



March 2023



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Rye Water District Annual Meeting March 25th 10am RJH

Proposed Budget and Warrants: [Click Here](#)
 March 9th Water Survey Slices: [Click Here Recorded Video](#)

March 25th: Rye Water District Annual Meeting 10:00am RJH - annual budget approval happens at this meeting

Candidates	Name	Votes
Select Board	Cathy Hodson	536
	Bob McGrath,	564
	Bruce Valley	30
Library Trustee	Michael Moody	748
Library Trustee	Dania Siegel	535
	Hugh Lee	136
	Michelle Tyminski	119
Planning Board (1 Year)	Kathryn Garcia	861
Planning board (3 years)	J.M. Lord	854
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Donna DeCotis	941
Trustee of Trust Funds	Jeffrey Balboni	896
Zonning Board of Adjust.	Shawn Crapo	861
Zonning Board of Adjust.	Sandra Choros	771
Cemetery Trustee	Roger O. Philbrick	991
Budget Committee	Jeffery A. Ross	810
Budget Committee	Steven Borne	747
Sewer Commissioner	David Kholhase	927
School Board	Matt Curtin	517
School Board	Michelle Wheeler	638
	Bruce Valley	190
	Danielle Maxwell	407

Reference	Short Description	Yes	NO
3 Amendment 1	Adds "sensitive environments & natural resources"	783	239
3 Amendment 2	District definitions and adds "Unreasonable"	699	300
3 Amendment 3	Wetlands Conservation District changes	718	307
3 Amendment 4	Overlay Districts	753	207
3 Amendment 5	Planned Developments	717	304
3 Amendment 6	Special Regulations	711	308
3 Amendment 7	Nonconforming Lots, Buildings, structures	711	295
3 Amendment 8	Board of Adjustment process	716	284
3 Amendment 9	Administration and Enforcement	727	305
3 Amendment 10	Amendments, Conflicts, Severability, Dates	746	260
3 Amendment 11	Definition changes	755	270
Article 4 Article 1	Back Flow Preventors	759	281
Article 5	\$11,985,910 Town Budget	738	331
Article 6	2 Year Fire and Safety Collective Bargaining	811	262
Article 7	Special meeting	803	260
Article 8	3 Year Police Agreement	825	266
Article 9	Special meeting	765	277
Article 10	3 Year Town Union employees	778	301

Reference	Short Description	Yes	NO
Article 11	Special	770	290
Article 12	\$370K New Town Ambulance	836	246
Article 13	\$200K DPW Heavy Equipment Fund	759	322
Article 14	\$105K New DPW 1 Ton Truck	775	291
Article 15	\$100K Fire & Ambulance Reserve Fund	737	326
Article 16	\$50K Town Employee Accumulated Leave	708	348
Article 17	\$35K Municipal Buildings Reserve Fund	749	311
Article 18	Establish Emergency Capital Reserve Fund \$25K	797	264
Article 19	\$15K Revaluation Capital Reserve	708	344
Article 20	\$10K Recreation Buildings/Property maintenance	770	288
Article 21	\$10K Conservation Maintenance Fund	735	325
Article 22	\$10K Library HVAC Fund	820	243
Article 23	Establish fund for Un-anticipated expenses \$10K	683	391
Article 24	\$3K Records Restoration Fund	753	317
Article 25	Increase to 75% Beach Sticker revenue to DPW	877	201
Article 26	Updates Part 1 of Veterans Tax Credit	952	139
Article 27	Updates Part 2 of Veterans Tax Credit	949	137
Article 28	Sell Town Property	1002	78

Reference	Short Description	Yes	NO
School 1	\$16,576,387 School Budget	817	245
School 2	\$131,408 to make Para-professional pay comparable	818	246
School 3	Enables Special meeting if Article 2 fails	779	257
School 4	Special Education Expandable Trust \$75K	787	261
School 5	Tuition Expendable Trust \$50K	731	307
School 6	\$1M for RES Roof(\$500K from reserve, \$500K from taxes)	808	240

Want February Highlights in ~5min
Click Here!!!

February Highlights
VIDEO: [Watch the Highlights \(5:00\) & History Note \(2:36\)](#)

1) Deliberative session was attended by roughly 70-90 residents for the town meeting. Around 30 people attended for the School Budget session. Rye Civic Fest, held alongside Town Deliberative session was well attended, with thirteen Rye groups presenting and engaging with residents. Food donated by Seacoast Soups, Common Roots and Engrain (at Rye Airfield) was much appreciated.

2) Submissions for Rye 400 ART show will be judged March 25th 11am to 3pm Rye Congressional Church. Other Rye 400 events in March include Rye Reads at 5 pm on March 8th at the library with a viewing of the Film "Tuck Everlasting" followed by a group discussion and Rye Writes at 6:30 pm on March 15th at the library featuring Rye Poet Mimi White [More Information](#)

3) 2023 District Budgets were presented to the Budget Committee

Rye Water District: [Summary Click Here pie chart](#)

Rye Beach Village District: [Click Here Warrant Article](#) 2022 Treasurer's Report [Click Here](#)

Jenness Beach District: [Click Here](#) (document has 2023 shaded gray)

4) CMA Engineers update on Breakfast Hill Landfill monitoring raises concern about knowing about all private drinking water wells and the expanding overlay protection area. Grove Rd. Dump testing. No documents made available, charts were used, not a digital content that could be easily seen and shared with the public. [PFOS possible side effects](#) (from Bloomberg Businessweek 3M story 6/13/22)

5) Planning Board Accepted \$17,750 NHHOP grants. *Note, currently no details of this and other grants have been provided to the public at the February 21st meeting or posted online.*

6) In DPW news, the DPW boiler failed after the cold snap and is currently running off a rented unit, DPW requested and accelerated purchasing process for a replacement. Also DPW has announced that Credit Card payments for bulky materials will be begin soon..

7) Select Board approved \$99,350 for Design and Build phase for Harbor Road bridge.

8) [Community Power](#) mailer on the program will go out in March. Community Power will be at a Select Board Meeting and will be in a bigger room. There will be an information table at the RES election exit on March 14th and at the Transfer station on Saturdays.

9) Request made to move the Parson's Field boulder with dedication sign to be moved to a place where it can be better viewed.

10) New NH House of Representative Legislative update from our representatives for February 2023 [Click Here](#)

11) Webster at Rye to affiliate with Silverstone by Hunt, parent of The Huntington at Nashua and Hunt Community that will acquire certain corporate and decision-making powers. [Notice NH DOJ Information](#) and there was a public hearing on February 8th [Recorded Video](#)

Your Rye Night Out: April 4th 7pm Gibbs Garage [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. **April 4th we will be at Gibbs Garage and Grill at 7pm on the Rye/Portsmouth line.***

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
Planning Board.	3 Alternate Vacancies
TAP Grant Committee...	2 Member Vacancies

General Announcements

- 1) Pease Development Authority Meeting March 16th 8:30am 55 International Drive
- 2) Life Guards are needed for 2023 Season. [Click Here](#) for more
- 3) Spring Youth Sports sign-ups: [Rye Little League](#), [Rip Tides Softball](#), [Seacoast Lacrosse](#)
- 4) Brush dump will now be open all hours the Transfer Station is open. Soon residents will once again need to see Transfer Station attendant prior to disposing of bulky, metal and other waste. No firm date on when payments will be cashless.
- 5) New Kindergarten and new 1st Grade student registration is open. [Click Here](#)
- 6) Rye Public Library 2022 Usage Statistics [Click Here](#)
- 7) Community Power Op-Ed from Rye Community Power [Click Here](#)
- 8) Rye Town Historian offers over 75 histories on Rye topics. [Click Here](#)
- 9) Rockingham County meetings can now be seen on Youtube. [Rockingham County Channel](#)
- 10) GIS Town Mapping Software Presentation Video: [Click Here](#)
RCL [Conservation Commission notes](#) on how to find properties with the Rye GIS mapping.

Rye Town Center Committee: Mar 1, 5:30pm
Board of Adjustment: Mar 1, 7:00pm
Heritage Commission: Mar 2, 5:30pm
Recreation Commission: Mar 6, 6:00pm
Master Plan Steering Committee: Mar 7, 1:00pm
Energy Committee: Mar 7, 3:00pm
Historic District Commission: Mar 8, 5:30pm
TAP Grant Committee: Mar 9, 1:30pm
Conservation Commission: Mar 9, 6:30pm

Energy Committee: Mar 13, 5:15pm
Select Board: Mar 13, 6:30pm
Sewer Commission: Mar 14, 8:00am
Municipal Election: Mar 14, 8:00am to 7:00pm
Jenness Beach Annual Meeting: Mar 18, 5:00pm
Beach Committee: Mar 20, 5:30pm
Planning Board: Mar 21, 6:00pm
Recycling Education Committee: Mar 21, 6:30pm
Select Board: Mar 27, 6:30pm



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

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, the Town Clerk's Office 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.