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Rye Civic News

January 2023

2022 Citizen's Handbook [Click Here](#) National Civic League RCL Story [Click Here](#)



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RYE CIVIC FEST!!!!!! (1st ever)

Lunch Time - February 4th at the Town Deliberative Meeting, Rye Junior High School Cafeteria

Rye Civic Fest will include:

- Soup or other food. Desserts if people bring them
- Opportunities to learn more about Rye groups, boards, committees, commissions and other town entities

***HELP:** Rye Civic League needs help to make the Civic Fest a success, [e-mail](#) if you can be available to help before, during or after*

December Highlights

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

1) Fecal contamination in the [Parsons Creek Watershed](#) continues to get worse. 87% of 2022 fecal samples are above the limit, one was 885% above the safety limit. There are 9 locations that have not reported a septic system pump out and inspection. [Trend Line](#) and [more information](#).

2) Rye Schools are in need of para professionals. If you can help see [openings](#). 1 at RES and 3 at RJH See December [Special Ed report](#). Note: School Board is best in class by making all meeting discussion documents available to the public prior to the meeting.

3) Select Board looking to increase allowable Beach stickers to 3 and increase the price. 2023 commemorative design to be unveiled soon. [Click Here](#)

4) Town employees are starting to transition over to the Town Hall Annex. [Click Here](#)

5) Public input for changes to Planning, Zoning and Building ordinances must be at Public Hearings. December 6th: [Documents and information](#). Note Town [spent over \\$2,800](#) on the legal notice. December 13th Land Development Change. [Click Here](#) January 3rd Public Hearing. [Click Here](#) Second Public hearing will be January 17th

6) Chlorine is dislodging sediment and metals. See [RWD Flushing information](#). [Click Here](#) for schedule of additional required testing now that there is regular chlorination.

7) [Rye 400th](#) kicked off with the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Tree originally planted in honor of the late Jessie Herlihy has not been lit for the holidays in many years.

8) DPW, Fire, Police and NH DOT were extremely active along Ocean Blvd during the Christmas weekend storm (worth the drive to see impact). [Wallis Rd. Extension](#). [Ocean Blvd](#).

9) Rye Town Center Committee charge was updated (not posted) and a new Technical Committee to focus on the TAP Grant is being formed. Five people are needed.

10) Select Board are not clear on when Verizon should have started the Port Way Cell Tower payments as AT&T was the second provider and they are making payments.

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
Recreation Commission	2 Member Vacancies
Demolition Review Committee	1 Alternate Vacancy
Rye Town Center Committee	1 Member Vacancy
TAP Grant Committee	5 Member Vacancies (NEW)

General Announcements

- 1) Complete Information Surveys for the Schools and Recreation
 - **Rye Recreation** Planning Survey: [Click Here](#)
 - **School survey** has been extended to January 15th from the new Superintendent for Civic News readers. [Click Here](#) to complete
- 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. January 3rd at 6pm [Agenda](#) with short overview of changes. Text of changes [Click Here](#)
- 4) Budget Committee Public Hearings:
January 11th: School Budget - 6:30pm RJH
January 12th: Town Budget 6:30pm
- 5) Alex Herlihy 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 [Click here for Current Calendar](#) of town meeting

New Year's Day (observed) Town Offices Closed

Jan 2

Master Plan Steering Committee Jan 3, 1:00pm

Energy Committee Jan 3, 3:00pm

Budget Committee Jan 3, 6:00pm

Planning Board Public Hearing 1-3- on Proposed

Zoning Amendments Jan 3, 6:00pm

Conservation Commission Site Walk Jan 4, 1:00pm

Board of Adjustment Jan 4, 7:00pm

Heritage Commission Jan 5, 5:30pm

Select Board Jan 9, 6:30pm

Sewer Commission Jan 10, 8:00am

Historic District Commission Jan 11, 5:30pm

Budget Committee Jan 11, 6:30pm

Conservation Commission Jan 12, 6:30pm

Budget Committee Jan 12, 6:30pm

MLK Civil Rights Day - Town Offices Closed

Jan 16

Planning Board Jan 17, 6:00pm

Recycling Education Committee Jan 17, 6:30pm

Beach Committee Jan 18, 5:30pm

Select Board Jan 23, 6:30pm

Budget Committee Jan 31, 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 December 27th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) Rye Recycling will accept funds from the NH the Beautiful 2022 for engaging residents.
- 2) Discussions about all of the work associated with the ocean storm damage to the Ocean Blvd. shale plies. Work was completed in conjunction with the State. [Ocean Blvd.](#)
- 2) Legal costs will put Conservation Commission \$20K over budget and funds need to be sifted to pay these legal bills.
- 3) After a a Public Hearing, Select Board want to allow three (3) beach stickers per living unit (home, apartment, condo...) and increase the fee to \$30 each. The 2023 stickers will be "commemorative stickers, design revealing will be soon.
- 4) Conservation will be funding the land surveying on Rye Recreation property.
- 5) Select Board requests more information on Rye Recreation plans to purchasing a small van as it has been expensive renting large buses and will create additional program options. Other Rye departments could use the van.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

December 12th: Hiring

Select Board Meeting December 12th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Resident highlights 2022 Parsons Creek Watershed fecal contamination [Click Here](#) as the town does not have public discussions of the annual report. [2022 report.](#) Additional Parsons Creek Watershed contamination actions summary table. [Click Here](#)
- 2) Rye Lions announced and presented Chief Walsh with recognition for being named a NH Granite State Fellow.
- 3) Select Board chooses to not discuss resident [letter](#) that called out the town for [spending over \\$2800](#) the legal notice for the Zoning Ordinance public hearing.
- 4) Dan Fuglestad sworn in as a Police Sergeant.
- 5) Select Board and DPW Director are supportive of the presented business plan for a new Trash & Recycling Pick-up proposal that will be for Rye residents and utilize the Rye Transfer Station.
- 6) Community Power Purchasing is moving forward. Eversource customers would be automatically optioned-in, those who use other electricity providers will need to opt-out of them and then opt-in. There will be more education and communication this winter before the program starts. [More Information](#)
- 7) Chief Police discussed how Rye has prepared for a school lockdown as PHS and other towns had a false alarm the past week.
- 8) Town Hall annex could have people begin to move locations before the end of the year.
- 9) The Rye Town Center Committee now has two charges, one for the main committee and another for a new smaller and more technical group to oversee the TAP grant funding and implementation. Interested residents should contact the Select Board.
- 10) In addition to the building and grounds person, the DPW Custodian may be retiring, so the DPW

budget includes funds for the increased cost of contracting.

11) DPW Director proposed to not hire the requested new person and part-time administrator until the Fall to defer the costs. Select Board suggested that for the small savings the town would be better served to have the new Highway person start this Summer, when the DPW staff takes vacations and when road work is getting completed. Note, the DPW encourages employees to not take vacations in the winter so they are fully staffed for potential snow storms.

12) It was discovered the the town is not clear on when the payments should have started for the Port Way Cell tower, as the second carrier to be operational is making payments, but Verizon may not have started making payments.



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: December 21st

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

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

Superintendent Repot: [Click Here](#)

RES Report: [Click Here](#)

RJH Report: [Click Here](#)

Special Ed Report: [Click Here](#)

1) Excellent presentation on what RES is doing with STEAM

2) The initial inputs from the Superintendent's survey were discussed. Survey is open until January 15th: [Click Here](#) to complete.

3) Schools are experiencing a shortage of special education para professionals. [Click here](#) to see open school job opportunities.

4) The new RES and RJH are increasing coordination to maximize how prepared RES students are for RJH and for a smooth and continuous learning path.

5) Warrant Article: Proposed change to final year of Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for Educational Support Personnel to address pay disparities, staff attrition and recruiting challenges.

Warrant article would result in a \$131,408 cost increase in the 2023/24 budget.

6) Warrant article: \$75K will be moved to the Special Education Expendable Trust if there are sufficient funds in the un-assigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. This warrant article has no tax impact.

7) Warrant article: \$50K will be moved to the Tuition Expendable Trust if there are sufficient funds in the un-assigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. This warrant article has no tax impact.

8) Warrant article: New elementary school roof estimated to be \$1million. \$500K will be raised from warrant article, the additional \$500K will come from the Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund or the un-assigned fund balance.

SAU 50 School Board Meeting: November 16th

Draft Minutes: None

Recorded video: None

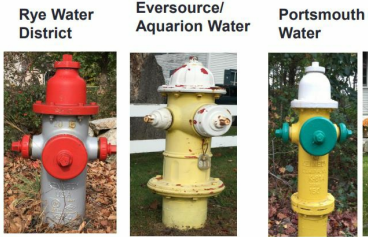
Rye Water District and Sewer

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](#)



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: December 7th

Water Use Guidelines: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Wright-Pierce is coordinating with NE Backflow to test the 60 to 70 connections and about 110 devices as part of the Boil Water investigation/process.
- 2) RWD is applying for grant funds to help with the combined treatment plant strategy.
- 3) RWD and Rye Conservation continue to cooperate towards testing for a new well on Conservation property
- 4) Since the Select Board recanted on the Federal Recovery money going to RWD, the water tank painting is moving out to 2024.
- 5) Chlorine is added at the well sites, so the closer you are the stronger the chlorine smell will be. Sediment is also being loosened up as a result of the chlorine. [Flushing notice](#)
- 6) At the November 6th RWD/SB meeting, RWD said there would be a future public meeting on PFOAs. Residents in attendance were informed that RWD will first survey customers for what should be discussed at a Public Forum.
- 7) RWD is completing sampling for Arsenic levels since a resident completed private testing that showed elevated levels of arsenic.
- 8) Rye Sewer notified that Adam's Trailer Park water usage doubled during the boil water alert. Cause was unknown at the time.
- 9) Discussion of letter from Mindi Messmer. The process explained appeared to be slightly different than what residents heard on November 6th. RWD does not feel that it would be overall beneficial to be notifying residents each time there is high coliform measured.
- 10) RWD feels the Town Monitor Well 102 at the Grover Rd. Dump should be tested in parallel for when RWD completes sampling at the Grove Rd. Dump.
- 11) RWD is pushing the Planning Department to require Building Permits for Irrigation systems, so RWD, and other suppliers will be able assure installers have the current requirements and water suppliers will be able to build a database of where there are irrigation systems. The water supplier will be responsible for installation inspection, not the Building Department.
- 12) RWD needed to remind the Planning Administrator that RWD stated that they can't support the 80 Unit development proposal on Rt 1/Breakfast Hill Rid (part will be in Greenland). Topic was discussed in - depth at a Planning Board meeting.

Sewer Commission: No December Meeting

Draft Meeting Minutes:

Planning Board

Meets the 3rd 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) November 1st.

No updates

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](#)

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: December 13th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

Planning Board Rules and Regulations: December 6th

Agenda [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1)

Planning Board Agenda January 17th

Agenda: Not yet posted

January 3rd meeting is a Public Hearing for Zoning and Building Code changes.

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: December 7th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: Not posted in almost 1 month

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: January 4th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 457 Central Rd. New Driveway
- 2) 30 Acorn Acres - Renovation and expansion of a non-confirming building
- 3) 5 Whitehorse Dr. adding a pool and restoring disturbed wetlands
- 4) 105 Perkins Rd. Generator
- 5) 190 Airfield Rd. Large sign for the Village at Rye Place new homes
- 6) 60 Wentworth Rd. Wentworth by the Sea Country Club - adding 32 parking spaces
- 7) 100 Brackett Rd. New home in the wetlands buffer
- 8) 238 Parsons Rd. Deck more in the wetlands buffer
- 9) 0 Jenness Ave. expanding building and driveway in the wetlands buffer, set backs and tree removal



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: December 5th & 13th

Draft Meeting Minutes: December 5th [Click Here](#) December 13th: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Video: December 13th: [Click Here](#)

- 1) After reviewing the costs for the Library Common work (moving the Museum, parking lot changes and septic system), no warrant article for funding will be submitted this year.
- 2) Board is developing a scaled back next step for the Library Common due to the high cost estimates.
- 3) An additional \$10K will be requested for the HVAC replacement as that time is finally here.
- 4) Library is working with the Historic District Commission for a Rye Center sign.

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: December 8

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 750 Brackett Road, Tax Map 17, Lot 66 – Expanding roof will impact water flow
- 2) 1611 Ocean Blvd., Tax Map 023, Lot 006, A new owner has not followed up on maintaining the approved plantings and does not want to address the issue. Also stones and bricks were not removed.
- 3) “Commercial” Dog Walking in Town Forest Concerns have been raised by the public and a member about a solo dog walker with up to 9 dogs in the Town Forest and this dog walker might be considered a commercial activity which is not allowed in the Forest.



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: December 5

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: Not Available

Recreation Commission has 2 open positions

- 1) Recreation is proposing to purchase a small bus as renting for small groups drives up costs for programming and limits what can be offered.

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: December 1st

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting min: [Click Here](#)

1) Former chair Phil Walsh was awarded the Louise Tallman Preservation award.

Demolition Review: December 2nd, 19th and 27th

Draft Meeting minutes Dec. 2nd: [Click Here](#)

1) 327 South Rd site walk: It was agreed that while the structure had some historical significance, having been built in 1896, it was not architecturally important. There was unanimous approval that no public hearing would be required to discuss this proposed demolition.

Dec 19 agenda: [Click Here](#) Dec 19 video: [Click Here](#)

Dec 27 agenda: [Click Here](#) Dec 27 video: [Click Here](#)

Historic District Commission Meeting:

No December Meeting

Open Seats: The Historic District Commission has three open seats

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: No December 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: December 6th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

1) Community Power Coalition of NH held a public meeting on Dec 6th [Click Here](#)

Rye Recycling Education Committee: December 20th

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: not available

1) Discussed needed repairs to swap shop

2) Discussed needed signage upgrade at Swap Shop

3) Discussed next video - How to recycle effectively in the home to reduce amount of trash generated

4) Possible field trip to Turnkey Landfill in Rochester (trash mountains) which is where Rye trash is taken

5) Welcome potential new member of committee

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: December 7th

Recorded Video: [Click here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1) Only two firms submitted 2023 proposals and the Committee is recommending the town continue with Dragon Mosquito.



Beach Committee

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

Beach Committee Meeting:

No meeting in December

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)

No meeting in December

Budget Committee Meetings: December 7th, 8th and 19th

November 16th Town Work Session: [Recorded Video](#) Draft meeting minutes [Click Here](#)

Dec. 7th: School Budget Work Session - [Recorded Video](#) Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Dec 8th: [Recorded Video](#) Town budgets - No Draft Meeting Minutes

Dec. 19th: [Recorded Video](#) of Town budgets. No Draft Meeting Minutes

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

Join us each month for a public forum discussion about current topics in town. 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.