

# Rye Civic News

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## August 2022 Highlights

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

1) Matt Scruton, the current Greenland Town Administrator will be the new Rye Town Administrator starting next month. [Click Here](#) for the Select Board announcement and [here](#) for his LinkedIn profile. Sixteen people applied, four were invited to interview and three went through detailed interviews.

2) Did you suffer any angst over the past decade? Cell coverage, Town Hall, Development, How Rye is changing? A well thought out and comprehensive master plan can help Rye avoid repeating the issues of the past decade. The Planning Board will be asking for \$95K to \$145K to develop a new Master Plan. To help assure the Master Plan reflects a consensus from residents, a diverse and talented set of residents are needed to step up to be on the Master Plan Steering committee. [E-mail](#) if you are interested in this crucial activity.

3) **WATER!** Rye Water District is looking for places to locate more wells. Some of these locations are on Conservation Land, On Sept. 15th, Rye Water District, Select Board, Rye Conservation Commission are meeting about additional wells on conservation lands at 7:30pm at the RJH. Agenda not posted yet. A \$10M+ water treatment plant may be required as NH DES manganese and PFOA standards are changing. This meeting will be preceded at 6pm by the presentation on "Why Healthy Marshes Matter" by David Burdick, in the Library. [More Information](#).

4) **WATER!** Update on the Coakley Landfill from representatives of DES, EPA and Coakley landfill group show no progress has been made in remediating the site. Updated guidance states that essentially no level of PFAS is acceptable in drinking water. Slides [presented](#) are in draft [Select Board minutes](#) and presentation is on the [video](#). See summary below (8-8 Select Board or full [meeting minutes](#))

5) **WATER!** RWD reports pumping totals continue to climb monthly and on a yearly basis. RWD said there is not sufficient capacity for the Rt. 1 major developments, leading the Planning Board to question whether any new developments can be approved in the RWD. [Click Here](#) (Communication Section of Planning Board minutes)

6) **WATER!** Are you following the mandatory Lawn Watering and Irrigation Directive? [Click Here](#)

7) Harbor Road Bridge is falling apart. Initial inspection revealed accelerated deterioration and action will need to be taken soon. [Click Here](#) (Starts around 39 minutes in video)

8) Time to get involved? There are many [Alternate and Member vacancies](#) for the Town's appointed committees and commissions.

9) Now is the time to participate in the 2023 \$25M+ Town/School budget discussions. Waiting until the public hearings on the Town/School budget (Jan 11 and 12, 2023) does not provide much time for public comment with the final budget is due to the Select Board on Jan 26, 2023. Here is the [list](#) of Budget Committee meetings and a [calendar view](#).

10) The Town Attorney has been rewriting the Rye Zoning Ordinances since Spring. There has been no public discussion or update. So it is not clear why a non-public meeting Sept. 6th under consult with counsel is needed or occurring. Year to Date there have been [111 Variances](#) granted, led by dimensions, wetlands/wetlands buffer and non-conforming buildings.

**Your Rye Night Out:** [Click Here](#) Sept. 28th 7pm Inn at Rye Place (out back)

If you are feeling you missed out on the End of Summer social at Sawyer's Beach, the [Inn at Rye Place](#) has invited Your Rye Night out to use the fire pits and [open space](#) out back.

September Rye Night Out will be September 28th, 7pm at The Inn at Rye Place. BYOB and Dinner. The Office Lounge next door does have take out. Drive around back and we will be [HERE](#)

**Open Town Board Positions:** [Click Here](#)

Town positions <a href="#">e-mail</a> ..	Planning or Zoning positions: <a href="#">e-mail</a>
Rye Historic District Commission ....	1 Alternate Vacancies and 1 Member vacancy
Energy Committee .....	1 Member Vacancies
Recycling Education Committee .....	2 Member Vacancies
Recreation Commission..	2 Member Vacancies
Demolition Review Committee.	1 Alternate vacancy
Heritage Commission.	1 Member vacancy
Rye Town Center Committee.	1 Member Vacancy
Beach Committee	1 Member and 1 Alternate vacancy
Telecom Infrastructure Committee..	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) Sample ballots for [Republican](#) and [Democratic](#) Primaries are Tuesday, September 13th.
- 3) RCL together with Rye Conservation Commission will be sponsoring a presentation on "Why Healthy Marshes Matter" by David Burdick, an initiative initially led by 2 residents. **Sept 15**, at the library. [More Information](#) Note the RWD/Select Board/Rye Conservation meeting is at 7:30pm at the RJH that same evening.
- 4) Public hearing on proposed land development regulations to be held on Sep 20, 2022. The [Proposed Land Development Regulation Amendments](#) are posted on the Town of Rye website.
- 5) Rye PTA Golf Fundraiser on **September 27th**: [More Information](#)
- 6) Rye Auto Show September 18th, Parsons Field
- 7) Household [Hazardous Waste Collection](#) **September 24th 9am to 1pm** Brentwood, DPW, 207 Middle R. Brentwood
- 8) Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#) 2022 Process Information [Click Here](#)
- 9) 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 for Locations [Click here for Current Calendar](#) of town meeting

Sep 6th: Community Power	Sep 13th: Sewer Commission
Sep 6th: Long Range Planning	Sep 13th: Planning Board
Sep 6th: Rules and Regulations.	Sep 14th: Historic District Commission
Sep 7th: Demolition Review	Sep 19th: Select Board
Sep 7th: Zoning Board of Adjustment	
Sep 7th: Rye Water District	Sep 20th: Mosquito Control Commission
Sep 8th: Conversation Commission.	Sep 20th: 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 August 29th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Resignations at the Energy Committee, Telecom Infrastructure Committee, Recycling Education and Historic District Commission. [Click Here](#) to see all volunteer openings.
- 2) Rye will continue to fund the lobbyist working to prevent the return of "donor towns" for funding other NH schools.
- 3) Town Deliberative meeting will be on February 4th with a snow date of February 11th.
- 4) Town Hall annex construction work may be completed shortly after Thanksgiving.
- 5) Harbor Rd Bridge is falling apart. Initial inspection revealed accelerated deterioration and action will need to be taken soon. DPW Director was informed of the situation the day of the meeting and more information is needed, but significant repairs will be needed soon. There may also be load restrictions
- 6) A [gravel pit at 90 Locke Rd](#) is on a 17 acre parcel that the Town of Rye has an easement to use as a gravel pit. Owners are asking Rye to relinquish the town's ability to access/use the gravel pit.
- 7) It does not make sense to repair the sidewalk along Ocean Blvd until the State repairs the seawall.
- 8) Those interested in participating on the Master Plan Steering Committee need to e-mail the Planning Administrator immediately.
- 9) Budget Committee and Workshop meeting dates have been set. [List](#) and [Calendar](#)
- 10) While NH has yet to set the new manganese and PFOA standards, RWD will likely require \$10M or more for a water treatment facility.

## Select Board Non Public Meetings

August 8th: Collective Bargaining, Hiring, Reputation

August 10th: Acquisition, Hiring

August 12th: Hiring

August 15th: Hiring

August 17th: Hiring

August 29th: Hiring

September 2nd: Hiring

## Select Board Meeting August 8th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Professor David Burdick, U.N.H. School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering, will be giving a presentation, 'Why Healthy Tidal Marshes Matter', at the Rye Public Library on [Thursday, September 15th](#) at 6 pm

- 2) Conservation property was disturbed during a septic system installation at 238 Parsons Road. Agreement on remediation with RCC was endorsed by the Select Board. Raises the issue of the frequency of Conservation property disturbance during development/renovation by property owners
- 3) Coakley Landfill update was provided by members of DES Waste Management Division, EPA and Coakley Landfill group. [Presentation Slides](#)
- 4) Coakley Landfill group spoke about cleanup activities at the site. An attempt to reduce contaminant levels by using carbon filtration bags at the headwaters of Berry's Brook was unsuccessful.
- 5) Mindi Messmer along with several lawmakers in the Seacoast Region sent a letter to Attorney General's office in June asking them to take action against Coakley Landfill group whose remediation was supposed to be complete in 2020. [Draft letter](#) Select Board was to send.



## 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: August 16th Meeting & Retreat

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available [agenda](#)

Recorded Video: Not available

### Annual School Board Planning Retreat - August 16, 2022

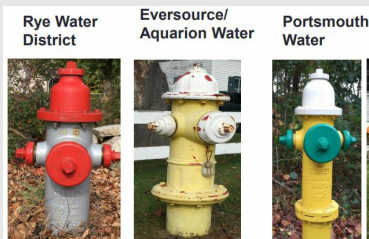
- Review and status update of Superintendent onboarding/entry plan
- Review and status update of RJH and RES Principal onboarding/entry plan
- 2022/2023 School Board schedule finalized
- School Board meeting start time changed to 5:30P
- School Board meeting materials to be published in advance of monthly meetings
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### Regular School Board Meeting - August 16, 2022

- Board approved Solar Power Agreement with Revision Energy for Rye Junior High School
- Solar installation to begin this Fall - to be completed by 12/31/2022
- Support Staff Union (RESA) requests negotiation session to discuss pay disparity issues
- The next School Board meeting is 5:30P - Wednesday, September 28th at Rye Junior High School

## SAU 50 School Board Meeting:

- The next SAU50 Board meeting is 6:30P - Wednesday, September 21st at Newington Elementary School.



## 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](#)

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: August 3rd and 17th**

Water Use Guidelines: [Click Here](#)

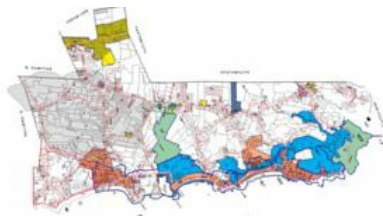
Draft Meeting Minutes August 3rd : [Click Here](#) August 17th: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Water pumping totals continue to rise monthly and annually.
- 2) Garland Rd. project is almost completed. Looking at SRF Loan funds to upgrade this site.
- 3) Project submitted for CIP - Water Treatment Plan, Wallis Rd main replacement, Washington Rd tank maintenance, Sagamore Road pump station and Parson's Road.
- 4) RWD is looking at changing the rate structure for 2023.
- 5) Questions about how the new Irrigation system Land Development Regulation 2022-26 will be communicated and enforced by the town.
- 6) August 17th meeting was dedicated to proposed additions to the Garland project.
- 7) September 15th meeting with RCC and Select Board about wells on conservation lands. Agenda not yet available.

## **Sewer Commission: August 9th**

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

- 1) Portsmouth water and sewer rates changed as of July 2022
  - Tier 1, the first 10 units of water consumption is billed at the rate of \$15.78 per unit
  - Tier 2, consumption above 10 units of water consumption is billed at the rate of \$17.36 per unit
- 2) Multiple homes are adding secondary meters, including 50 South Rd and 90 South Rd where a secondary meter was installed in 2019 without a permit .
- 3) Rockingham Planning Commission will be providing technical assistance for FEMA Hazard Mitigation.
- 4) Requests for proposals going out for the Abeniqui Pump Station work.
- 5) Proper permit concerns discussed over the work being done at 2425 Ocean Blvd.
- 6) 2022 NHDES Clean Water SRF Priority List. It was noted that Rye was awarded a Wastewater Asset Management Grant up to \$30,000.00. Was ranked 23 out of 47 for Infiltration/Inflow Assessment and Reduction Plan and 40 out of 107 for 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](#)

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) Rye Water District cannot provide water to the planned 80 unit development on the Breakfast Hill Rd/Rt. 1

## **Long Range Planning (aka Master Plan) August 2nd**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) There had been some confusion coming out of the last LRP meeting, where Julie LaBranche had thought drafting of RFP had been put on hold until a Steering Committee is assembled. Discussion to

go ahead with drafting the RFP with the assistance of Julie LaBranche. Members reviewed the current RFP draft.

2) Julie LaBranche's contract ends on October 31st, however, the contract includes a budget item and provision for Julie LaBranche to assist Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kim Reed, when submitting her budget for a Master Plan update/build-out analysis to the Select Board and Budget Committee in November/December.

3) Determine process for Steering Committee member selection." The "process" has been "to recommend names of people to the Planning Board." Chair Wright has created a spreadsheet with names of people and which has been submitted to the members of the LRP. The list will be given to the Planning Board members on August 9th for their consideration.

**Editor's Note:** the "process" of selecting members for the Master Plan Steering Committee has been limited to LRP members reaching out to Planning Board members to recommend names "among people they know" There has been no outreach to the public at large and to members from other Town boards and no announcement to date on the Town of Rye website. The "list" of people at the August 9th meeting who have volunteered was not announced publicly. It appears that planning board members will have a majority representation with 4 members.

**Other Information:**

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

Visioning Workshop 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 [Click Here](#), and Exeter Action Plan [Click Here](#)

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

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

Information on what a Build Out Plan is: [Click Here](#)

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

1) None

**Planning Board Meeting: August 9th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

1) Monitoring sub-divisions. In an effort to monitor all of the conditions sub-divisions must continually meet, there will be site walks at 1244 Washington Rd, Goss Farm and Stoneleigh (South Rd development that the town had to pay to settle with). The site walks are the last step before a certification of completion is issued. The new Land Use Administrator is starting with a list of all sub-divisions since 2006. The goal is to develop a tracking system.

2) The Housing Partnership has started up construction for the Airfield Rd development and construction across from Dow Lane on Route 1 is clearly visible.

3) Planning Board members received printed copies of the 26 new Land Use Development Regulations for the September 20th Public Hearing.

4) Planning Board administrator stated that "a lot of things were left out" in the 2020 reorganization of the LDR led by former Town Attorney Mike Donovan. Note, the town continues to contract with Attorney Donovan.

5) There will be a non-public session with the new Town Attorney on September 6th.

6) Long discussion of the Rye Water District statement that they can't provide water to the planned development on Breakfast Hill Rd/Lafayette Rd. Does this mean no more developments can be supported in the Rye Water District?

7) 1 Central Rd. Approved 5-0 Accessory Dwelling Unit [Case #15-2021](#)

8) All other discussions continued until September 13th.

**Planning Board Rules and Regulations: June 28th**

Next Meeting Sep 6th, Agenda [Click Here](#)

1) Public hearing on proposed land development regulations to be held on Sep 20, 2022. The [Proposed Land Development Regulation Amendments](#) are posted on the Town of Rye website

*Editor's Notes: Attorney Maher has been working on a "complete rewrite of the RZO" since the Spring as indicated by Planning and Zoning Administrator, Kim Reed. However, the scope of the rewrite has not been made available to the public. Additionally, there were no scheduled meetings in July and August and the upcoming meeting on September 6th is a "NON-PUBLIC SESSION (1) PER RSA 91-A:3 (consult with counsel)." The public has not been invited to participate in this "re-write" of the RZO and/or even to provide comments.*

*Since 2020, no new voter approved land use laws have been codified or incorporated into Rye's [official](#) online "[Code Book](#)", the reference for land development regulations, zoning, floodplain, building codes, and more. New Rye laws adopted by voters since 2020 can be found at the vendor's site [here](#) as a non codified list which is not in context of the Code, under "New Laws" in the left margin with links to the Warrant Articles for each.*

## **Planning Board Agenda September 13th**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 251-279 Pioneer Rd to convert eight dwellings into four duplex structures
- 2) 15 Sagamore Rd - Three condominium units and two commercial buildings
- 3) 850 Washington Rd 3 lot subdivision
- 4) 18 and 20 Cable Rd to expand deck.
- 5) 711 Long John Rd. request to not have to report on conditions of approval

### **Code of the Town of Rye**

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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: August 3rd**

Recorded Video: August 3rd **Unavailable**

Draft meeting minutes: August 3rd. [Click Here](#)

**RCL Notes and Relief/Variances Tracking Table:** [Click Here](#) 111 Variances YTD

- 1) 919 Ocean Blvd. Granted 5-0 reconstruction of a non-conforming structure - Four variances, one Building Code relief, one special exception. Three conditions of approval (one has 5 sub-points). [Case #35-2022](#)
- 2) 271 Harbor Rd. Denied the request for Administrative Appeal. Granted 5-0 variance for a septic system 75' from the wetlands buffer. Granted relief from Building Code requiring current construction standards are met. [Case #37-2022](#)
- 3) 5 Park Ridge Ave. Granted 5-0 Five variances for expansion of the house. One condition. [Case #39-2022](#)
- 4) 2 Merrymeeting Lane Site Walk was on August 23rd. [Click Here](#) for meeting minutes.

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: September 7th**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 750 Brackett Rd. Expansion of structure on a non-conforming lot

- 2) 691 Brackett Rd. special exception for driveway and variances for expansion
- 3) 80 Locke Rd. Dredge and fill for a soak pool and patio in the wetland buffer
- 4) 6 Tower Ave. Variances for more parking to accommodate ADU
- 5) 354 Wallis Rd. Expansion of a non-conforming structure
- 6) 26 & 28 Pine St. destruction of non-conforming structure and rebuild
- 7) 640 Long John Rd. Demolition of a non-conforming structure and replace with new build



## 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: August 16th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Video's scheduled but not available

- 1) Director Richmond met with School Board Chair Matt Curtin to review how the Schools and Library could work better together.
- 2) Claire Biehl will be the new full-time Youth Librarian
- 3) 70 people signed up for the last summer reading program on the Library Common and 100 showed up.

## **Natural Resource Inventory December 2021**

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

Map 1 <a href="#">Base-line</a>	Map 6 <a href="#">Sea level rise.</a>	Map 11 <a href="#">Soil limitations</a>
Map 2 <a href="#">Watershed Boundaries.</a>	Map 7 <a href="#">Water Quality.</a>	Map 12 <a href="#">Farm lands</a>
Map 3 <a href="#">Groundwater</a>	Map 8 <a href="#">Forest Resources.</a>	Map 13 <a href="#">Scenic Resources</a>
Map 4 <a href="#">FEMA Flood 100 &amp; 500</a>	Map 9 <a href="#">Wildlife action.</a>	Map 14 <a href="#">Conserved Land</a>
Map 5 <a href="#">Floodwater storage.</a>	Map 10 <a href="#">Productive Forest soils.</a>	Map 15 <a href="#">Unfragmented Land</a>



## 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: August 11th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)



RCL CC notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 139 Wentworth Rd. Expansion of property in the wetlands buffer
- 2) 7 Holland Dr. Rebuild of home burned in fire. 98% of lot is in the wetlands buffer.
- 3) 640 Long John Rd. New home on property adjacent to the marsh.
- 4) 238 Parsons Rd. Septic system replacement disturbed 500sq. ft of Conservation Land.
- 5) 377 Brackett Rd. Fence erected in a Conservation easement.
- 6) 61 Red Mill Lane: 3rd proposal is much improved, incorporating many CC recommendations.
- 7) 22 pounds of blueberries were picked and sold to the Carriage House and Seaport Fish.



## **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) [email](#) 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.

### **Recreation Commission has 2 open positions**

- 1) There will be youth baseball clinics running this fall
- 2) Winter basketball sign ups have started.
- 3) Working to get staffing to open the space we have rented at the church "The Wave Room" for after school middle school programming.
- 4) For online registration [Click Here](#)



## **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: No August meeting**

No meeting

## **Demolition Review: August 15th, 22nd and 29th**

Recorded Video: August 15th [Click Here](#), August 22nd [Click Here](#), August 29th [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: August 15th [Click Here](#) August 22nd: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 8 Hunterville Ave. is neither architecturally important nor historically significant.
- 2) 588 Wallis Rd. - Demolition permit should be issued
- 3) 6 Oak Avenue - Demolition permit should be issued
- 4) 1627 Ocean Blvd to be discussed on August 29th Recorded Video

## **Historic District Commission Meeting: No meeting**

No meeting

## **Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: No July meeting**

No July 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: August 2nd**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: Scheduled but not available

- 1) Community Power Update: With Select Board approval, CPCNH Board is now able to amend the Joint Powers Agreement at any meetings, instead of only annually.
- 2) Modifications to the Energy Aggregate Plan (EAP) were presented to the Select Board on Jul 25th. No changes were made to the intent of the plan, appendices added that explain technical details of how Load Serving Entities will work. Request for Select Board to proceed with legal review.
- 3) Public Utilities Commission releases rules for Community Power on Jul 27th and no changes to EAP expected. Rules will go to Joint Legislative Commission on Administration Rules for hearing, likely Aug 18th
- 4) Rye's participation in the Home Performance with Energy Star (HPwES) is limited. The program is for existing homes and cost savings apply to efficiency measures. HPwES is not income based, good candidates might be older homes or those ready to replace less efficient appliances. In addition, there are income based incentives through Home Energy Assistance (HEA)
- 5) Rye Energy will be at the Sept 18th Rye Auto Show and will have information of weatherization, community power, and possible Button UP workshop and an EV vehicle or two.
- 6) Working hard to let residents know that Direct Energy is still lower than Eversource, but Direct Energy also recently raised their price. [Click Here](#) to learn about changing rates. [Compare Electric Energy rates.](#)

## **Rye Recycling Education Committee: August 16th**

- 1) Need more members - if interested, contact com. member [Alex Herlihy](#)

- 2) Video of ttransfer station planned to make it easier to use.
- 3) Swap shop - please do not bring sporting equipment; books go in book bin; bring smaller quality items only
- 4) Recycling is going on in both schools
- 5) Update of RREC on town web site needed

## **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: August 15th**

Recorded Video: [Click here](#)

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

- 1) It was noted that David Burdick, Associate Professor at U.N.H Department of Natural Resources, will be giving a presentation on 'Why Healthy Tidal Marshes Matter' on [September 15th, 6:30 p.m.](#) at the Rye Public Library. **Editor's note:** time changed to 6 pm
- 2) It was pointed out that Mike Morrison from Swamp, Inc. focuses on marsh management in the yearly bid for mosquito control for Rye. Mike believes towns should be doing more marsh management, which would reduce the need for larviciding and associated tasks.
- 3) Dragon's work with greenhead traps seems to be consistent with previous years. A few traps were moved closer to 175 Harbor Drive to accommodate a resident's request. It was suggested that there be an evaluation of traps and their location.
- 4) Spraying at Parsons Field and the recreation area was approved, pending the process that Dragon follows to notify the schools and recreation department.



### **Beach Committee**

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

## **Beach Committee Meeting: August 15th**

Recorded Video: **Not available**

RCL draft minutes: [Click Here](#)

### **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:

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

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) Aug 22nd**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1) The meeting focused on the Status Sheets and 2023 CIP Projects from the various departments and what projects were still missing in documentation. Conservation, the administration and the schools still require some entries for costs of projects. There is also a question as to whether the Rye Harbor Bridge repair will be added as a new project for 2023. An update on that question is expected by the next meeting

## **Budget Committee Meetings: Schedule**

Full Meeting List: [Click Here](#) Calendar View: [Click Here](#)

Nov 3rd: Select Board Day Work Session with Dept. Heads

Nov. 16th: Budget Committee All Day Work Session with Dept. Heads

Dec. 7th: School Budget Work Session

Jan. 11th: School Budget Public Hearing

Jan. 12th: Town Budget Public Hearing

### **Districts 2022**

#### **Rye Beach Village District**

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

#### **Jenness Beach District Budget**

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

#### **Rye Water District Budget**

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

## **Trustee of the Trust Funds Meeting: July 19th**

July 19th meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

## **Additional Town related Web Sites**

Rye Historical Society: [Click Here](#)

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

Fire Department Facebook: [Click Here](#)

Rye Beach & Jenness Beach District Information: [Click Here](#)

NH's Citizen's Count: [Click Here](#)

Video about Rye PTA, Rye Education Foundation and the Civic League: [Click Here](#)

Town Facebook page: [Click Here](#)

Rye Police Facebook Page: [Click Here](#)

Rye 400 page: [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



## 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 email.

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: 2022 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 read the Civic News are members..

#### **Our annual costs are:**

- Website hosting and URL registrations
- Civic News Email 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](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**

Rye Civic League: [civicnews@ryecivicleague.org](mailto: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.