

Rye Civic News

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June 2022 Highlights

[Highlights Video \(history note\)](#)

- 1) Rye Police Chief Kevin Walsh has been made the temporary Town Administrator, while Becky Bergeron will move back to Finance Director (from Town Administrator). [Town Announcement](#)
- 2) Select Board believes they will have a contract to begin Town Hall Extension work by the end of July. Budget Committee approved \$650K spend (Trolley barn funds and the ARPA money). Nothing published so best to watch June 8th [Select Board video](#) and [June 15th meeting](#) with Budget/Energy Committees
- 3) Two Rye Beach closures so far this summer for [fecal contamination](#). See [Jeness beach results](#). Sew [Wallis Rd. Extension Results](#). No discussion of past [recommended actions](#). \$100K NHDES grant was approved for data base update and DNA testing, note [FB Engineering \(page 6\)](#) says leachfields are likely the primary source of fecal contamination.
- 4) Portsmouth met with Select Board and Sewer Commission to reset on the options/process for possibly providing Sewer on Rt. 1. [Portsmouth Presentation](#). [Recorded video](#).
- 5) The twenty-four Land Use Regulation amendments being discussed are not available for the public. nor is the Master Plan update that was read at the Planning Board Meeting. The summary from the Visioning sessions last Fall has been reposted. [Click Here](#). *Editors Note: There has yet to be a dedicated public discussion about key points from the visioning work and the current strategy to get to a new Master Plan in 2025.*
- 6) Of the 79 Zoning Board Variances YTD, Dimension requirements overtook Wetlands [Click Here](#)
- 7) Rye letter to NH DES about Coakley Landfill generated by Mindi Messner signed by the Select Board. [Click Here](#)
- 8) After 2023 the DPW will not plow the schools and the School Board will need to find and manage a contractor to do this.
- 9) Handicap placards can be used for Rye Beach Permit parking.

Your Rye Night Out: [Click Here](#)

"Newish" in Rye was well attended and Kooks (Ocean Blvd near Wallis Rd. Extension Beach) worked great. so we will be back there on **July 27th at 7pm** (when we finish the RCL business meeting)

It's Summer - come and be social with those who bring you the Civic News and others.

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 and other residents are changing electric sources to save money. [Click Here](#). Energy Committee cautions to not take a rate with early termination fees. Energy committee [information](#)
- 2) The Rye 400 Website is up [Click Here](#)
- 3) New exhibit at town museum - Rye Family Connections from 1893 Names Quilt: costumes, old houses etc. Museum open by appt. and Saturdays 10-12; [More Information](#)
- 4) The NH Voter Integrity Group, hosted by Seacoast Republicans, will be meeting at **July 6th 6:30pm** at 261 Central Rd. [Click Here](#)
- 5) 2022 Property Revaluation is in process. May update [Click Here](#)
- 6) RCL together with RCC will be sponsoring a presentation on "Why Healthy Marshes Matter" by David Burdick, **Sept 15**, at the library. Stay tuned for additional information.
- 7) Rye PTA Golf Fund Raiser on **September 27th**: [More Information](#)
- 8) Have a home built before 1901? Learn what is being done by Rye Advocates [Click Here](#)
- 9) Rye PTA, Rye Education Fund and Civic League Presidents explain their groups [Click Here](#)
- 10) Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#) 2022 Process Information [Click Here](#)
- 11) GIS Town Mapping Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on how to find properties with the Rye GIS mapping.

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

TOWN Meetings will be at the Town Hall unless otherwise noted. Please check the agendas as locations are changing with the Covid 19 restrictions removed.

July 4th Recreation Commission	July 13th Historic Commission Mosquito Control
July 5th: Long Range Planning	July 14th: Conservation Commission
July 5th Energy Committee	July 18th: Capital Improvement Plan
July 6th: Select Board	July 18th: Beach Committee
July 6th: RTCC	July 19th: Mosquito Commission
June 6th: Board of Adjustment	July 19th: Trustee of the Trust Funds
July 7th: Heritage Commission	July 25th: Select Board
July 11th: Select Board	
July 12th: Planning Board	
July 12th: Sewer Commission	

Select Board

Meetings are 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.
Public Comments: At the beginning of meeting. 5 minute limit.
Consent Agenda: Select Board will not discuss unless it is pulled off the consent agenda. Consent agenda is voted for as a block.
Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)

Town Organizational Chart:[Click Here](#)



Organizational Flow Diagram: [Click Here](#)
Town Facebook Page:..... [Click Here](#)

Select Board Meeting June 30th Portsmouth/Sewer Rt. 1 meeting

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Portsmouth DPW and Engineering Department met with Select Board and Rye Sewer to discuss the process for Portsmouth to extend sewer into Rye. [Presentation](#)
- 2) Pumping stations and capacity is crucial part of the evaluation, then comes if the lines are under-sized or not. If so, current line goes through prime wetlands and moving to Lafayette Rd would also be expensive. There will also be complications with connections to existing sump-pumps.
- 3) Two complications are Infiltration and inflow. **Infiltration** occurs when groundwater seeps into sewer pipes through cracks, leaky pipe joints and/or deteriorated manholes. **Inflow** is stormwater that enters the sewer system through rain leaders, basement sump pumps or foundation drains typically illegally connected to the sewer.
- 4) Similar to Greenland, if Rye/Portsmouth could generate an inter-municipal agreement would help, but the question is how much engineering work must be done first.

Select Board Meeting June 29th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Eversource is increasing rates from \$10.60 to \$22.90, Direct Energy is a less expensive power source option. The Town is making this change and residents can do the same. [Click Here More Details](#). Note the Community Power process may not be complete until this time next year.
- 2) Discussion of the Regional Association Submittal Process discussed, with the letter and this process should be "digitized" instead of paper forms and books that are copied and distributed.
- 3) Resident asking for beach parking sticker as they no longer can drive or have a car. An option is to use personal handicap sticker on the car that brings them to the beach. Handicap vehicles can park in Rye Beach Permit areas.
- 4) Town Clerk assistant moved, so the Select Board approved an increase in the part time person to 32 hours, but details remain to be worked out with the employee as the current employment agreement letter will need to change.
- 5) MS4 (water management plans) have been updated. There are multi-step process. Current information can be found [Click Here](#)
- 6) Town is having difficulties getting contractors to respond to the Town Hall boiler replacement. Town has yet to make the insulation and other Town Hall improvements so less oil is used, electric space heaters continue to be used. Geothermal system was sized with the assumption the town would make those improvements.
- 7) Rye Town Center Committee (RTCC) Tap grant is not yet signed off. This \$1M spend will be done by the Town and that cost submitted to the Grant program and these will be reimbursed at 80%. State has a shortage of Program Managers to manage these projects and where the "program management" will come from is unclear. The RTCC would like a work session with the Select Board to rewrite the charter.
- 8) Town expects to have the Town Hall Annex contract may be finalized and work to start by the end of the month. No commitment to communicate the full plans to residents before work starts.
- 9) Discussion of 2005 guidance about minimizing road width to slow traffic, information was new to the new DPW and he did not know about the previous Bike Safety information provided to the Town.

10) For Rye 400, the HDC would like to have some form of commemorative monument.

11) Selectmen King advocating addressing more of the "low hanging" fruit for digitalization, and not wait for a "grand plan". Town Administration will meet with another town later in July to learn about what they did.

12) Suggested that the town's attorney not send out the Parson's Creek Septic Pump out letters and to have the Building Inspector send them out. In public comment, resident continued to suggest the Town look at the [four years of FB Engineering suggestions for Parson's Creek](#). The \$100K grant for the data base and DNA testing has been signed off by the State.

13) Rules and Regulation is looking at an Irrigation Ordinance and this needs to be down in conjunction with Rye Water. Master Plan group is looking for mid September to get information to the CIP, for a 2023 Warrant and a 2025 Master Plan completion.

14) Chief Walsh is not recommending approving the Hungry Lobster to be allowed to expand hours, this will go to the Planning Board on July 12th

Select Board Meeting June 15th Budget & Energy for Town Hall Annex

Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes; Not available

- 1) There was only one bidder for the Town Hall extension project. Concern of Safety Building problems.
- 2) Discussions of total costs of the project for what we are getting. Editors note: \$700K land, \$622K Phase 1, demolition, \$100K legal.... This does not include the Town Hall renovation cost.
- 3) Discussion of doing all three phases at once, tear down the building and do it all at once, versus three separate projects with overhead costs.
- 4) Select Board positioned as this last option (3 separate projects) is what they can do and that something finally needs to happen to improve town employee working conditions.
- 5) Phase 2 and Phase 3 could be disruptive to employees if the Town gets to that point
- 6) \$655K can be available using the ARPA funds and the remaining Trolley barn sale. ARPA funds are being used under the "revenue" loss category to use them for Town Hall. Budget Committee approved spending up to this amount.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

June 21st: Legal

June 13th: Hiring

June 8th: Hiring

Select Board Meeting June 13th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting Minutes: None

- 1) Announced that current Town Administrator will move back to her original Town position of Finance Director and that Police Chief Walsh will be the temporary Town Administrator. [Click Here](#)
- 2) Resident advocated that the Town should use this opportunity to look at the current Town management structure and consider a Town Manager with Planning/Leadership skills for all of the Town challenge and projects.
- 3) Resident pointed out that the May 9th meeting ignored the current [FB Engineering](#) findings that Parson's Creek fecal contamination is most likely coming from leach fields. Editor's Note: The town has yet to have a discussion about implementation of the many years of recommended actions. [Click Here](#)
- 3) Regional Association Review Committee reported on what they have learned and made suggestions for improving the process. Of the 21 Rye 2022 donations, the committee had questions raised by the committee
- 4) Shark Monitor buoys will soon be visible from the beach. Note they only track tagged sharks.
- 5) Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved. [Click Here](#)
- 6) Discussion of proposed Rockingham Planning Commission projects - Select Board are focused on North Rd/Lafayette Rd intersection in N. Hampton. Dow Lane/Lafayette Rd was also discussed.
- 7) Select Board discussed priorities, Town Hall annex, digitalization, cell service, Parson's Creek were discussed.

8) Residents near Port Way Cell Tower have been having trespassing concerns, Select Board will have a site-walk.

Select Board Meeting June 8th Town Hall Annex

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Price to complete this phase of the work is \$567K, plus around \$20K for the waterline. With all issues, cost will be \$622K for initial work (post demolition).
- 2) A water line will need to be run into the building. Material availability is a challenge, but ideal time for construction is prior to the RJH being in session.
- 3) Funding discussion is to use the \$250K remaining from the Trolley Barn. Government American Recovery Act funds of \$572K was for Sewer, RWD Tower Painting and Perkins Rd. Culvert. Town is looking to only fund the Sewer work and use the balance for Town Hall Annex.
- 4) Discussion of Town Hall boiler work and the current Geo-thermal system as the Energy Committee would like to see that for Town Hall Annex.



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: June 15th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

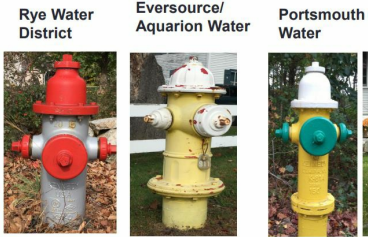
Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) SAU50 has a new website
- 2) Town DPW will plow the School properties in 2023, but the school will need to find and fund a contractor afterwards.
- 3) Reviewed the RJH and RES principal transition activities
- 4) RJH World Language teacher Maria Gamvas has resigned.
- 5) Projected School Fund balance was \$336,000. After discussions with the Budget Committee Chair, the school will retain this full amount.
- 6) RES Outdoor eating patio was completed before the last day of school
- 7) Initial RES assessments are showing Covid improvement and may be 90% math and 80% reading proficiency scores.
- 8) School Summer Planning Retreat is planned for August 16th.

EDITORS NOTE: *The Rye Civic League participate in two day of RJH Flex Friday programs. A half hour "Rye Civics" session focused on how Rye local government works, voting and how RJH students can make an impact (example used was the environment).*

SAU 50 School Board Meeting:

None



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](#)
 Portsmouth June 2022 Presentation: [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: Jun 1st

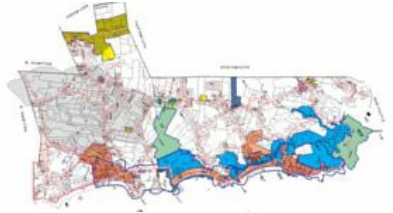
Water Use Guidelines: [Click Here](#)
 Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Water usage has climbed over the 5-year period. With usage increasing ~1.5 million gallons on a monthly basis from this time last year.
- 2) A system leak survey will be started in June through NH DES and covered through a grant awarded to the District.
- 3) Aquarion is abandoning the water main located on Route 1, near the location of the new development at the old Hector's site. There was a discussion about what the procedure would be for the District to take over ownership of the pipe.
- 4) District discussing need for building permits for installation/replacement of irrigation systems, which would first need to be added to the ordinances.

Sewer Commission: June 21st

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

- 1) City of Portsmouth Engineer made presentation to Select Board and Sewer Commission regarding Rt 1 sewer. [Presentation](#). [Video](#) see Select Board notes above
- 2) Wright-Pierce Pump Station Assessment Report was reviewed and 1st line of business is to develop a request to repair/replace Abenaqui Pump Station
- 3) Flow summary for Church Road Pump station in May was 2.7 million gallons similar to 2.8 million in 2021.
- 4) Sewer Charges and Fees effective Jul1-Sep30 2022 are front footage \$247.17/ft and O.M.R. (Operating & Maintenance) Charge \$0.09/cubic ft of water consumption.
- 5) 155 Cable Rd (plans previously approved) connection fee of \$41,125,50 based on 150 feet of frontage was communicated to owner.
- 6) Sewer plans and reconnection of 22 Jenness Ave was approved
- 7) Sewer permit application for 25 Sagamore Rd to connect to City of Portsmouth Sewer System was approved (S. Labrie abstained)
- 8) CIP Submission for 2023- 2028 is due 15Jul.



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](#)
 Hazard Mitigation Plan 2022: [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) See [June 30th Video Presentation](#) Select Board notes above

Long Range Planning (aka Master Plan) June 7th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Consultant Julie LaBranche who has provided a contract (\$2,940) to assist LRP Committee and Planning Zoning Administrator in drafting an RPF for a complete update of the MP, was in attendance providing guidance.
- 2) Chair of the PB, Pat Losik, created an 11 page spreadsheet document (emailed to the members) to help with the present task of the Committee. Note: Not included with the draft meeting minutes.
- 3) Consultant Julie LaBranche has tweaked the original contract and there was discussion to extend services until December 31st (versus October 31st) so that Julie LaBranche could attend both budget presentations (Select Board and BC in the Fall) to assist Planning and Zoning Administrator in requesting funding for a complete update of the MP.
- 4) Plan is to have a draft of the RFP by September so that it can be reviewed by PB members and then presented to Select Board and BC during budget presentations.
- 5) Once the funding has been approved by Select Board/BC, the next step would be to solicit requests from Planning Consulting firms.
- 6) Discussion about including funding for implementation, built-out analysis, etc...
- 7) Julie LaBranche is going to compile an inventory of communities (similar size) that have recently updated their MP with cost associated and how they went about doing it (firms...)
- 8) Committee members (3) need to decide what kind of MP they want.
- 9) The completion of the complete MP update is now projected for early 2025 (from 2024).
- 10) Members discussed the fact that the survey results (community and municipal) had been posted on the Town of Rye website and that they should be removed. According to PB Chair, Pat Losik, they contain "personal information" and the Committee needs to figure out how to redact the content and then post the results again. Planning and Zoning Administrator removed the results (post meeting) as discussed.

Editor's notes: the survey results (community and municipal) were posted briefly on the Town of Rye website (6/3) and were removed post June 7th meeting. It is unclear what constitutes "personal information" and how much content will be redacted, how and when. The survey results have not been analyzed within the context of the Visioning outreach. The Committee is making important decisions, such as "what kind of MP they want" as a very small group.

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: June 14th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) 850 Washington Rd. site walk will be July 19th at 4:00 p.m.
- 2) 2263 Ocean Blvd. Carriage House - Seasonal outdoor dining approved 6-0 with three conditions. No Notice of Decision with minutes.
- 3) 15 Sagamore Rd. Major Site development continued to August and requesting a ledge profile
- 4) Rules and Regs says that Land Development Regulations are only minor edits. Amendments to be discussed at the July meeting.
- 5) Long Range Planning shared an update, but this is not attached to the meeting minutes. Consulting contract with Julie LaBranche is not to exceed \$2,940. Pat Losik has been appointed to also be an LRP member.
- 6) 1244 Washington Rd. Only one of the three major tree replantings looks like it will be successful.
- 7) 421 South Rd. Still working with lot owners at two lots. Unsure of when Lot #1 will be built

Rules and Regulations: June 9th

Draft Meeting Minutes June 9th [Click Here](#) June 28th: not available

Recorded Video June 9th [Click Here](#) June 28th [Click Here](#)

June 9th:

- 1) Several members of the public were in attendance in addition to Art Ditto from the Rye Water District (RWD).
- 2) Attorney Michael Donovan was in attendance via ZOOM to review amendments made to the Land Development Regulations (LDR).
- 3) Members of the Committee (2 present) made several motions to move amendments to the LDR to the July 12th Planning Board meeting so that they can be reviewed by members of the Planning Board in order to schedule a public hearing.
- 4) # 1 through # 24 amendments were reviewed in NPS (May meetings) and moved by enumerating each amendment by its number only to the July 12th PB meeting.
- 5) New amendments were discussed relating to preservation of natural environment, irrigation, stormwater plan for 100 years storm, exemption for less than 100 square feet of development, and requiring stormwater management for minor site development.
- 6) Art Ditto from RWD provided a draft/request for a Rye Zoning Ordinance to regulate irrigation in the Rye Water District.
- 7) A complete rewrite of the Rye Zoning Ordinance (RZO) is in the work with Attorney Eric Maher doing the review (possibly by August for discussion).
- 8) A member of the public asked why amendments – 1 through 24 – had been discussed in NPS. It was stated that they were “current cases” and there could be ramifications.

Editor's notes: both the LDR and RZO are being reviewed and revised. In each instance, the R&R members (2-3) along with the Planning and Zoning Administrator, discussed the scope of the revisions in Non Public Session with an Attorney present via Zoom. As stated by the Chair of R&R Steve Carter, the reasons for “going over the LDR” are twofold: 1) to correct errors and omissions made when the LDR was updated (2020) and 2) to make changes to the LDR (close to 30 amendments) to “tighten things down.” Attorney Michael Donovan has worked with the R&R members in several NPS to review the changes to the LDR. None of the amendments 1 through 24 have been discussed publicly.

Planning Board Agenda July 12th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 6 Tower Ave. adding an Accessory Dwelling Unit
- 2) 0 Richard Rd. waivers for driveway
- 3) 931 Ocean Rd. waivers for driveway
- 4) 251-279 Pioneer Rd. Condo conversion unit
- 5) 910 Washington Rd. Hungry Lobster site review for expanded hours
- 6) **Land Development Regulations amendments discussions**
- 7) Developments in Rye update

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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: June 1st..

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes and Relief/Variances Tracking Table: [Click Here](#) 79 Variances YTD

ZBA minutes do not include the Notice of Decision

- 1) 245 Washington rd. Approved 5-0 expanded lot coverage. [NOD Case #23-2022](#)
- 2) 2188 Ocean Blvd. Approved 5-0 for adding AC unit near rear boundary [NOD Case #26 2022](#)
- 3) 8 Hunterville Ave. Approved 5-0 expansion of a non-conforming structure [NOD Case #25-2022](#)
- 4) 1029 Ocean Blvd. Approved 5-0 HVAC rear boundary NOD [Case #30b-2022](#) and [#30a-2022](#)
- 5) 11 McLaughlin Drive Approved 5-0 adding a shed [NOD Case #24-2022](#)
- 6) 1154 Ocean Blvd. Approved 5-0 HVAC in side boundary NOD [Case #27-2022](#)
- 7) 2263 Ocean Blvd. Approved 4-1 Increased parking spaces with 6 conditions. [NOD Case #31-2022](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: July 6th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 6 Richard Rd. Construction on a non-conforming lot
- 2) 271 Harbor Rd. Demolition and replace a non-conforming building
- 3) 33 Sagamore Rd. Requesting a one year extension
- 4) 2 Merrymeeting Lane expanding into wetlands
- 5) 163 Parsons Rd. replacing cesspool and septic system and Parson's Creek watershed
- 6) 919 Ocean Blvd. reconstruction of a non-conforming structure and driveway in wetland boundary



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: June 23rd

Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Jun 23rd [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video June 14th special meeting: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Meeting with Jonathan Halle of Warrenstreet Architects, who provided a few options for the Library Commons.

- 2) Board approved [Diversity Statement](#) and [Indigenous Land Acknowledgment](#).
- 3) Jun 22rd music program well attended with ~70 people.
- 4) An email was received regarding the May 26th program "Lifting Up LGBTQIA+ Youth. The Board discussed the program was to coincide with Pride month and was in line with RPL Vision Statement and policies. A response will be prepared and reviewed by the board.

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: June 9th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)
 Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)
 RCL CC Notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 550 Washington Rd resident continues to cut un-authorized trails into Conservation land
- 2) Culverts project to mitigate beaver dam activity at Brown Forest estimated at \$170K, grants sought.
- 3) Anonymous wetland violations complaints continue to arrive at the Conservation Commission with Building Inspector only considering signed complaints for enforcement actions.
- 4) Wetlands Lecture: The Conservation Commission has agreed to co-sponsor Prof. David Burdick talk with the Rye Civic League.
- 5) 271 Harbor Rd. Proposal to demolish house and move garage and septic away from wetlands
- 6) 0 Merrymeeting Land. Undeveloped lot proposed new construction. Property may be a candidate for Conservation purchase to prevent building on sensitive land.



RYE 400th Anniversary

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

[WEB SITE CLICK HERE](#)

What is happening in 2023?

- 1) You can view what is currently planned on the Website [Click Here](#)
- 2) [E-mail](#) to get involved



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: June 2nd

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Historic signage sub committee - is working on text and images for eight possible signs. Will report progress to Select Board and get feed back July 11
- 2) Gazebo - in discussion with landscape architect and carpenter about repairs
- 3) Master Plan - Select Board member Epperson reports that Planning Board will hire a consultant to re-write the entire master plan at which time RHC can weigh in again on Chap 9.
- 4) Old Graveyards - about 67 identified but only about 9-10 adopted; see details on [RHC web site](#)
- 5) Rye Advocates Old House Documentation committee - will hold a dating your house workshop in July. Work continues on digitizing all info on houses built before 1901
- 6) Barn Preservation - it was noted that SB adopted 79D which gives tax relief for those preserving barns

Demolition Review: June 8th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Committee would like to review the current ordinance. All members should be reviewing for discussion.
- 2) 1220 Ocean Blvd garage deemed neither architecturally important nor historically significant.

Historic District Commission Meeting June 8th

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Updated HDC Application Process is nearing completion. A new town ordinance will be required to implement.
- 2) The new Land Use Assistant has started. This new full time position will support the land use groups.
- 3) Discussed the Town Hall Annex Renovation Project

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: June 1st

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting summary: [Click Here](#)

- 1) No Tap grant update, however June 29th Select Board believes it will take another 30 days to know if the State has approved the fund allocations.
- 2) Committee focus
 - May not have any involvement in the Tap Grant
 - What's next
 - Karen Stewart is resigning from the Committee, need a new chair, Vice-chair is John Mitchell
 - Bring in new people as part of the next meeting
 - Stewart will finish timeline before resigning



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: June 7th

Meeting Minutes: Jun 7th [Click Here](#)

Recoded Vieeo:

- 1) Clean Energy NH (CENH) Innovation Center Conference attended and CENH facilitated an Electric Vehicle show in Exeter. Rye Energy with help from CENH will have booth at Sep 18th Car Show.
- 2) TD Bank Town Hall Annex plan is for a propane furnace. Eversource has a program to help with weatherization, which could help encourage use of a heat pump instead.
- 3) RES solar project is on hold as the roof needs to be replaced first.
- 4) Community power update to be provided to Select board.
- 5) Rye Energy has consensus to use CPCNH as the procurement partner. CPCNH will develop needed policies and agreements and Select Board will choose to approve at the appropriate time.

Rye Recycling Education Committee: Jun 21st

Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: none

- 1) Food composting - discussion about possible use by the schools of the Biogreen composting machine for food scraps
- 2) Transfer station - RREC will create a video to post making it easier for those to recycle (there are approx. 16 different items to recycle)
- 3) Swap Shop - HELPSY bin (recycling of all textiles including clothing) now located beside Swap Shop; please use this
- 4) School recycling clubs - RES has one, RJH does not; RREC will support RJH starting one
- 5) No July meeting

Telecommunication Infrastructure Committee: March 31st



Mosquito

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

Mosquito Commission Meeting: June 21st

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click here](#)

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

- 1) Working on a plan for the distribution of the new posters
- 2) Almost all of the Greenhead traps are deployed. Some of the traps will need to be retired at the end of this season. Dragon treated after the marches were flooded.
- 3) Disease testing will start July 1st. Dragon treated Parson's Field prior to the Fireworks and continues to treat catch basins and make house calls.
- 4) Next year the no spray requests in the March Select Boards newsletter.



Beach Committee

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

Beach Committee Meeting: Jun 20th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Chair Hwang is stepping down from his position as chair of the Beach Committee
- 2) Public comment from Gilles Ham regarding a possible parking study at beach focusing on resident parking. Mr Ham's email was forwarded to Select Board and Chief Walsh
- 3) Beach committee to clarify their position on dog waste/trash cans. Household waste is being left next to the barrels. Committee appears to be supportive of add signage stating "beach only".

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) 2022 CIP work will begin in July.

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

ABOUT THE RYE CIVIC LEAGUE

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.

