

Rye Civic News



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May 2022 Highlights

[Highlights Video](#)

1) Rye has numerous openings for both summer and permanent opportunities

a) As of 5-23 only 7 of 13 Lifeguard positions [e-mail](#) Fire Chief

b) More summer parking meter positions may be needed. [e-mail](#) Police Chief

c) DPW has an opening [e-mail](#) DPW Director

d) Swap shop needs volunteers [e-mail](#) Rye Recycling member.

e) See other openings: [Click Here](#)

2) Select Board feels Rye may need to provide municipal trash pick-up at the beaches and Parsons Field all year versus just in the summer. Discussion starts at 15:45 [Recorded Video](#)

3) Original Pease Cargo plan was dropped, with another plan expected from a second developer. Next Pease Development Authority Meeting will be June 16th at 8:00am [Seacoast Online Story](#) or Kane-Procon dropping plan.

4) Revised Town Hall Annex renovation plans are getting below \$570K, where only \$250K has been allocated. Discussion of using America Recovery Funds. DPW Grounds and Maintenance person would over see contractors. Select Board to share when plans are complete.

5) Mindi Messmer presented Coakley Landfill seepage into Rye. [Slides Closing Video More information](#)

6) The impaired state of Parsons Creek has been an identified issues since 2000 ([NH DES Shellfish study](#)). Monitoring to date has been unable to distinguish between human and animal waste. To that end, the Select Board approved acceptance of \$100K NH DES Grant with a focus on evaluating if the waste is from animals and an assumption that it is from some inadequate septic systems. Without discussing this statement from the FB Engineering [2021 report](#) *The low-lying topography and high groundwater table in the watershed make leachfields susceptible to malfunction, which is likely the primary source of fecal contamination in the watershed and at the beaches.* Or all of the past recommendations [Click Here](#). . May 9th [recorded video](#) and [minutes](#).

7) Perkins Rd./Ocean Blvd Safety Changes are going to DOT for final approval [Click Here](#) for not yet approved diagram.

8) Anne Gilbert was selected as the next RJH Principal and Michelle Costa selected as new principal at RES. Rye Schools will be receiving \$3M in [NH State Adequacy Aid](#)

9) Full results from the Fall Master Plan Surveys and visioning session posted have been posted (a few days ago) [Click Here](#) What did you think of the process, communication, progress? Example input from a

few residents [Click Here](#). More detail in #13 of the May 23rd Select Board meeting section.

10) Portsmouth DPW and Engineer will be presenting to Rye Select Board and Sewer Commission about what it will take to expand the Portsmouth Sewer to Rye. [Click Here](#) for draft overview of what is happening on Rt. 1. (see below).

11) Year to Date relief granted 61 times. 22 in Wetlands or buffers. 3 Demolitions. [More Information](#)

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:

June 30th 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	1 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
Heritage Commission.	1 Member vacancy

General Announcements

- 1) Town Fireworks are on **Friday, July 1st 7pm** Parson's Field (moving back to July 4th next year)
- 2) PDA was collecting comments on the Rye Harbor Parking Study, while they were due May 31st, the RCL just learned of this as it was not announced at meetings: [Click Here](#)
- 3) Portsmouth Recreation Needs [assessment survey](#). At the bottom you check if you are a Portsmouth Resident or not.
- 4) Town Museum celebrating its 20th anniversary with a new exhibit. Reception **July 2nd, 4-6pm** at museum.
- 5) Rye PTA Golf Tournament September 27th. [Flyer Sign-Up Here](#)
- 6) Rye Author Mark Sorenson May 24th Recorded Video [Click Here](#)
- 7) Lifting up LCBTQIA Plus Youth May 26th Recoded Video [Click Here](#)
lude hands-on games, educational activities, naturalist-led tide pooling sessions, food trucks, and more!
- 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.

June 6th: Recreation Commission	June 21st: Mosquito Control
June 7th: Long Range Planning	June 21st: Recycling Education
June 7th Energy Committee	June 29th: Select Board
June 8th: Historic District	
June 9th: Rules and Regulations	
June 9th: Conservation Commission	
June 13th: 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 May 23rd

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) One Pease Cargo developer has stepped away, but the second firm is still moving forward. Next meeting is June 16th at 8am. Select Board discussed contributing \$10K towards the \$40K needed for lobbying support with neighboring communities.
- 2) Police Chief Walsh is dissatisfied with the current poor quality and part availability of new Ford cruisers and is looking at extending the life of the current Ford cruisers. [Video](#) starts with discussion of speeding and reckless driving.
- 3) Rye Summer Parking enforcement needs seven people to cover all shifts, Chief Walsh has seven applications, but is not sure all will work out. Person must be 18 years old.
- 4) Typically Rye has thirteen Lifeguards, but as of the meeting there are only seven. Fire Chief Cotreau discussed multiple suggestions for operating so short handed this summer.
- 5) Select Board said that the e-mails and documents from Shawn Joyce about improving the process for appointed positions would be filed, but was not discussed. [Select Board Chair e-mail Joyce Response](#)
[Select Board 4-13-20 minutes](#) about improving the process. [Exeter Process Exeter Form](#) RCC Chair [LTE](#)
- 6) Two Police officers submitted resignations, but one has offered to be available for part-time work.
- 7) Select Board feels municipal trash pick for beaches and Parsons' Field may need to be year round, not just over the summer. The current summer contractor who is the only one to bid for the beach and other area trash pick-up is retiring. Trash accumulated prior to the contract starting this Summer, and DPW will ask if it can be extended in the Fall. Funding for manufactured dog waste containers was discussed along with getting business to sponsor them to assist with the costs.
- 8) DPW is working on improved trash signage for the Beach locations. Note, the DPW workers are coordinating and assembling the new Salt Shed as there were no longer sufficient funds for current contractor rates.
- 9) Town Hall Annex plan is now reduced to around \$570K, but plans are still not finalized. With only around \$250K available the Select Board discussed appropriating American Recovery Funds to cover the gap. Currently those funds are intended for Rye Water Tower painting and DPW road work.
- 10) Select Board does not want to make public the current Town Hall Annex construction plans until they are finalized.
- 11) The DPW Maintenance and Grounds person will be assigned to "over-seeing" the contractors once construction begins at the Town Hall Annex.. It now does not seem plausible for this work to be completed in 2022.
- 12) Lang Rd construction is planned to be completed by the end of the summer.
- 13) Select Board Chair discussed questions raised by resident raised about the Long Range Planning response. Resident April Statement: [Click Here](#) Summary of the key points: [Click Here](#)
LRP Chair Draft Response: [Click Here](#) May 10th Planning Board Minutes perception [Click Here](#) LRP Plans and presentation from final PB minutes. [Click Here](#)

14) Rye 400th Overview as discussed, Events will start in December and the Town Fireworks will be back on July 4th in 2023.

Select Board Meeting May 11th

Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes; Not available

- 1) Chris Jenness will be retiring from the Transfer station in July
- 2) 7 Holland Drive release of deed to paper street was discussed.
- 3) Select Board needed to move quickly to approve HC CLG Grant request paperwork.
- 4) No details were shared about the next steps for Town Hall Annex.
- 5) There is a new Street Naming and Number Ordinance to help with the process for developments. Draft ordinance is not available.
- 6) Mindi Messmer presented to the Select Board about the Coakley Landfill pollutants flow into Rye. [Click Here](#) for presentation slides. [Link](#) to the video that is shown. Discussion starts at 53:00 on [Recorded Video](#)
- 7) Rye Select Board agreed to sign, possibly with other towns, a letter to NHDES asserting that they must act in accordance with HB494 to stop the pollution of Berry's Brook.
- 8) Key point from Mindi Messmer: Rye Water District water samples analyzed in April 2022 had a total of 26 parts per trillion (ppt) of several PFAS. The state only regulates a few of them but that doesn't mean the others are safe to drink. Messmer: "Rye deserves water without chemicals. See [my blog post](#) on this and how and why.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

May 11th:

May 23rd: Personnel

Select Board Meeting May 9th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Planning Administrator presents view and history of Parsons Creek as a prelude to Rye accepting a \$100K Planning Grant from DES as part of the Storm Water funding.
Editors Note: Not discussed is this statement from the [2021 FB Engineer Report](#), nor the status of these actions from the 2016 Parson's Creek Committee and FB Engineering reports
Historically and in 2021, FIB counts exceeded state criteria during both wet and dry weather, suggesting that both stormwater runoff and groundwater are significant sources of contamination to Parsons Creek. The low-lying topography and high groundwater table in the watershed make leachfields susceptible to malfunction, which is likely the primary source of fecal contamination in the watershed and at the beaches.
- 2) Perkins Rd safety plan has agreement with the property owners and the DPW will begin to implement those measures. [Click Here](#) for diagram of the not final/approved plan.



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: May 18th

Recorded Video: [Not available](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) DPW let the School know that they would no longer be plowing the major entrance and exit was to the school this coming winter
- 2) Rye will be getting \$3 million in [State Adequacy Aid](#). [Rye is shown on page 8.](#)
- 3) The School Board approves nominations for new Rye Junior High School Physical Education and 8 Grade Language Arts teachers (5-0).
- 4) The Rye Elementary School roof replacement project will be deferred and rebid following the start of school in the fall in the hopes of completing the project during the summer of 2023.
- 5) Three finalists have been selected to replace Marie Soucy as Rye Junior High School Principal

May 31, 2022, Special Board Meeting

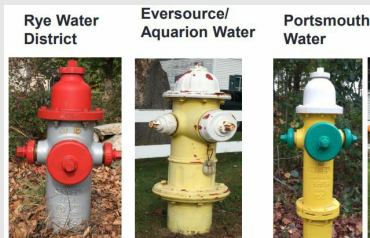
- 1) The School Board approved the adoption of Envision as the new math program at Rye Junior High School (5-0)
- 2) The Board voted to accept the nomination of Ms. Anne Gilbert as the next Principal of Rye Junior High School (5-0)

May 31, 2022, Public Hearing

- 1) No public comments were made during the hearing.
- 2) The School Board approved \$252,525.00 to be transferred from the School Property Maintenance Expendable Trust for the Roof Recovery Project (4-0).

SAU 50 School Board Meeting: May 25th

- 1) The Joint Board voted to approve the nomination of Mr. Brian Helfrich to the position of Facilities Manager (11-0-1).
- 2) Incoming Superintendent Dr. Zadavec presented his initial transition plan to the board in preparation of his July 1 start.



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: May 18th

Water Use Guidelines: [Click Here](#)

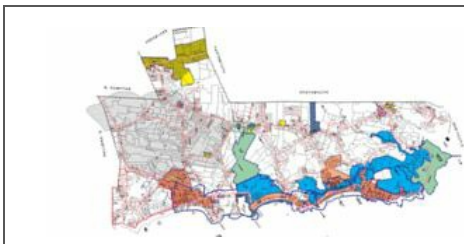
Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Wallis Rd main replacement cost increases (\$82K 2022 warrant article) approved with a twenty year payment plan that starts once work is completed.
- 2) Water District Interim lawn watering/irrigation policy is being developed
- 3) Residents were mailed the 2021 Rye Water Quality Report but it is not yet formatted for posting online.

Sewer Commission: May 10th

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

- 1) A new sewer installer application was reviewed and approved as this contractor will be working at 9 Surf Lane.
- 2) Letter sent to Portsmouth City Manager to re-engage discussions on the Intermunicipal Agreement for extending the Lafayette Road (Rt. 1) sewer into Rye. Portsmouth City Engineer and DPW Director will present to the Rye Select Board and Sewer Commission.
- 3) Free NHDES Energy Evaluation suggestions could provide energy cost savings of \$2,270/19% per year (Energy management best practices, new propane supplier contract, adjust Church Rd. pump station setpoints, seal gaps and replace thermostat, Jenness Beach door seals, adjust Generator Block Heater setpoints at both pump stations.)
- 4) 9 Surf Lane Sewer application approved
- 5) 22 Jenness Ave demo and rebuild plans were not approved as Commission has questions.
- 6) Commissioners need more time to review the Wright-Pierce Pump station assessments that include replacing the Abeniqui Pump station.
- 7) Applying for a Flood Smart Seacoast Non-financial Technical Assistance grant for assessing FEMA Hazard Mitigation.
- 8) Clean Water State Revolving Fund Applications are also being submitted in June for Assest Management Assistance and for the Abeniqui Pump Station replacement.



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:

To date only the RCL Board has stepped up to create a Route 1 information capture document.

[Click Here](#) to see draft status and e-mail to coordinate small tasks you can help with.

- 1) Rye Sewer is asking Portsmouth to open discussions on the Inter-municipality agreement. Portsmouth City Engineer and DPW direct to present to Rye Select Board and Sewer Commission (no date available yet).

Long Range Planning (aka Master Plan) May 3rd.

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Consultant Julie LaBranche provided an estimate (\$2,940) to write an RFP by September 10th for a complete update of the Master Plan.
- 2) The Committee discussed how they would like to change the scope of services itemized by Julie LaBranche in her estimate with a first draft by early July. Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kim Reed, will contact Julie LaBranche with the plan to reach a mutual understanding outlining the scope, estimate, and timeline of the RFP, and without exceeding the budget — fees for services (close to \$3,000).
- 3) Chair Pat Losik brought up the fact that consultant Julie LaBranche had provided additional services that were not part of the initial contract for the Vision Framework. Ms. Reed stated the scope of her work had been “outside the Master Plan” and that she had written 2 articles, one for the Rye Magazine and the March Newsletter.

Editor's Note: a resident was asked to file a Right-To-Know request in order to obtain diverse information about the Planning Department, including the contract for the additional services rendered by Consultant Julie LaBranche. The Town responded that “No government records exist responsive to your request.” Yet, the contract was lying on a table in plain view and in a public space where documents are

copied and reviewed, indicating the scope and amount of services for the additional "Master Planning work." [Click Here](#)

4) The Committee discussed a "Request from Select Board" and "did not find anything actionable." Plan is to present the LRP's response to the Planning Board at the May meeting. [Draft](#) from PB meeting minutes. *Editor's Note: Survey information was posted in June 2022 (after PB meeting)*

Other Information:

Expanded Visioning Presentation from Julie Lebranch: [Click Here](#)

Visioning Survey Results (posted June 2022) [Click Here](#)

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: May 10th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) 931 Ocean Blvd driveway application approved.
- 2) 391 Central Rd 2 story garage with an accessory dwelling unit approved. Fire Chief will need to submit approval of site plan.
- 3) Amendment to the 30 Unit 2 bedroom Rt. 1 development. Accepted the changes to the building heights.
- 4) There is a draft ordinance for Street naming and numbering. This draft is not currently available to the public.
- 5) Members praised the work [Draft Statement](#) of the LRP group and supported the LRP chair response and dismisses the points made by the resident. Current plan is to have a new Master Plan in 2022.

Rules and Regulations: May 5th and 24th

Draft Meeting Minutes May 5th [Click Here](#) May 24th: not available

Recorded Video May 5th [Click Here](#) May 24th [Click Here](#)

May 24th:

- 1) Rules and Regs Committee discussed LDR Amendment 2022-1 (mostly organization changes) with Attorney Michael Donovan, who was present via ZOOM.
- 2) The Committee made a motion to go into a Non Public Session for the purpose of consulting with Attorney Michael Donovan, however, he himself noted that the Non-Public Session (NPS) had not been properly noticed and that instead the motion should be changed to a "recess" for legal advice. As per the agenda, the NPS consultation with Attorney was to discuss "LDR White Paper Transmittal."

May 5th:

- 1) Rules and Regs Committee is reviewing the Land Development Regulations (LDR). As per meeting minutes, there are two parts to this reviewing/revising process: LDR Amendment 2022-01 and LDR White Paper Transmittal.

Editor's Note: the LDR was only recently adopted in 02-11-20 after an extensive revision (+\$20,000). As a per a Right-To-Know response to a request to obtain the contract for this current review of the LDR: the amount shall "not to exceed \$3,000 for all work except attendance at meetings" with meetings being billed at \$175/hr.

- 2) Committee discussed the proposed changes made by Attorney Michael Donovan regarding LDR Amendment 2022-01. Many changes relate to the organizational structure of the LDR.
- 3) As per meeting minutes "There was some discussion about the white paper transmittal. It was agreed

that it should be reviewed by the engineers of the Planning Board.” It is unclear to the public what the “white paper transmittal” relates to in regards to the LDR.

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: May 4th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes and Relief/Variations Tracking Table: [Click Here](#) 61 Variations YTD

ZBA minutes do not include the Notice of Decision

- 1) 1641 Ocean Blvd - Approved 5-0 for expansion of deck and patio in the tidal marsh. Three conditions were included. Waiver from Building Code was also granted.
- 2) 46 Pollock Drive Approved 5-0 patio in the wetlands along with conditions from the Conservation Commission.
- 3) 1 Locke Road administrative appeal continued to the next meeting.
- 4) 1 Locke Road Approved 5-0 for expansion of a non-conforming structure.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: June 1st

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video of June 1st meeting: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 6 Richards Rd. Expansion of a non-conforming building
- 2) 603 Washington Rd. Increasing lot coverage and adding a shed
- 3) 11 McLaughlin Drive Adding a shed not in the required set backs.
- 4) 8 Hunterdale Ave. Expansion of a non-conforming structure
- 5) 2188 Ocean Blvd. Adding an AC unit in the set backs
- 6) 1154 Ocean Blvd. HVAC in the set backs
- 7) 171 Harbor Rd. Demolition of a non-conforming home and replacing with wetland variances
- 8) 24 Harbor View Drive. Expansion of non-conforming structure
- 9) 1031 Ocean Blvd. HVAC in the set backs
- 10) 1029 Ocean Blvd. HVAC in the set backs
- 11) 2263 Ocean Blvd. Changing Parking - Carriage House

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: May 3rd and 11th

Recorded Video: May 3rd [Click Here](#) Town Green

Recorded Video May 11th: [Click Here](#)

No meeting minutes available.

- 1) Meeting with the architect on June 3rd to discuss ideas for various configurations of the common beyond the one shown to date.
- 2) Met with RHS to discuss the specifics of relocating the museum from its present location.
- 3) Will meet with the advisory committee later this month to review new ideas and move toward a decision on a final version of the concept.

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: May 12th

Recorded Video: May 12th: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: May 12th

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.
- 3) RHS talks through may possibilities [Click Here](#)



Rye Recreation

First Monday of the month

Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)

Program Flyers: [Click Here](#)

Online Registration page: [Click Here](#)

Recreation 2011 Master Plan: [Click Here](#)

Recreation Commission Meeting:

No 2022 Meeting minutes this year.



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: May 5th & 24th

Draft meeting minutes: May 5th [Click Here](#) May 24th [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video May 5th: [Click Here](#) May 24th [Click Here](#)

- 1) Completed draft of update of RHC section of master plan
- 2) Updates from Rye Advocates and Demo Review Com.
- 3) Report of progress of the Historical Signage Com.
- 4) Accept new adopter of historic graveyard
- 5) Discussion of RHC fund raising.
- 6) May 24th: Agree to pay one half of cost of restoration of monumental windows on 2nd floor of town hall; shared cost with Friends of Town Hall

Demolition Review: May 6th

Historic District Commission Meeting May 18th

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Developed the who and what for Rye 400th
- 2) Holiday stroll in 2022 will be the first event
- 3) The updated HDC Application is making progress
- 4) Eight locations have been identified for new Rye Historic signs.

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: May 4th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting summary: [Click Here](#)

- 1) TAP Grant is progressing, but subject to the Governors 10 year budget plan.
- 2) When timing is right, updates and timeline will be presented to the Select Board
- 3) Discussion about what the Committee can be doing now and where the focus should be. Planning for the future.



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: No May minutes

Rye Recycling Education Committee: May 17th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: none

- 1) HELPSY is a regional source for recycling all textiles, clothing, etc. No room for bin at Rye transfer station so items may be dropped off at rear of Comcast parking lot on Greenleaf Ave. in Portsmouth
- 2) Swap shop looking for more volunteers; inform transfer station attendants if interested
- 3) Recycling at RJH discussed at RCL environmental presentation at the school in May
- 4) Discussion of composting for Mr Fox at transfer station
- 5) RREC seeks more members

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: May 17th

Draft Meeting minutes; none

Recorded Video: [Click here](#)

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

- 1) Dragon Mosquito, began treating the salt marshes in early May with their work in full swing by Memorial Day.
- 2) Because of a confirmed case of West Nile Virus, Rye is in the "moderate" category as determined by the State of NH; neighboring N. Hampton is in the "high" category.
- 3) RMCC commissioners will be distributing educational posters to local businesses in June in an effort to keep people informed of mosquito activity in our community.
- 4) As a reminder, the public is welcome to attend RMCC meetings, held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Town Hall. The next meeting is June 21st.



Beach Committee

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

Parking Assessment Study: [Click Here](#)

Beach Committee Meeting: May 16th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Old Beach Rod parting discussed, but any complaints or comments should be use e-mail or the town website, not talking directly to a member. [Beach Committee e-mail](#)
- 2) Remote school, end of the year and staffing changes have left the Poster Project quiet, Committee will try and communicate with the schools again.
- 3) Cable Road trash build up was discussed.

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

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

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.