now made of 2 Planning Board members, Chair Rob Wright and Kathryn Garcia, along with the assistance of Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kim Reed. Also, Chair Pat Losik was sat as a LRP member on April 5th.
- 2) The agenda for the LRP April 5th meeting has been removed but meeting minutes are available [Click Here](#).
- 3) LRP motioned to approach Julie LaBranche as a consultant to provide a budgetary estimate for the funds required to get the Committee through step C in the previously noted timeline to rewrite the Master Plan." Namely to write an RFQ "by May."

### Other Information:

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](#)

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

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

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

- 1) None

## Planning Board Meeting: April 12th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) Discussion of updating the process so street names and unit numbers can be assigned faster.
- 2) Rules and Regulations will begin to work with the new Town Attorney to rewrite Rye Zoning.

## Rules and Regulations:

See [town ballot](#) for 2022 Ordinances or the [RCL Warrant Presentation](#)  
1) Will be working with new Town Attorney to rewrite Zoning Ordinances

## **Planning Board Agenda May 10th**

Agenda: Not posted

### **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: April 6th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

**RCL Notes and Relief/Variations Tracking Table:** [Click Here](#) 57 Variations YTD

1) 133 Washington Rd. Approved 5-0 impervious surface to 16.4% [Case #16-2022](#)

2) 10 Huntvale Ave. Approved 5-0 four variations for expanding a non-conforming building [Case # 17-2022](#)

3) 25 Breakers Rd. Approved 4-0 four variations for expanding a non-conforming building [Case #11-2022](#)

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: May 4th**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 1641 Ocean Blvd. Administrative appeal and addition of a deck
- 2) 1 Lock Rd. Administrative appeal about a driveway permit required
- 3) 1 Lock Rd. Expansion of a non-conforming building
- 4) 6 Richard Rd. Construction in non-conforming lots.



### **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: April 19th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussion with Mr. Hale and Mr. Weinraub regarding planning for the Library Common. They will be meeting with Director Richmond and then again with the board on May 26th to review the new suggestions.
- 2) Patrons continue to bestow gifts to the Library, most recently Art Books in memory of Ria Rasmussen and a NH Atlas from the Labrie family.

## **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: April 14th and 19th**

April 14th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) April 14h: Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

April 19th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) April 19th Draft Meeting Minutes: not available

RCL Meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) At April 19th discussion to transfer \$300K that Conservation borrowed from the Town for the \$700K 500 Washington Rd/Parsonage settlement, Commission would not support resident request that the \$300K be provided to the Town Library. While Member Grote indicated that she would raise this at the Budget Committee, it was not discussed at the April 26th meeting.
- 2) Cedar Run Trailgate scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>
- 3) In response to removing trees in the wetlands, 5 Whitehorse Lane proposes to plant 176 trees and shrubs as part of a 50' buffer (to Berry Brook Watershed) restoration and new proposed pool in the buffers.
- 4) The fuel line to gas tanks for first responder fueling system at Rye Harbor will need to be replaced as a fitting failed inspection.
- 5) Goss Farm: Lightning rod for the barn, Purple Martin Gourd, and final bill for irrigation well received





## **RYE 400th Anniversary**

2023 is the 400th Anniversary for Rye and several other towns. This section will focus on those activities.

### **What is happening in 2023?**

- 1) The town will distribute funds from the \$20,000 warrant article that passed.
- 2) A Rye 400th steering committee is being established and will recommend to the Select Board who should receive funding based on proposals for activities/ events it receives.



## **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](#)

### **Recreation Commission Meeting:**

No April agenda or meeting minutes



## **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: April 7th**

Draft meeting minutes: [Click here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rye Advocates group - digitizing info and photos of old houses is one half complete
- 2) Historic Signage sub committee - has six members and is making good progress.
- 3) Monumental windows on 2nd floor of town hall are being repaired.
- 4) Continued discussion of updating Chap 9 of the master plan; final updates due end of April
- 5) RHC will staff refreshment table for Memorial Day ceremony

### **Demolition Review:**

None

### **Historic District Commission Meeting April 13th**

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)  
Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)  
RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)  
1) Public hearing on 562 Washin

### **Rye Town Center Committee Meeting:**

No April 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: April 5th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)  
Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)  
1) Recommending Heat Pumps for the Town Hall Annex - statement made to the Select Board  
2) Community Power organization rules could be completed in May  
3) Landfill on the corner of Rt. 1 and Breakfast Hill Rd is privately owned and DES says this is a "benign landfill" so a solar farm is possible. However, NH no longer has Solar credits. Discussion of what the steps should be to put a solar farm on this site.  
4) Laws have changed on garbage to energy and this may be an options.

### **Rye Recycling Education Committee: April 19th**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)  
Video Recording: none  
1) Discuss status of RJH recycling program  
2) discuss having a HELPSY textile recycling bin at transfer station  
3) Swap Shop and Mr Fox going wel

4) discuss issues with Rye Energy Com. chair Tom Phau; Solid Waster Working Group got NH Leg to establish a committee to promote more recycling. .

### **Telecommunication Infrastructure Committee: March 31st**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)



### **Mosquito**

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

### **Mosquito Commission Meeting: April 19th**

Draft Meeting minutes; none

Recorded Video: [Click here](#)

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

- 1) Dragon Mosquito, received the permit to begin work for the season, and began spraying on April 13<sup>th</sup>
- 2) Rye's 90 bee-keepers were notified in advance of spraying. Mosquito and tick activity begins in May, and the relatively mild winter results in good breeding conditions for mosquitoes, as Dragon has observed already and will contest with constant larviciding.
- 3) The State Lab in Concord will begin testing on July 1st for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV);
- 4) The State feels that Jamestown Canyon Virus (JVC) is more widespread than thought, but will test for it only in areas where documented cases exist, which does not include Rye.
- 5) Dragon has constructed 16 new Greenhead traps, as needed, bringing the total number of traps to near 200 to be dispersed in Rye's marshes by the first week in July.



### **Beach Committee**

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

### **Beach Committee Meeting: April 20th**

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Beach Parking sticker sales are trailing last year and no reported complaints so far.
- 2) Many beach cleanups the last few weeks.
- 3) Seacoast Science Center will be having a food truck this summer.
- 4) Working on planning a Safety Walk with the Fire and Police Chief.
- 5) Discussed Rye Magazine article to promote Carry In/Carry Out

**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.

## Budget Committee Meetings: April 26th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: None

- 1) School is applying fund balances to the approved Roof and Tuition funds approved in March.
- 2) Discussion about fuel contract as Rye has a municipal contract and that avoids paying State fuel taxes for vehicles.
- 3) Discussion of school population fluctuations, *Editors Note: Board could have referred to the data in the RCL Budget analysis.*
- 4) Great explanation of Select Boards plan for Town Hall Annex. 52 minute mark
- 5) Discussion of making the Building Department assistant full time (40 hours from 30 hours). Rye would now have two full time building inspectors and a full time assistant. This does not include the Land Use Assistant position (currently interviewing).
- 6) Discussion of Parson's Creek Watershed pollution shows members understand some, but not the entire situation.

### Districts 2022

#### 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](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

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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 and develop our community.

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