

Rye Civic News

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September 2022 Highlights

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

1) Rye Water District, RCC and Select Board meeting defined steps that could eventually allow testing for new wells on RCC land. Key points that surfaced during the discussion: [Wright Pierce Slides Recorded Video](#).

- Due to changing EPA requirements for safe drinking water, Rye Water District will need a water treatment plant at some point (estimated cost \$10M)
- Irrigation results in a heavy load on Rye's current capacity. [See 2020 and 2021 usage](#).
- Rye has been running on two wells and only utilizing the Cedar Run well in emergencies as there can be high Iron or Manganese at times. As these two wells are near each other, a single environmental accident could put both wells out of operation.
- RWD will not commit to support the proposed 80 Unit Development on Route 1

2) Total 2022 assessment was at 47.6% increase, giving Rye an assessed value of \$3,453,370,900. While Rye's local tax rate will go down, Rye will now contribute a larger portion of the Rockingham County budget. [More Information](#). Abatement filing period is from when you get your Fall bill to March 1, 2023.

3) David Burdick presented the history and importance of healthy salt marshes and remediation steps Rye could take to initiate, similar to Awcomin Marsh (by Rye Harbor). Healthy tidal marshes reduce the impact of rising sea levels and are a massive carbon sink. Tidal marsh restoration starts with re-establishment of single channel hydrology (key first step), removal of tidal restrictions and increasing levels of sediment in the marshes. [Click Here](#)

4) Harbor Road Bridge has deteriorated and will require repair work, DWP still gathering information so options can be evaluated. [Click Here](#)

5) Rye Police presented to the Select Board a request to move forward with Body Cameras [Click Here](#)

6) Public hearing on proposed land development regulations was held. The [Proposed Land Development Regulation Amendments](#) are posted on the Town of Rye website. Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

7) Planning Board has created a Master Plan Steering Committee with five members of the Public, but no representatives from RCC, Schools, RWD, Budget Committee etc.... Note, Rye Recreation, Public Library and Schools have separate long range planning documents.

8) 1704 Rye residents voted In the September 13 primary election, that's roughly 37% of age-eligible voters. [Click here](#)

9) The project for installing Solar Panels at Rye Junior High is moving forward

10) Rye Civic League is actively looking for volunteers to assist editing the Civic News and/or setting up events, such as candidates' night or the recent David Burdick talk on Tidal Marshes. [Click Here](#)

Your Rye Night Out: [Click Here](#) October 26th 7pm Inn at Park'd, 25 Sagamore Rd

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

Town positions e-mail	Planning or Zoning positions: e-mail
Beach Committee	1 Member and 2 Alternate Vacancies
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/Greenland Candidates Night October 20th, RJH 7pm
- 2) Rye Energy "Button Up" Workshop. November 3rd, 6:30pm Portsmouth Library. [More Information](#)
- 3) RPL is opening up the Library Common for Candidates Circles October 2nd to October 19th. [Click Here](#) for more information.
- 4) Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#) 2022 Process Information [Click Here](#)
- 5) GIS Town Mapping Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on how to find properties with the Rye GIS mapping.
- 6) Coastal Watershed 2022 NH Climate Summit took place in September. [Click Here](#) and [Here](#) for the new plan and a link to a fact sheet about the plan via the new "Connect To Protect" site. "ONE ACRE A DAY, That's how quickly we are losing natural lands in New Hampshire's coastal watershed to development."
- 7) Sunday December 4th, 4pm A Vintage Christmas Candlelight Stroll [Click Here](#)

November 8th Election Information

- 1) **October 20th, 7pm at the Rye Junior High School** will be Candidates Night for State Senate, Executive Council, State Representatives District 24, State Representative District 38. A dedicated e-mail will be sent when the details are finalized.
- 2) [Click here](#) Primary Results
- 3) There will be two State articles on the ballot this year. [Click Here](#) for explanation from the League of Women Voters. NH SOS explanation. [Click Here](#)
- 4) Information that should be accessible on the Website for the election [Click Here](#). Expanded with full [Survey Results](#). What can you find on our Town Website?

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

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

[Recreation Commission](#) Oct 3, 6:00pm
[Long Range Planning](#) Oct 4, 1:00pm
[Energy Committee](#) Oct 4, 3:00pm
[Board of Adjustment at Town Hall](#) Oct 5, 7:00pm
[Planning Board Site Walk](#) October 6, 1:00pm
[Heritage Commission](#) October 6, 5:30pm
[Indigenous People Day - Town Offices Closed](#)
October 10, 2022 (All day)

[Historic District Commission](#) October 12, 5:30pm
[Conservation Commission](#) October 13, 6:30pm
[Select Board](#) October 17, 6:30pm
[Mosquito Control Commission](#) October 18,
5:00pm
[Recycling Education Committee](#) October 18,
6:30pm
[School Board](#) October 19th, 5:30pm

[Sewer Commission](#) October 11, 8:00am
[Capital Improvement Program](#) October 11,
4:30pm
[Planning Board](#) October 11, 6:00pm

[Beach Committee](#) October 19, 6:30pm
[Capital Improvement Program](#) October 24,
4:30pm
[Select Board](#) October 24, 6:30pm
Trick or Treat October 30, 5:00pm to 7:00pm
[Capital Improvement Program](#) October 31,
4:30pm



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 September 12th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Resident provided the Select Board with information that should be easily accessible on the Town Website to support the election. [Click Here](#). Full report information [Click Here](#).
- 2) On October 10th traffic will be re-routed through the School parking lot as a water-line is installed at the Town Hall Annex. Still planning a late Fall opening for the Town Hall annex.
- 3) 2022 Final Assessment is \$3,453,370,900, a 47.6% increase from 2021. There were 297 meetings (9%) with residents regarding the re-evaluations. The final report will be made available at Town Hall. [More Information](#).
- 4) Police Department presented their evaluation and recommendations for the preferred body camera and system to the Select Board.
- 5) Rye Town Center Committee will now have a technical group to be involved with the TAP Grant and another focused on visioning.
- 6) Rye is fortunate that the Rye Energy Committee acted early to engage in the Community Power Coalition as there are another thirty-six communities who have expressed interest and most wait.
- 7) DPW Director will be providing updates on the Harbor Road bridge as more information is collected so options can be evaluated..

Select Board Meeting September 19th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Resident asks for update on the [\\$100K Parson's Creek project](#), specifically the DNA results, no update or status was provided.
- 2) Rye receives State funds for roads, accepted the \$115,401 block grant
- 3) Mrs. Defreeze continues the wish of a former student who died of cancer by having her 4th Grade Class raise funds for Alex's Lemonade Stand. [Click Here](#)
- 4) Discussion on where the Gazebo can be placed once it is restored, effort is driven by the Heritage Commission.
- 5) Rye needs about 14 Life Guards during the summer and there were only nine and some of these are moving on from Life Guarding. Fire Chief discussed a plan to support certifications in an effort to attract lifeguards for next summer.
- 6) Discussion on how to shift funding to pay for tasks associate with the Harbor Road Bridge investigation and option discussions.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

Sept. 9th: Personnel and Collective Bargaining
Sept. 12th: Collective Bargaining



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 28th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: Not available

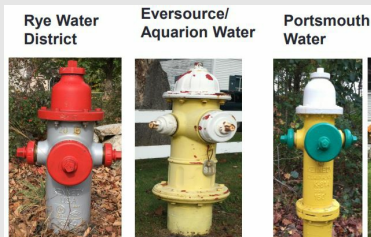
Public Packet Information: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rye Junior High School's Amy Reynolds presented the 2022/23 Personalized Learning Program School Principals Anne Gilbert and Michelle Pitts reported on their initial school safety plans and activities.
- 2) The School Board approved stipends for school support staff to mitigate the significant staffing losses due to pay equity disparities with neighboring districts
- 3) The School Board voted to accept a \$37,000+ gift from the PTA charity golf event to help pay for Rye Elementary School playground improvements
- 4) The next School Board Meeting will be at the Rye Junior High on October 19th starting at 5:30P

SAU 50 School Board Meeting: September 21

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Joint Board received an update on grant programs and requirements
- 2) Board received an orientation on financial reporting and budget process
- 3) Superintendent updated the board on his entry plan and provided preliminary findings
- 4) The next SAU50 Joint Board meeting will be held at Rye Junior High School on November 16th at 6:30P



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: September 7th

Water Use Guidelines: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) Jennifer Mates, NH DES, met with the Commissioners to discuss point of entry sampling criteria for blending purposes to accommodate the new ruling on manganese levels, which is anticipated to take effect on January 1, 2023.
- 2) Commission approved the On Call Engineering Service Agreement with Wright-Pierce for the additional Garland Well work associated with blending for an estimated \$20,000.
- 3) The monthly pumping totals are reflecting a decrease. However, the pumping totals are at a historical high on an annual basis.
- 4) Benchmark is moving forward with connection to RWD's existing main on the western side of Rte 1.
- 5) Work on Garland pump house continues. The KOH pump switch has been implemented. The next step is to install the transducer. Having this equipment is going to allow for consistent reporting, as the information is currently being input manually at different period of times.
- 6) Chair Ditto attempted to meet with the Rules and Regulations Committee, while the meeting was posted for 4pm, he arrived before that and the doors were shut for a non-public session and he was not able to communicate the proposed zoning ordinance for irrigation systems.
- 7) RWD and Greg Smith from Wright-Pierce met with the Rye Conservation Commission to discuss the process involved with the District's water source investigation on conservation land in town.

September 15th: RWD, RCC and Select Board meeting.

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

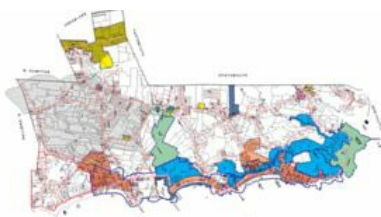
Presentation slides: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rye Water Summary of current well situation.
 - Garland (gravel) and Baily Brook wells are providing Rye water as they do not have manganese and iron levels above state maximums.
 - These two wells are close in proximity and a single environmental accident could close both wells,
 - Cedar Run Well is only used out of necessity, when additional water is needed. Well can have Iron and Manganese levels above recommended levels.
 - RWD communicated that it currently can not provide water the latest Rt. 1 proposed development in Rye.
- 2) A disproportional number of customers use large volumes of water, mostly for irrigation. [Click Here](#) for 2020 and 2021 usage comparisons.
- 3) RWD has been searching for new well locations for several years. Note, Aquarion water is also looking for additional wells.
- 4) RCC works hard to include water rights in conservation lands, but is concerned about the total area of land (wellhead protection and sanitary zone) would be consumed a new well.
- 5) As RCC has yet to discuss what should/could be allowed on the Brown property. RWD will be working in parallel to produce the DES information required to drill for wells.

Sewer Commission: September 13th

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

- 1) Church Road Pump station flow was down in August compared to 2021 (2,914,300 compared to 3,889,600 gallons).
- 2) 61 Red Mill Lane sewer connection was approved.
- 3) Altus Engineering is working on the plans to improve the Adams Mobil Home Park waste disposal system that had previously discharged to Berry's Brook.
- 4) Initial budget proposal is \$414,440 a \$54,152 increase.
- 5) Six companies attended the site walk for the Abeniqui Pump Station update site walk.



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) September 6th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) RFP draft to be presented to Planning Board member at the September 13th meeting.
- 2) To oversee the work of the Master Plan Steering Committee, the LRP Committee has created a "Master Plan Project Team (MPPT)." 5 residents and 2 Planning Board members along with Chair Losik acting as ad-hoc member have been selected to serve on the Master Plan Steering Committee.
- 3) "The Consultant shall lead the Master Plan Project Team (MPPT), which is comprised of the Planning Board, the Long Range Planning Committee and the Master Plan Steering Committee/working groups" ([LRP meeting minutes 09/06/22, p.1](#)).
- 4) At the September 13th Planning Board meeting, Planning and Zoning Administrator read the list of candidates selected to serve on the Master Plan Steering Committee.

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) Site walk at Stoneleigh and Signature Drive, while reported in good shape, comment made on the infiltration basin and conservation markers need to go in. Discussions about using South Rd for access to Lot 1 vs. where the drive will be.
- 2) 1244 Washington Rd site walk reported that a few trees will need to be replaced.

Planning Board Meeting: September 13th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) Approved aesthetic changes to the workforce housing units at 30 units on Rt. 1 by Dow Lane [Notice of Decision](#)
- 2) 251 to 279 Pioneer Rd. Granted 6-0 five variances for condo conversion. [NOD Case #13-2021](#)
- 3) 18-20 Cable Rd. Granted 6-0 expansion of rear deck, but applicant still needs to go to ZBA [NOD Case #41-2022](#)
- 4) Master Plan Steering Committee members were named. All non-planning board members have a two year term. The first meeting will be October 4th at 1pm. No agenda is posted.

Planning Board Rules and Regulations: September 6

Agenda [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: Not available

- 1) Rules and Regs Committee met on September 6th with Attorney Eric Maher in a Non Public Session to review the Rye Zoning Ordinance.
- 2) As shown on the video streaming/recording, the "public" part of the meeting lasted only 22 seconds with no Pledge of Allegiance, no Introduction, and no Motion to go into a Non Public Session.
- 3) See Rye Water District Minutes as RWD Commissioner attempted to attend the meeting prior to the non-public session.
- 4) 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 October 11th

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
- 6) 1214 Ocean Boulevard to add dormers.
- 7) 10 Goss Farm Lane to add a pool fence in the voluntary 25' buffer
- 8) Minor Site development 2 & 6 Airfield Drive to add paved loading zone and propane tank access.

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: September 7th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes and Relief/Variations Tracking Table: [Click Here](#) 121 Variations YTD

- 1) 6 Tower Ave: Denied 5-0 requests for ADU parking changes. Case #21-2022
- 2) 640 Long John Rd. Granted 5-0 six variations and one relief from building code for expansion in to the wetland buffers. There are seven conditions that the town needs to monitor. Case#45-2022
- 3) 80 Locke Rd. Granted 5-0 variance to build in the wetland buffer with six conditions to be monitored by the town. Case #34-2022
- 4) 1 Central Rd. Granted 5-0 for a hot tub near the property boundary. Case#42-2022

Year to date: 121 occurrences of relief, with most in dimension requirements, wetlands/wetland buffers and non-conforming structures. [Click Here](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: October 5th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 354 Wallis Rd. Expansion of a non-conforming structure
- 2) 2 Merrymeeting Lane for a new home in wetland buffers
- 3) 163 Parsons Rd. Replace a cesspool with a septic system without minimum distances
- 4) 691 Brackett Rd. special exception for driveway and variations for expansion
- 5) 28 Pine Str. Lot line adjustment for demolition and reconstruction of a non-conforming building
- 6) 941 Ocean Blvd. Set back variations and lot coverage for a building expansion.
- 7) 1417 Ocean Blvd.: Request for administrative appeal
- 8) 18 & 20 Cable Rd.: Expansion of decks
- 9) 11 Huntervale Ave.: Adding a shed
- 10) 16 Robin Rd.: Adding a generator



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: Sept 20th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Video: Not Available

- 1) Professional Library Fundraiser provided an overview of her work and discussed the RPL ideas.
- 2) RPL is opening up the Library Common for Candidates Circles October 2nd to October 19th. [Click Here](#) for more information.
- 3) Budget increases (electricity, new fixtures, landscaping) were discussed
- 4) Brown Foundation provided a \$10K grant.

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: Sept. 8th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes. [Click Here](#)

RCL CC notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rye's rare Atlantic White Cedar groves between South, Grove, and Love Lane have expanded by 50% since the 1990's according to a preliminary report by NH Natural Heritage Bureau
- 2) Focus of Rye Water District proposed water source exploration is at the Brown Lane Farm conservation lands. Note there was a joint meeting with RWD/Select Board Sept 15th. [Recorded Video.](#) Slides. [Click Here](#)

- 3) Conservation Commission will budget for a license to access GIS to include "missing parcels" in Town GIS maps and for manipulating layers. New Land Use Assistant has the background to do this.
- 4) 60 Causeway Rd. Expansion into the wetlands
- 5) 5 Whitehorse Drive. Variances for work to restore wetlands after un-approved work.
- 6) 377 Brackett Rd. Fence and conservation easement
- 7) ArcGIS is missing Conservation Land, budget to get this corrected
- 8) Letter from resident discussing Atlantic White Cedars. [Click Here](#)
- 9) Letter from resident regarding 2015 Wetland Ordinance that the Planning Board did not move past the first public hearing. [Click Here](#)

Why Healthy Tidal Marshes Matter, David Burdick: Sept. 15th

Video recording: [Click Here](#) (first 20 minutes were not recorded).
 Presentation slides [Click Here](#)

- 1) This event was co-sponsored by Rye Civic League and Rye Conservation Commission
- 2) David talked about the need of healthy tidal marshes to reduce the impact of rising sea levels is so important for our community to keep in the forefront.
- 3) David explained the history of farming in the marshes by the early settlers
- 4) He talked about the approach to be taken for tidal marsh restoration which starts with re-establishment of single channel hydrology, removal of tidal restrictions and increasing levels of sediment in the marshes and that single channel hydrology needs to come first. [Click Here](#) for his recommendations for next steps.



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: September 12

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recreation Commission has 2 open positions

- 1) Still battling where to put the grass clippings. Committee may investigate a robotic mower that sufficiently mulches.
- 2) To avoid losing money on the ski program, alternative are being investigated.
- 3) Hampton has ended its Flag football program, so Dyana will investigate.
- 4) New hires are working out and have received compliments from parents.
- 5) Wave room pricing was going up in September.
- 6) Discussion of possible new positions for next year. One is a full-time Assistant Director/Programmer

and a 10 hour a week Parks Maintenance person.

7) Discussions about the adult basketball program and the youth basketball program. Committee Chair Belden and Rec. Director Martin will meet to discuss in more detail.



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: Sept. 15th

1) Discuss gazebo repair by Triple construction company

- plan meeting at site with carpenters

- report to Select Board on new site

- plan sequence of steps on completion of project

Demolition Review: September 7th, 19th and 26th

Recorded Video: Sep 7th [Click Here](#), 19th [Click Here](#), 26th [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Sep 7 [Click Here](#) 19th and 26th: Not Available

1) 16 Wentworth Road is neither architecturally important nor historically significant

2) 1627 Ocean Blvd is neither architecturally important nor historically significant

3) 61 Red Mill Lane is neither architecturally important nor historically significant

4) Auction property - 15.9 acre parcel located at 651 South Road along with 2 houses located at 325 and 309 West Road -keeping watch on auction.

5) 691 Brackett Rd - barn needs to be repaired, there is a grant program for barn restoration; no application to demo for been submitted.

Historic District Commission Meeting: September 14

September 14 Meeting minutes not posted

September 14 Meeting Video Streaming [Click Here](#)

1) Candlelight Stroll to kick off Rye 400. On December 4, after the annual holiday parade the HDC will sponsor a candlelight stroll from the library to Parsons Field. The stroll will end with lighting the tree in Parsons Field. This event along with the holiday parade will kick off the Rye 400 Celebrations.

2) With the primary and election season signs are popping up all over. What are the rules in the district? After much discussion the commission has decided to draft recommendations on all sorts of temporary signs to be discussed at the next meeting.

3) The commission is starting to discuss expanding the district. The plan is to expand down Central Road just past the cemetery. A draft map has been created. The next step is to find out from other historic districts best practices for approaching homeowners with the benefits of being part of the district

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: September 6th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Budget will include attend the Local Energy Solutions workshop, tickets are complementary from Clean Energy NH membership.
- 2) Button Up Workshop will be 1.5 hours. November 3rd at the Portsmouth Public Library. [Click Here](#)
- 3) Rye 400 contribution will be the history of power in Rye.
- 4) Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) agreement is going back to the Select Board. CPCNH is moving forward with RFPs for contacts.
- 5) Lebanon is the first to have its Energy Aggregation Plan approved, Rye's plan is based on the same template.

Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire Public Meeting: Sep 6th

Notice: [Click Here](#)

Rye Recycling Education Committee: Sept. 21st

- 1) Discuss status of Swap Shop and needed repairs
- 2) Discuss new signage at Swap Shop
- 3) discuss status of video on transfer station
- 4) discuss status of recycling at both schools and student environmental groups

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: September 20th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not Available

- 1) Dragon activity report: Spraying was completed on Aug 25th at Parsons Field and the recreation area.

The Rec director has asked that the Rec Area be sprayed again, which will happen at the same time as the tick spraying on the trail.

- 2) Marsh upkeep: BTI use as about average this year, lost 3 greenhead traps, so have 196 to start following year. Typically, make ~16 new traps/year - recommendation is to have about 250 total traps
- 3) There has been no disease in Rye and surrounding areas (e.g. West Nile)
- 4) Dragon invoice was approved
- 5) 2023 budget - Dragon to provide expected increases due to labor and supplies costs



Beach Committee

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

Beach Committee Meeting: September 21st

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Meeting Minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Shoulder Season Water Testing began @ Sawyers on September 14, 2022. Surfrider Foundation New Hampshire has been taking samples from different beaches along the NH Seacoast for several years.
- 2) The Beach Committee now supports and funds the twice- monthly testing at Sawyers. The samples are tested at the UNH Jackson Estuarine Lab at Adams Point. The NH Department of Environmental Services conducts testing, from Memorial Day through Labor Day. With an increase in beach usage year-round, water testing has become more important.
- 3) Beach Cleanup @ Pirates Cove on October 1st @ 9am. Sponsored by the Beach Committee and Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation
- 4) Reviewing options for bike racks @ beaches

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) September 12th and 26th

Agenda: Sep 12 [Click Here](#) Sep 26 [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: Sep 12 [Click Here](#) Sep 26 [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

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](#)

Town Facebook page: [Click Here](#)

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

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

Fire Department Facebook: [Click Here](#)

Rye 400 page: [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](#)

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 email.

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: 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 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.