



December 2022



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November Highlights[VIDEO: Watch the Highlights & History Note](#)

1) At the Coakley Landfill update meeting, NH DES says PFOA and other toxic contamination in Rye water is most likely from Grove Rd. and Breakfast Hill Landfills, and not from Coakley. Grove Rd test data available here. [Table of data](#) NH DES notified private homes with wells over the summer. [Click Here](#) Water testing results are here. [May 22 testing report](#)

2) Select Board will move almost \$973,326 from un-assigned fund balances to achieve a 3% average tax increase in resident tax bills. The un-assigned fund balance will be reduced 11.4% to \$3,065,104. Mill rate now \$6.98 as Assessed Value increased 47% to \$3,244.252,900 during reassessment. Last year though almost \$2M from the unassigned fund was used to keep the tax rate flat, the balance increased by \$2M this year. The unassigned fund balance will remain within the acceptable range. [DRA Tax Rate statement](#)

3) DPW, Recreation and Fire & Safety all looking for staffing increases. See Select Board budget workshop notes [Nov. 3rd](#) and [9th](#)

4) [Capital Investment Plan](#) was accepted by Select Board. Approximately \$12M in named projects, plus another \$16M in Bonded projects (such as the \$11M Water Treatment plan). [Summary Table](#) and [Yearly details](#) for 2023-2028

5) 3757 residents voted on November 8th. [Click Here](#)

6) DPW will move to Credit Card payments for Bulky items at the transfer station. People will need to check in with the attendant (how it used to be). Proposing to upgrade and move the town refueling Gas Station to near the Salt shed as the current pump can no longer be maintained.

7) Planning Board will hold a [Public Hearing December 6th](#) on changes to Rye Zoning Ordinances. Note the Public Hearing is the last opportunity for residents to request changes. [Click here](#) for more information on the actual changes being proposed.

8) As part of the Rye 400th Celebration, Rye Heritage Commission has undertaken a project to create and install 7 historic markers to recognize Rye's history and culture. The appeal for funding for the "historic signage project" has been immediately successful with 6 of the 7 signs fully funded in the first week.

9) Rye Water District Boil water alert lifted. [Presentation](#) Recorded Video [Rye Water Map](#) Residents letter

about adhering to NHDES requirements [Click Here](#) (note: No RWD response to date)

10) 181 Variances granted by the Zoning Board YTD. [Click Here](#) Wetlands are the most common. 59 Cases heard in 2022.

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Your Rye Night Out: January 3rd 7pm Rye Public Library [Click Here](#)

NOTE: We are shifting these to AFTER the civic news publishes, so you can read up and then come and engage around what you have learned and ask additional questions.

Open Town Board Positions: Click Here

Town positions e-mail	Planning or Zoning positions: e-mail
Beach Committee	2 Alternate Vacancies
Heritage Commission	1 Alternate Vacancy
Historic District Commission.	3 Alternate Vacancies
Recycling Education Committee	2 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) Complete the Rye Recreation Planning Survey: [Click Here](#)
- 2) Town Petitioned Warrant Articles due January 10th [Click Here](#) School articles are due the same day, but are submitted to the SAU Greenland office.
- 3) Public Hearing on rework of Rye Zoning Ordinances by the Planning Board. December 6th [Agenda](#) with short overview of changes. Text of changes [Click Here](#)
- 4) Public Hearing on Land Development Changes December 13th 6pm [Click Here](#) Land Development Regulation Chapter 202 [Click Here](#) Changes in 9-20-22 amendments [Click Here](#)
- 5) RHS is seeing Rye photos from the 1900s. [More Information](#)
- 6) Assessment Data: Online views of town lots [Click Here](#) 2022 Process Information [Click Here](#)
- 7) 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

Please check the agendas for Locations

of town meeting

[Heritage Commission](#) Dec 1, 5:30pm
[Demolition Review Committee Site Walk](#)
Dec 2, 3:00pm
[Holiday Parade](#) Dec 4, 3:00pm
[Recreation Commission](#) Dec 5, 6:00pm
[Master Plan Steering Committee](#)
Dec 6, 1:00pm
[Energy Committee](#) Dec 6, 3:00pm
[Planning Board at the Town Hall](#)
Dec 6, 6:00pm
[Budget Committee](#) Dec 7, 6:30pm
[Board of Adjustment](#) Dec 7, 7:00pm
[Conservation Commission](#) Dec 8, 6:30pm
[Budget Committee](#) Dec 8, 6:30pm

[Select Board](#) Dec 12, 6:30pm
[Sewer Commission](#) Dec 13, 8:00am
[Planning Board](#) Dec 13, 6:00pm
[Historic District Commission](#)
Dec 14, 5:30pm
[Budget Committee](#) Dec 15, 6:30pm
[Mosquito Control Commission](#)
Dec 20, 5:00pm
[Recycling Education Committee](#)
Dec 20, 5:30pm
[Christmas Day \(observed\) - Town Offices](#)
Closed Dec 26, (All day)
[Select Board](#) Dec 27, 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 these topics unless a topic is pulled off the consent agenda. Remaining Consent agenda items are voted for in a single vote.
Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)

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

Select Board Meeting November 28th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

1) Resident who attended the November 14th Coakley Landfill presentation has found information regarding Rye water that has not been discussed or communicated to Rye Residents. [Click Here](#) for the resident's statement

- NHDES says PFOA and other toxins in Rye water are most likely from Rye's Breakfast Hill and Grove Rd. landfills and not from Coakley Landfill
- PFOA readings in 2021 and 2022 exceed current quality standards. [Click Here](#) for table [May 2022 Ground Water Testing Report](#)
- [NHDES has notified homes](#) with private wells within 500 ft. from the Grove Rd. monitoring sites that readings accede the current Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards for PFOAs and Manganese. Note: See PFOA found on a Lang Rd. private well. [Click Here](#)
- Testing results for Rye Water show PFOA (8.5 ppt) and PFOS (9 ppt) at levels below, but close to quality standard (15 ppt and 12 ppt, respectively). [Click Here](#)
- Portsmouth has a Safe Water Advisory group [Click Here](#)

2) Resident requests an update on the \$100K grant that included DNA testing in Parson's Creek; this request has been made previously and requests the FB Engineering 2022 beach testing data/final report ([see older ones](#))

3) New Patrolman Zack Madiros was sworn in.

4) Community Power is progressing with Rye in the first group of communities. More resident education will be need in the January/February time frame.

5) DPW will be implementing credit card readers for bulky materials. This is similar to the past where residents needed to check with a Transfer Station employee before dumping bulky waste.

6) DPW fueling equipment can no longer be serviced, so DPW would like relocate and install new equipment. Proposing to upgrade and move the town refueling gas station to near the Salt shed as the current pump can no longer be maintained.

7) DPW gave an overview of the Harbor Rd. Bridge. [Click Here](#) for a detailed summary

8) DPW looking to increase the amount to go to the DWP Vehicle reserve fund (has been \$100K per year).

9) As the Select Board went to approve the Resident halts approve the annual \$3000 for Grove Rd. Dump toxic chemical monitoring, resident speaks up to point out that may not be enough and referenced the statement from Public Comment. [Click Here](#)

10) Select Board want to move some funds from un-assigned fund balance to an emergency contingency fund.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

November 28th: Hiring

November 14th: Hiring and Personnel

November 3rd: Personnel

Select Board Meeting November 14th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Select Board proclaim week of November 14th Police Chief Walsh week.[Click Here](#)
- 2) Resident points out that there is high Arsenic levels in the water and submitted information to Rye Water District.
- 3) Select Board chose not to discuss the letter from a resident regarding the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinances. [Click Here](#)
- 4) Two new members joining the Energy Committee
- 5) CIP Plan was presented. Now accepted after tax information updated.[Click Here](#)
- 6) Discussion about the Parson's Creek pump-out ordinance as the current process only notifies residents when they are out of compliance at the three year mark for Septic system inspection. This maybe only one of possibly several areas for improvement.

Select Board: November 9th Tax Rate setting meeting

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Select Board decides that a 3% increase in taxes will be acceptable. Last year the Select Board decided to keep that tax rate flat by applying over \$1.9M from the un-assigned fund balance. Select Board is requesting that \$937,326 be applied from the un-assigned fund balance as NH DRA sets the rate. [Click Here](#) for details **2022 Tax Rate is \$6.98** as Town Property value increased by around 47% and is now \$3,244,252,900.
- 2) Reserves will increase from the 8.08% to 10% of appropriations for 2022.
- 3) Select Board plans to move \$50K from the reserve fund to a contingency fund via 2023 warrant article.

Select Board: November 3rd & 9th Budget Work Sessions

Recorded Video: Nov. 3rd [Click Here](#) Nov. 9th [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Nov. 3rd. [Click Here](#) Nov. 9th [Click Here](#)

- 1) Recreation, DPW and Fire & Safety are all looking at staff increases.
Recreation: Would like to return to pre-Covid Staffing
DPW: Would like a part time Administrative Assistant and additional staff.
Fire & Safety: These are part of the long term staffing plan that was [presented in June 2020](#).
[Click here](#) for Fire & Safety Plan Memo. [Click Here](#) to see the current organization
- 2) Discussions on the difficulty of attracting and retaining part-time staff in the current labor market
- 3) Discussions of outsourcing the Janitorial for Town Buildings. Schools have current dedicated janitors now.
- 4) Budget Committee has also had full day work sessions, but no draft meeting minutes are available

NHDES Coakley Landfill Update: November 14th

EPA Coakley update October 22: [Click Here](#)

NH DES support and Information on Toxic substance:[Click Here](#)

EPA National Plan to address PFAS health risks:[Click Here](#)

National Superfund sites: [Click Here](#) Coakley Superfund Page:[Click Here](#)

Map of Coakley site:[Click Here](#)

Updated Coakley testing data:[Click Here](#)

RCL draft notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) PFAS and other contamination in Rye water system is not from Coakley, but most likely from the Grove Rd. dump and Breakfast Hill landfill that are the responsibility of the Town of Rye.
[Click Here](#) for Table of Rye sampling data
Grove Rd. Testing Report [Click Here](#)
NH DES Letters to Rye Residents using private wells near Grove Rd landfill.[Click Here](#)
- 2) US EPA Kelsey Dumville Community Involvement and moderator stated the engineer slide presentation will be uploaded for the public on this site.
- 3) Extensive history of the Coakley Landfill was given. Investigation is ongoing. The belief is that the

water flow is mostly in the southern direction. However there are no southerly groundwater wells to perform the sampling for PFAS group and 1, 4 dioxane. They are looking at sites to drill wells.

4) Continuing to investigate hydro geology. The EPA expanded the definition of PFAS this month per the the Safe Water Drinking Agency (11/22 EPA website) from CCL 4 to its higher possible regulatory level CCL 5 (contaminate candidate list). NHDES adopted the PFAS MCL (maximum contaminate levels) on 9/30/2019 and they have not since changed (15,12,18,11 ppt).



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: November 16th

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#)

November Reports: (note these are available to the public before the meeting)

Superintendent Repot: [Click Here](#)

RES Report: [Click Here](#)

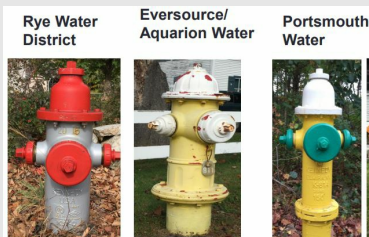
RJH Report: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussion of how to set an RES tuition rate for families who move out of Rye, but would like their students to continue the year in Rye.
- 2) Students led a presentation on the School Dress Code.
- 3) Enrollment projects were discussed (note links are not active on the google doc)
- 4) RES Riptide Cafe are being held once a month and will soon be inviting community members.
- 5) RES practiced an Active Situation drill with Deputy Chief Blaisdell.
- 6) RJH Wedgewood Festival was very well attended and discussions will continue with the Wedgewood Committee for new ideas.
- 7) Discussion of the new RES Roof warrant article

SAU 50 School Board Meeting: November 16th

Draft Minutes: None

Recorded video: None



Rye Water District and Sewer

RWD: meets 1st Wednesday of the month 9am at 60 Sagamore Rd. [Water Suppliers](#)

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 Infrastrucure Report Card: [Click Here](#) Imagine a day without water: [Click Here](#)

Rye Water District and Select Board Nov. 6th Special meeting

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Presentation: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1) As of the Civic News publication, RWD still does not know the cause of the fecal contamination requiring the boil water order.

2) RWD described the sequence of events leading to the boil water. This revealed that RWD has not been adhering to the time line for when there is a positive coliform sample, which is to perform repeat testing within 24 hrs. [Click Here](#) see 709.15 Repeat Monitoring

Note: On November 11th residents sent [this letter](#) to RWD and as of Civic News publication there has yet to be a response to residents.

3) Residents are encouraged to opt in to the [State E-911](#) notifications and RWD should opt into the [RWD notifications](#)

Rye Water District Meeting: November 10th

Water Use Guidelines: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1) Resident inquires why RWD does not communicate when test samples exceed NH maximum and that the May 2022 sample rates exceeded the NH maximum and were not communicated to the residents and boards. [Click Here](#) for table. [Click Here](#) for May 2022 report Master Sampling schedule: [Click Here](#)

2) RWD Chair states that RWD has not been contaminated by Coakley.

Note: NH DES said at the November 14th that toxic compounds are most likely coming from the Grove Rd. and Breakfast Hill Land fill that are owned by the town of Rye.

3) Wright Pierce reported that they are working with NH DES on the now required chlorination of RWD water.

4) Wright Pierce is offering to help RWD with grant requests for engineering work to deal with the contamination and manganese levels.

5) Once RCC reviews the NRCS letter it will be sent to NRCS so the new well location testing can start on the Brown property.

6) Asset Management project started last month. Facilities condition assessment will start in December.

7) Water usage continues to trend upwards when compared to previous years.

8) RWD continues to lobby the town to require that Building Permits are required whenever a home wants to install an irrigation system. While the Town Attorney feels the RWD can do this, it makes the process even more confusing for residents.

9) The property assessment for RWD is now \$2,204,844,000 working out to a RWD District Rate of \$0.91.

Sewer Commission: November 8th and 22nd

Draft Meeting Minutes: November 8th [Click Here](#) November 22nd [Click Here](#)

No Video as the meeting is at RWD

1) A gate valve is required to enable Hampton to clean the lines. Church Rd. Station backflow preventer will be replaced because it is sticking.

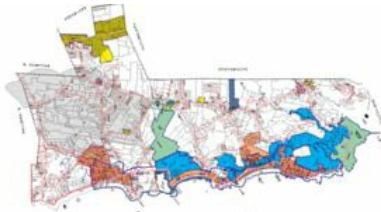
2) Dir. Arthur attended workshops to help with grant requests from the Clean Water State Revolving Fnd.

3) Discussion regarding the fee structure and flat rate for the resiliency of the department.

4) Questioned if NH DES needs to approve the Abeniqui Pump station upgrade.

5) Design/Build Abeniqui Pump station proposal was awarded for \$93,879

6) Voted to accept the \$30K from the NH DES CWDRF for the an asset management plan.



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](#)

Long Range Planning (aka Master Plan) November 1st.

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Planning and Zoning Administrator will be going to Select Board to request budget of \$90,000 for the 1st year of the Master Plan and \$22,000 for build out analysis and then the budget committee.
- 2) Draft RFP is being updated based on comments received and will be presented to Select Board with the budget request.
- 3) Current budget in conjunction by Julie LaBranche by reviewing what other municipalities have spent.
- 4) Discussion on whether to use RFQ (request for qualifications) and then RFP (request for proposal) or just RFP. Will be further discussed as they get closer to action.
- 5) Chair Wright indicated there is a lot of information on www.nh.gov explaining what a master plan and its requirements [Click Here](#)
- 6) Only required updates to Master Plan are "Vision" and "Innovative Land Use", so if budget were denied could edit only sections of Master Plan instead of a complete rewrite.
- 7) Committee noted the importance of informing Rye residents what the committee has been working on. If budget is approved, next steps would include to determine how to spread the word to Rye residents.

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: November 8th & 17th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) Friends of Rye Library are planning to resume their long-standing second Tuesday of the month in the Library Large meeting room. Planning Board would like to continue using the Library, but were not supportive of the other evenings when the Library room with video is available. However, later in the meeting minutes it is stated that Planning Board meetings would move to the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Library.
- 2) Board seems to favor having RWD to regulate Irrigation systems.
- 3) 26 & 28 Pine St. Approved lot line adjustment 6-0 [NOD Case #20-2022](#)

Planning Board: November 17th Review of proposed Zoning Amendment changes

Draft Meeting Minutes; Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) December 6th Public Hearing notice has summary [Click Here](#)
- 2) [Click Here](#) to view the changes

Planning Board Rules and Regulations: November 7th

Agenda [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) First of two meetings (second was at Planning Board on November 17 for public discussion on the proposed Zoning Amendment changes There will be a Public Hearing on Dec 6th at 6 pm in Town Hall.
- 2) The proposed Zoning Amendment changes can be found here. [Click Here](#)
- 3) The zoning amendments were drafted by the town's council with feedback from the Planning Board administrator, the Land Use assistant, and other town personnel. These amendments will be voted on by articles.
- 4) Resident submitted letter to Select Board in regards to proposed changes and process for obtaining public feedback on changes. [Click Here](#)
- 5) Public comment: 190-5.0, Proposal was to decrease the number of parking spaces for ADUs from 2 to 1. Comment was that the number of parking spaces should remain at 2. This proposal was further discussed at the Nov 17th meeting and the board voted to keep the number of parking spaces at 2.
- 6) Public comment: 190-3.1, Wetland Conservation Ordinance - aligning language with NRI and adding recommendations from NRI. [Click Here](#). A Wetland is no longer defined by an area, e.g. a wetland is a wetland regardless of its size.
- 7) Public Comment: 190-8-3, Enforcement/Administrative Decisions - a new section was added to reduced burden on the building department and move it to Zoning and Planning administrator, unclear if this is an appropriate change.
- 8) Art Ditto, from Rye Water had come before Rules and Reg in Jun, and asked to come back in Aug - is now asking that for irrigation systems there is a regulation on the installation of water meters in residential properties, currently there isn't one. Discussion on if it belonged in Zoning Ordinances or Building Code. Will be further discussed on Nov 17th

Planning Board Agenda December 12th

Agenda: Not yet posted

Code of the Town of Rye

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Zoning Board of Adjustments:

Meets 1st Wednesday

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

Town of Rye Code Book: [Click Here](#)

Rye Beach Village District Zoning is independent of the Rye ZBA. [Click Here](#)

GIS Information: [Click Here](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes: November 2nd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes and Relief/Variances Tracking Table: [Click Here](#) 181 Variances YTD, wetlands back on top with 78 variances

- 1) 16 Robin Rd. Approved 5-0 to allow generator within the side boundary [NOD #51-2022](#)
- 2) 293 Wallis Rd. Approved 5-0 propane tank in the wetland buffer with two conditions [NOD Case #53-2022](#)
- 3) 1 Cable Rd. Approved 5-0 to extend conditions 2 through 5 for two years from the issuance of the CO [NOD #54-2022](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: December 7th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 2 requests for rehearing - Closed to the public - 691 Bracket Rd. and 239 Wallis Rd
- 2) 1419 Ocean Blvd request for an Administrative Appeal to Building Inspector declaring it a legal apartment
- 3) 457 Central Rd. Driveway and Shed
- 4) 2000 Ocean Blvd. Installing a generator 50 feet from the wetlands
- 5) 7 Holland Drive. Large list of variances many in the wetlands
- 6) 30 Acorn Acres Renovation and expansion of a non-confirming building
- 7) 5 Whitehorse Dr. adding a pool and restoring disturbed wetlands



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: November 15th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussion of the warrant article to cover the Library Common construction costs. Next Library Common meeting will be December 7th 5:30pm Warrant article to be presented to the Select Board on December 8th
- 2) Library Common discussions Jan 5th (Heritage), Jan 16th (RHS), Jan 18th School Board
- 3) NH Library Group is working on grants to help Libraries add EV charging stations
- 4) Two other November meetings. Recorded Video: [Warrant Discussion Nov. 3rd](#) and [Special meeting November 29th](#)

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: November 10th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 57 Park Ridge. Landscapers continue to impact conservation land
- 2) 18 Whitehorse: RCC and Building inspector will investigate drainage
- 3) John Deere and Cart donated to Goss Farm
- 4) RCC will plant a Linden Tree as part of Rye 400
- 5) Now that Building Department has 3 people and there is a Land Use Assistant that they be more involved with "tree issues".
- 6) Front shed may be causing the need for repairs, that could cost \$17K
- 7) Contract awarded for 2023 to battle invasive species
- 8) Goss Farm Homeowners are mowing areas that were to be fields



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:

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: November 3rd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting min: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Proposed budget of \$4800 was presented to the Select Board on Nov 3rd.
- 2) Sign Project Fundraiser: Mailer for signs was ready and to be mailed out Nov 8th.
- 3) Graveyard adoptions: Discussion about getting publicity out to encourage Rye residents to adopt a graveyard. It was suggested to readdress the topic in the Spring.
- 4) Gazebo: Commission met outside of Town Hall to look at sites for the Gazebo. Timing for the contractor hired to work on the gazebo is coming near. The Commission agreed on the currently staked out site for the Gazebo and it was noted that two members had not been on the site walk and may not agree with the decision.
- 5) December meeting will be at Rye Town Museum and Rye Historical Society and the Historic District Commission will be invited to what will be a holiday meeting. Dec 1st 5-7 pm
- 6) Rye Advocates reports that digitizing of 317 historic houses built before 1901 and that it is in process of getting out to the public

Demolition Review: October 26th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 28 Pine St. is neither architecturally important nor historically significant.
- 2) 1595 Ocean Blvd. Raised the question of whose rule is that if renovations are more than 50% of building value, different building codes apply.
- 3) Board discussed the current process so DRC is seen as a resource not a hurdle.
- 4) Voted unanimously that there would be no value in holding a public hearing for 1595 Ocean Blvd, so none is needed.
- 5) November 28th video: [Click Here](#)

Historic District Commission Meeting: November 9th

Draft Meeting minutes : [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Streaming: [Click Here](#)

RCL minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rye 400 – Signage Project: A subcommittee of the Heritage Commission was formed to pursue a project to install historic signs in Rye. As part of the 400th Celebration, the committee is designing and deploying 7 signs highlighting various historic locations Rye. The signs will be funded through private donations. The Rye Town Center sign will be in the Historic District located near the Library Common. Peter White will come back to HDC for review once the location is finalized. He will have a mock-up at that time as well.
- 2) Expansion of the District: Brandee Loughlin, NH Division of Historic Resources Preservation Planning & Development Coordinator presented information about grants available to create a survey of the properties located within the proposed expansion of the district. To get things started the commission will draft a letter of intent, work on the application and research information about properties in the expansion area.
- 3) Open Seats: The Historic District Commission has three open seats

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](#)
Transfer Station Video: [Click Here](#)

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: November 1st

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: Scheduled but not available

- 1) Rye is in Wave 1 of communities planned for the Community Power program to begin in May 2023.
- 2) Key messages for residents are cost reduction, competitive rates, reliability and choice.
- 3) Discussion of a solar project on the Breakfast Hill Landfill, much still need to be done if a warrant will make the March 23 ballot.
- 4) School solar installation is in process. Schools may need to switch back to Eversource to leverage the community power options.
- 5) Added two new members.

Rye Recycling Education Committee: November 15th

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video:

- 1) Discussing a tour of the landfill
- 2) Transfer Station video is completed. Information the 20 recycling stations. [Click Here](#)
- 3) Rye was 3rd place for Best Practices in NH, received \$1000
- 4) RJH Science teacher will be launching a "Green Team". RREC discussing a combined landfill/documentary
- 5) Looking for more shelving in Swap shop.
- 6) Discussed next film, focus will be recycling in the home.

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: November 15th

Recorded Video: [Click here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Inflationary costs driving up budget 14%
- 2) Goal is to have 2023 RFP proposals reviewed and a recommendation to the Select Board in



Beach Committee

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

Beach Committee Meeting: November 21st

Draft Meeting Minutes: None [Agenda](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

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 Plan 2023-2028: [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) November 7th

Draft Meeting minutes: Not Available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1) 2023-2028 CIP was accepted by the Select Board [Click Here](#)

Budget Committee Meetings: Schedule

November 16th Town Work Session: [Recorded Video](#) No draft meeting minutes

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](#)

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

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.