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YOUR RYE NIGHT OUT Last Wednesday of the month: [Click Here](#)

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October 2022 Highlights

[VIDEO: WATCH Highlights\(& history note\)](#)

- 1) Rye Water District Boil Water updates: [Click Here](#) to see most current updates and other information from RWD. In 2017, Rye Civic League created a presentation on "Water in Rye". The information is still relevant. [Click Here](#) to better understand how this part of our Town Government functions.
- 2) To get Rye Water District text alerts. [Click Here](#) and click on alerts signup. All residents can register for the NH E-911 Alerts. [Click Here](#). Residents previously signed up for NH 911 received the boil water notice on day one.
- 3) During the water boil restrictions, Rye Fire Department and Rye Lions have been supporting Rye residents by distributing water at the Fire Department.
- 4) Rye Water District minutes indicate concerns with PFAS testing coordination with the Town regarding testing at the landfill [Click Here](#)
- 5) RCL hosted Rye/Greenland Candidates night. Just around 100 people attended to interact with the candidates in state races. [Click Here](#) Also see below for more election information.
- 6) NHDOT presented plans for replacing the Ocean Boulevard culvert north of Locke Rd. [Click Here](#) for presentation. Marine ecology was a leading design factor. Project cost will be reduced by closing the road during construction. Discussion starts at [20:00 on video](#)
- 7) Select Board agreed to send letter to US Coast Guard saying Rye supports a fixed bridge between Rye & New Castle. Rye is not funding the project, but benefits in terms of reduced cost for adequate fire suppression water pressure. [Navigation Report NH DOT project](#) page does not appear to include recent discussions. Residents can contact the Coast Guard with opinions.
- 8) During the Select Board Meeting, the NH State Legislative update included a discussion about getting Rye a representative on the Pease Development Association. A location on Pease previously to be developed for cargo will now be an [advanced manufacturing center](#).

9) New Town Administrator, Matt Scruton started in October. [Click Here](#)

10) ZBA had a busy October with enough applications to require a second meeting. Year To Date, Wetlands Variance are 42% of variances. [Click Here](#)

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Your Rye Night Out: [Click Here](#) November 30th 7pm at the [Office Lounge](#),

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

Town positions e-mail	Planning or Zoning positions: e-mail
Beach Committee	2 Member and 1 Alternate Vacancy
Heritage Commission	1 Member Vacancy
Historic District Commission.	3 Alternate Vacancies
Recycling Education Committee	3 Member Vacancies
Energy Committee	2 Member Vacancies
Recreation Commission	2 Member Vacancies
Demolition Review Committee	1 Alternate Vacancy
Rye Town Center Committee	1 Member Vacancy

General Announcements

- 1) Rye Holiday Parade will be December 4th at 3pm, followed A Vintage Christmas Candlelight Stroll [Click Here](#). To participate in the parade complete this form.[Click Here](#)
- 2) November 3rd is the Select Board Budget workshop day with all departments. [Click Here](#) for agenda and zoom links.
- 3) Dr. Gail Snow, the Rye Public Health Officer, receives Lifetime of Service Award.[Click Here](#)
- 4) [Rye Energy Committee - "Button Up" home energy workshop](#) on Nov 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Portsmouth Public library
- 5) Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#) 2022 Process Information [Click Here](#)
- 6) GIS Town Mapping Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on how to find properties with the Rye GIS mapping.

November 8th Election Information Rye Elementary School 8am to 7pm

- 1) [Click Here](#) for Sample ballot. Note two ballot questions, [Click Here](#) for explanation from the League of Women Voters. NH SOS explanation. [Click Here](#)
- 2) NH SOS voting page [Click Here](#) Absentee application [Click Here](#) Statewide Debate videos [Click Here](#)
- 3) RCL Candidates' Night Video: [Click Here](#) RCL handout. [Click Here](#)
Executive Council (6:00), State Senate (36:50), Floterial (Greenland, N. Hampton, Rye) House Rep D-38 (1:05), Greenland/Rye House Rep D-24 2 seats (1:36)
- 4) Candidate Websites:
Governor: [Karilyn Borysenko](#), [Kelly Halldorson](#), [Tom Sherman](#), [Chris Sununu](#)
US Senate: [Donald Bolduc](#), [Maggie Hassan](#), [Jeremy Kauffman](#)
US Congress: [Karoline Leavitt](#), [Chris Pappas](#)
NH State Senate: [Debra Altschiller](#), [Lou Gargiulo](#)
Executive Council: [Katherine Harake](#), [Janet Stevens](#)
NH House District R-24 (select 2): [Jaci Grote](#), [Wendy Stanley Jones](#), [Dennis Malloy](#), [Marilyn Page](#)
NH House District R-38: [Peggy Balboni](#), [Steven Borne](#), RJ Lincoln
County Attorney: [Rich Clark](#), [Patricia Conway](#) Office Website: [Click Here](#)
County Commissioner: [Kate Coyle](#), Richie Sawyer Commissioner Website: [Click Here](#)
Rockingham Sheriff: [Kevin Coyle](#), [Chuck Massahos](#) Sheriff's Office Website: [Click Here](#)
County Treasurer: Scott Priestley, Alex Wahl Treasurer Office Website: [Click Here](#)
Register of Deeds: Cathy Stacey, Michael McCord Register of Deeds website: [Click Here](#)
Register of Probate: Sean McBride Lewis, Lisa Massahos Probate Office: [Click Here](#)

- 5) Recommendations to Improve Town Websites for Voters and Town Officials - [Click Here](#) for

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

Please check the agendas for Locations [Click here for Current Calendar](#) of town meeting

[Community Power Public Meeting](#) Nov 1st, 10:00am
[Long Range Planning](#) Nov 1st, 1:00pm
[Master Plan Steering Committee](#) Nov 1st, 1:00pm
[Energy Committee](#) Nov 1st, 3:00pm
[Supervisors of the Check List](#) Nov 2nd, 6:00pm to 6:30pm
[Board of Adjustment](#) Nov 2nd, 7:00pm
[Select Board All Day Budget Work Session](#) Nov 3rd, 8:30am
[Heritage Commission](#) Nov 3rd, 5:30pm
[Rye Energy Committee - "Button Up" home energy workshop](#) Nov 3rd 6:30pm
[Rules and Regulations](#), Nov 7th. 9:30am
[Capital Improvement Program](#) Nov 7th, 4:30pm
[Recreation Commission](#) Nov 7th, 6:00pm
[State General Election](#) Nov 8th, 8:00am
[Sewer Commission](#) Nov 8th, 8:00am

[Planning Board](#) Nov 8th 6:00pm
[Historic District Commission](#) Nov 9th, 5:30pm
[Conservation Commission](#) Nov 10th, 6:30pm
[Capital Improvement Program](#) Nov 14th, 6:00pm
[Select Board](#), Nov 14th, 6:30pm
[Mosquito Control Commission](#) Nov 15th, 5:00pm
[Recycling Education Committee](#) Nov 15th, 5:30pm
[Budget Committee All Day Work Session](#) Nov 16th, 8:30am
 School Board Meeting November 16th 5:30pm R/JH
[Planning Board at the Town Hall](#), Nov 17th, 6:00pm
[Beach Committee](#) Nov 21, 5:30pm
[Planning Board at the Town Hall](#), Nov 22nd, 6:00pm
[Select Board](#) Nov 28th, 6:30pm



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 October 24th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) In addition to the Town Assessor and the Assessing Assistant the MRI contract was approved with the 4% increase to \$6K per month. This is in addition to the \$15K we allocate each year for the five year re-assessment.
- 2) NH DOT presented plans for replacing the Ocean Road culvert. The culvert is located between Locke and Harbor Roads. [Click Here](#) for the presentation. Work scheduled for 2025/26. Plan would achieve significant savings if the road is closed. Ecosystem preservation is the major design driver.
- 3) State Representative update focused on proposal to get Rye a seat on the Pease Development Association. Greenland has a seat. Other discussion items: Telephone poles and Drinking Water Commission.
- 4) Discussion of Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) grants. Does Rye have projects applicable to these grants? Agreement to begin the process of seeking grants.
- 5) Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee Charge was renewed to March 2024. Of 12 potential tower sites, two are feasible. Committee needs a new member. AT&T may be operational on Port Way tower this winter.
- 6) Town Clerk and staff are scheduled to move to the Town Hall Annex towards the end of this year. Plan with costs and timing agreed upon for the reconfiguration of Town Hall for office space and meeting

space.

7) Select Board will send a letter to the Coast Guard saying the Select Board supports a "fixed bridge" between New Castle/Rye. The public can send comments to the Coast Guard before November 15th. Rye's cost impact is for waterline replacement, which is a lower cost with the fixed bridge design and would provide water pressure sufficient for fire suppression.

8) One of the Pease Development Authority parcels originally slated to be a cargo facility will be used for advanced manufacturing. Additional parcels exist that could be used for a cargo facility in the future.

9) Hampton Chamber discussed plans for helping Rye 400 with Beach & Brew on June 24th at Wallis Sands State Park. The three hour tasting event would take place on the grass area where many events are held. The Police Chief feels it will be a slippery slope for more events that would be contrary to the character of Rye. Select Board voted to be in support.

10) Rye Lions Club would like to donate benches made of recycled water bottles to be located at the Town Hall Extension. Select Board will create a site plan for HDC to review.

Select Board Meeting October 17th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

1) A contractor previously used by Rye Fire Union will no longer be used after a fund raising request with a town letter head was sent to residents. Apologies were made.

2) RWD discussed the Boil Water, timeline, actions, what is known and what is not known. For good background, this starts at [29:00 on recorded video](#).

3) There are two alert systems, the [NH Alert system](#) and the RWD alerts, residents are suggested to be registered to both.

4) Police presented plan for body cameras and acceptance of the grant money that will help adding this equipment.

5) 2022 Rye Holiday Parade will be December 4th at 3pm, instead of 1pm as in past years. Groups should get applications submitted once posted. [Sign-up form](#).

6) Rye Fire and Safety will be adding prehospital ventilators to improve safety service.

7) Beach Sticker revenue is split between DPW for beach maintenance costs and the general fund. DPW costs have been running higher than the allocated revenue. DPW asked for a larger percentage to cover costs. Beach sticker revenue is down due to the new two per household limit.

8) Work from Home Policy for Town Employees was discussed, no decisions were made.

9) Gazebo restoration moves forward.

10) Harbor Road Bridge scanning has provided useful information, no final decisions have been made.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

October 17th: Hiring and Acquisition

October 24th: Personnel and Hiring



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: September 28 and October 19

Sep 28 Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Oct19 Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: Not available

- 1) October Binder [Click Here](#) October Public Packet: [Click Here](#)
- 2) Presentation of the new RES Outdoor education program.
- 3) Discussion of the budgets in the reserved trust funds and if they will be adequate.
- 4) RES roof has met the end of its useful life. Discussed the Go City Wide asset management tools
- 5) Board had initial discussion of the dress code policy.

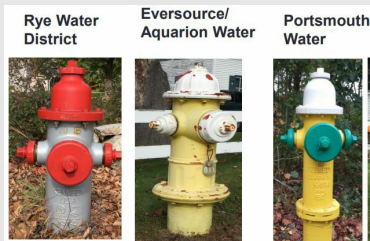
SAU 50 School Board Meeting: October 11th and Sept 21st.

Sep 21, Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Oct 11, Agenda: [Click Here](#) (minutes not available)

Next Meeting is November 16th.

- 1) First SAU50 Newsletter was discussed at School Board meeting.



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](#)

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| 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: October 5th

Water Use Guidelines: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) As the T-Mobile Cell Tower lease on the Lafayette Rd. Water Tank lease renewal is set for 2024, Rye Telecommunications Committee wanted to discuss if there could be options for a different or other carriers. RWD will wait to first hear from T-Mobile as multiple carriers creates additional work for RWD.
- 2) Wright-Pierce will be submitting the application to the NH DES Drinking Water Trust Fund for painting of the Washington Rd. Storage tank. There will also be a chemical analysis for lead and other chemicals.
- 3) Wright-Pierce will prepare the NRCS work for potential new well on the Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) Brown property. The RCC will review prior to any next steps.
- 4) State manganese ruling will be put off until July 2023, this would mandate a water treatment plant.
- 5) PFAS "seem to be increasing" and "the Town doesn't really have a good sampling plant on the landfill to correlate with RWD's results." [Click Here](#)
- 6) Commissioners expressed frustration that Rules & Regulation are not meeting, so they can't discuss requiring a building permit for adding irrigation to an existing home.

Sewer Commission: October 11th

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

- 1) Church Rd. pumping was down almost a million gallons from the same period in 2021.
- 2) Design/Build Abeniqui Pump station proposals were received and the NHDES will be contacted for next steps.

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](#)

Long Range Planning (aka Master Plan) October 4th

h, Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: non posted

- 1) Master Plan Steering Committee met for the first time on October 4th. Focus was introductions and discussions revolved around RFP draft moving forward and upcoming budget sessions.
- 2) If the Select Board endorses the proposed budget for the Master Plan update by a 3-Yes vote, it passes and the odds are high (at least 95%) that the voters will approve the budget at the March Election.
- 3) One member explained that she is a professional editor/writer and could help reviewing/editing documents.
- 4) Chair Robert Wright stated that he would like to have the RFP draft a bit more polished before the upcoming budget committee sessions (November/December). He also stated that the RFP "draft" will not be released to residents until March, just prior to the Town Election.

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) Pierce Condo's Site Walk not discussed

Planning Board Meeting: October 11th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#) There are no Notice of Decisions with the meeting minutes..

- 1) 215 -279 Pioneer Rd. Major Subdivision for a Condominium Conversion. Approved, all in favor of waivers for Septic Systems in the Parson's Creek Watershed. No NOD listing all of the conditions.
- 2) 711 Long John Rd. Approved, all in favor of changing the conditions that create a condominium association for maintaining the conditions of approval for putting three lots into a parcel that requires significant investments to meet conditions of approval.
- 3) 1214 Ocean Blvd. Major Site Development and Condominium Conversion approved, all in favor of waivers for adding a dormer.
- 4) 10 Goss Farm Rd. Approved 6-0, exception for a pool fence in the buffer.
- 5) 2 & 6 Airfield Drive. Approved 6-0, Waivers for adding a loading zone and propane tank access area.
- 6) Master Plan Steering Committee has been formed and one meeting held. Meeting minutes have not been posted yet. Next meeting is November 1st. Draft RFP is not available to the public.

Planning Board Rules and Regulations: September 6

Agenda [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: Not available

- 1) Public hearing on proposed land development regulations was held on Sep 20, 2022. The

[Proposed Land Development Regulation Amendments](#) are posted on the Town of Rye website [Click Here](#) for White Paper on why these were needed. There are many redactions.
September 20th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Planning Board Agenda November 8th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 15 Sagamore Rd. 3 Single condominiums and commercial property
- 2) 850 Washington Rd. 3 lot sub-division
- 3) 28 Pine St. lot line adjustment
- 4) 457 Central Rd. driveway
- 5) LDR 2022-7
- 6) Where to meet - Town Hall or Library
- 7) Conceptual consultation by Jones & Beach.

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: Oct. 5th & 19th

Recorded Video: October 5th [Click Here](#) October 19th: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: October 5th [Click Here](#) October 19th [Click Here](#)

Note: *October 19th draft minutes are not complete as they are missing the detail that is normally provided.*

RCL Notes and Relief/Variations Tracking Table: [Click Here](#) 178 Variations YTD, wetlands back on top with 76 variations (42% of total variations YTD).

- 1) Merrymeeting Land - Granted 4-1 Six wetland variations and granted 5-0 driveway special exception. There are seven conditions. [Case #33-2022](#)
- 2) 691 Brackett Rd. Granted 5-0 seven variations and on special exception for work in the wetlands. There are three conditions from the RCC. [Case #38-2022](#)
- 3) 354 Wallis Rd. Granted 5-0 four variations for a non-conforming building [Case #43-2022](#)
- 4) 163 Parsons Rd. Granted 5-0 relief from building code. [Case #34-2022](#)
- 5) 28 Pine St. Granted 5-0 variations for lot line adjustments with 26 Pine St. No NOD provided
- 6) 941 Ocean Blvd. Granted 5-0 Variations with one condition for deck and walk way. No NOD provided
- 7) 20 Cable Rd. Granted 5-0 variations for a deck to a non-conforming structure. No NOD provided.
- 8) 11 Huntvale Ave. Granted 5-0 for a shed No NOD provided.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: November 2nd

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 16 Robin Rd. Generator set-backs
- 2) 239 Wallis Rd. Propone storage in the wetland buffer.
- 3) 1 Cable Rd. requests amendment to the condition to provide additional time.
- 4) 457 Central Rd. Driveway and shed

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: October 18th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Video: [Click Here](#)

1) Special meeting held October 12th to discuss the expansion work. Recorded Video [Click Here](#)
 Developing 2023 warrant article that is only for are moving the museum, parking lot, and septic system. Everything else is for the future or a placeholder for something that is "TBD." Click for [comparison document](#) and draft [June drawing](#).

2) First wave of work includes:

- Move the Town Museum closer to Washington Road, adjacent to the library, to create a campus-like setting
- Create space for the future expansion of the library building
- Relocate and replace the parking lot to the rear of the common
- Relocate and replace the septic system for the Town Museum

3) Budget will be discussed with the Select Board and Budget Committee.

4) Bulletin policy will be updated so that expired notices can be removed.

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: October 13th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes. Not available

1) 941 Ocean Blvd. site walk was October 17th

2) October 19th site walks at 10 Goss Farm Lane, 239 Wallis Rd. and 23 Harbor View Drive



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: October 3rd.

Oct 3rd Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

Recreation Commission has 2 open positions



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: October 6th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1) In depth financial report discussed along with designation of funds

2) Progress on historic signage plaques

3) Discussion of placement of the gazebo beside Town Hall

4) Update and publicize need to adopt graveyards, there are many that need maintenance.

5) Rye Advocates continue the work of documenting old houses

Demolition Review: October 12th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 1595 Ocean Blvd was deemed architecturally important and historically significant. Board took a number of actions for next steps.
- 2) Two new potential member were discussed.
- 3) October 26th recorded video: [Click Here](#) Agenda [Click Here](#)

Historic District Commission Meeting: October 12th

Oct 12th Agenda: [Click Here](#) (draft meeting minutes not available)

Oct 12th Video Streaming: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Lydia Tilsley appointed Vice Chair of HDC
- 2) The Commission is looking into expanding the district to provide protection for the neighborhoods adjacent to the current district. The current target is to get aim for getting a town vote on the expansion of the district in 2024. In the meantime, the commission will apply for grants, complete an inventory of the structures in the proposed expansion area and start communications and awareness campaigns.
- 3) Tate and Foss will be sponsoring the candlelight stroll. The stroll kicks off the Rye 400th Celebration. It will is being held after the Rye Holiday Parade on Sunday, December 4th. Carolers from the church will kick off the stroll and lead the public through town center to Parsons Field. The stroll will end at Parsons Field with the lighting of the holiday tree.
- 4) Solar panel project for the Rye Junior High School has started.

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: No September 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: October 4th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: Scheduled but not available

- 1) Button Up Workshop will be 1.5 hours. November 3rd at the Portsmouth Public Library [Click Here](#)
The event is available for anyone to attend to learn more about improving the energy efficiency of your home, efficiency programs (energy audits and weatherization programs), rebates available on appliances, and other incentives available form Eversource. Any resident that wants to use energy wisely and save money, especially in light of recent increases in energy prices, will find this information very useful.
- 2) The Select Board approved the modifications to the Energy Aggregation Plan. The next step is for the Town Administrator to submit the plan to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Kevin Walsh has been provided with a letter to the Commissioner of the PUC and the finalized plan.
- 3) School solar update Installation of solar panels on Rye Junior High should begin in a couple of weeks. In lieu of a free solar panel (promised to a RJH student), Revision will be installing an EV charging station at RJH.
- 4) Clark Fenner from Senergy Solar presented an update on the potential for developing a solar array on the old Rye landfill (across for the newly built condos on Rt 1).

Rye Recycling Education Committee: October 18th

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video:

- 1) Discuss status of Swap Shop: better signage, repairs, etc.
- 2) Update on video of transfer station
- 3) Cynthia Bogert voted in to replace Joan Provencher on RREC
- 4) Plan to work with RJH environmental club starting in November.
- 5) Status of contest for best transfer station in NH

Telecommunication Infrastructure Committee:

- 1) Select Board extended the charge to March 2024. [Click here](#) for the posted charge that ended in 2020.



Mosquito

Mosquito Complaint Form: [Click Here](#)

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

Dragon Mosquito Program Overview: [Click Here](#)

Mosquito Commission Meeting: October 18th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not Available



Beach Committee

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

Parking Assessment Study: [Click Here](#)

Beach Committee Meeting: October 19th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: Scheduled but not available

- 1) Results from Beach Cleanup on Oct. 1, 2022 190 items collected, 22.4 lbs.
- 2) DPW will budget for bike racks. Number of racks not yet determined. The Beach Committee members will look at beach access points that could accommodate a bike rack.
- 3) Dog Waste Containers- the trial period has been successful. The Select Board will review usage within the larger view of Rye's Carry-In-Carry-Out policy
- 4) Beach Committee recommended/voted for Cybele Grier for Member and for Joan Zofnass for Alternate
- 5) April 1st 2023, 400th Anniversary Beach Cleanup 4 for 4 beaches (01-4 dates?)
- 6) Beach Stickers: Anne Baker is working on sticker design. Andy Stecher, Chair Rye 400th gave the Beach Committee permission to use the 400th logo.
- 7) Beach Access, including handicap access & parking Members will be vigilant, especially throughout the summer season. Concerns have included bushes blocking access points, individuals blocking some beach areas with large flower points, sea grass and 6 unused beach chairs in a semicircle in front of a house near F-access.

G. LISTING OF PROJECTS WITH CIP PRIORITY

Summary of Rye Capital Project Requests: 2019 - 2024
Table 9

Projects under the Rye Board of Selections:

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) October 24th

Agenda: Oct 24 [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: Oct 24 [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Not Available

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.

2) Tax rate for 2022 is needed to complete the tables and submit to the Select Board for acceptance.

Budget Committee Meetings: Schedule

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

Nov 3rd: Select Board Day Work Session with Dept. Heads [Agenda](#)

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

Join us each month for a public forum discussion about current topics in town. Board meeting runs 6:30 - 7pm. General meeting starts at 7 pm. All are welcome to join this discussion. What is on your mind? What can make our town better? All town-related topics are on the table. Let's learn from each other [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 email.

All articles are written by the RCL editors and contributors. Questions or comments? Ideas for news articles? Contact the RCL at civicnews@ryecivicleague.org

Rye Town Handbook from the Rye Civic League

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.

NOTE: 2022 Update is available at the Library, Native and other locations. All sections are also posted on the Rye Civic League website.

[Click Here for a PDF version of the handbook](#)

An Invitation to membership in the Rye Civic League

The Civic News is free and distributed to over 1,300 people. Many people read the Civic News. Some people support it.

To support the Civic League and keep the Civic News going, become a member with a contribution \$12 (or more) each year.

Our annual costs include:

- Website hosting and URL registrations
- Civic News email distribution (Constant Contact)
- Fees for being a 501-C and NH Secretary of State filing fees
- Printing
- 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 to each RCL monthly meeting. Meetings are the last Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Location announced in the Civic News
- 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.