



**March 2023**



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**Rye Government in March**

**Candidates Night:** Rye Library March 7th, 7pm  
Select & School Board are the contested races.  
Also, can be viewed on [Livestream](#) (Live and before the election)

**March 9th:** Rye Water District Survey Information 6:30pm RJH [Survey link](#) [More Information](#)  
**March 14th:** Town Election RES 8am to 7pm  
**March 25th:** Rye Water District Annual Meeting 10:00am RJH - annual budget approval happens at this meeting

**Election Support Information:**

Absentee Ballot Form: [Click Here](#) (note the Town Ballot was mailed, the school will follow)  
Town Ballot: ..... [Click Here](#)  
*..(Note: Library Board of Trustee candidate Dania Seiglie has withdrawn, any write-in candidate can make an announcement at the March 7th Civic League Candidates Night and provide the RCL a statement [e-mail](#) [Click Here](#) to see write-in candidates and [withdrawal statement](#)*  
School Ballot: ..... [Click Here](#)

**RCL My Voting Sheet:** ..... [Click Here](#).....(to bring on election day)  
**RCL Warrant Article Short definition table:** [Click Here](#).....(FYI, this is what people ask for, but miss)  
RCL Budget Analysis Presentation: [Click Here](#)  
Warrant Article Presentation: ..... [Click Here](#)  
Town Deliberative Meeting Video: .. [Click Here](#)  
School Deliberative Meeting Video: [Click Here](#)  
School Budget Summary:..... [Click Here](#)  
Town MS7:..... [Click Here](#)  
Town Budget Summary: ..... [Click Here](#)

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**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](#)

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: March 7th 7pm Rye Public Library [Click Here](#)**

This will be the annual RCL Candidates Night. Select and School Board are the contested races.

*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 <a href="#">e-mail</a> .....	Planning or Zoning positions: <a href="#">e-mail</a>
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.

## Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

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

Rye Town Center Committee: Mar 1, 5:30pm	Energy Committee: Mar 13, 5:15pm
Board of Adjustment: Mar 1, 7:00pm	Select Board: Mar 13, 6:30pm
Heritage Commission: Mar 2, 5:30pm	Sewer Commission: Mar 14, 8:00am
Recreation Commission: Mar 6, 6:00pm	Municipal Election: Mar 14, 8:00am to 7:00pm
Master Plan Steering Committee: Mar 7, 1:00pm	Jenness Beach Annual Meeting: Mar 18, 5:00pm
Energy Committee: Mar 7, 3:00pm	Beach Committee: Mar 20, 5:30pm
Historic District Commission: Mar 8, 5:30pm	Planning Board: Mar 21, 6:00pm
TAP Grant Committee: Mar 9, 1:30pm	Recycling Education Committee: Mar 21, 6:30pm
Conservation Commission: Mar 9, 6:30pm	Select Board: Mar 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 February 27th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) Resident raises points about the Breakfast Hill Rd Landfill report and concerns about the Grove Rd. Dump impact to Rye drinking water and health risks.
- 2) Rye Water Department reimbursed the Town for water supplied to residents during the boil water alert.
- 3) CMA Engineers presented an updated on the Breakfast Hill Landfill on Route 1 (lined with clay for part of it and eventually capped with soil). Breakfast Hill Landfill accepted ash.
- 4) CMA suggested a number of actions for the town, from expanding Rye Zoning overlay ordinance, adding a new monitoring well and confirming no additional home owners are using a Private Well in the Breakfast Hill area.
- 5) Issues raised with information a developer provided (Rt. 1/Breakfast Hill corner) to the Planning Board, which did not utilize all of the data and may include leach fields that could impact monitoring wells.
- 6) Grove Rd. Dump - old fire pond that connected to ground water was filled with trash. Rising ground water exasperates the problem as waste is saturated and has been showing high PFOA results. Discussion focused on what is being seen in testing. Note: Not discussed was the cumulative amount of

PFOAs that already have and will continue to enter the water system. all of the PFOAs that could have been in the water system. The firefighting foam once used on site, was not believed to have been a large volume.

7) While Rye is meeting regulatory requirements, Rye voters may need to be decide what is acceptable or not for Rye water. Water Treatment Plant could cost \$11M.

8) Discussion on Harbor Road Bridge Design and Build proposal plan. The \$99,350K funding will come from the State block grants the town has received. Bridge is rated for full load - but limited to one way at a time.

9) Signed the Waste Water Asset management plan for the Sewer Department

10) Community Power still moving forward. Most recent complication is how to address people with solar panels and have net metering. Board approved continuation. Mid- March a mailing is expected.

11) Discussion of moving the dedication boulder at Parsons' Field.

## **Select Board Non Public Meetings**

February 13th: Reputation and Personnel

February 23rd: Personnel

February 27th: Personnel and Acquisition

## **Select Board Meeting February 13th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

1) Resident points out that if the last five (5) FB Engineering fecal contamination reports cost over \$7K each that is around \$35K spent and not a single public discussion about the recommended actions, progress, responsibilities, etc... Note, 88% of the 2022 readings had high fecal contamination. [More Information](#)

2) DPW furnace failed after the cold snap. Currently running off a rented unit, DPW requested and accelerated purchasing process for a replacement. Recommended to move to propane that will be safer for that working environment and that old based furnaces at the transfer station sit on the most transmissive land uphill from the Garland Well.

3) DPW director asked to move away from bright blue cross walks that was part of the Federal "Safe Routes" funding that supplied the paint and those square blue stencils on some streets.

4) Harbor Rd. bridge weight limitations may cause complications for repairing sea walls.

5) The Wastewater Asset management funds from the state will now be a grant and will not require interest payments from the town. It was discussed that RWD and the rest of the town should have an asset management plan.

6) Blanket approval for candidates for the March 14th election to hold signs on Saturdays. Candidates still need to submit requests to the Select Board.

7) The State has assigned a Program Manager for the TAP grant work for the Rye Town Center grant. This three person steering committee can have two more members.



## **Rye Schools**

Meets 3rd Wednesday at RJH

School Policies: [Click Here](#)

Rye 2023-24 Budget Details: [Summary](#)

Rye PTA: [Click Here](#)

Rye Education Foundation: [Click Here](#)

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

Introduction to PTA, REF and RCL: [Click Here](#)

Rye 2022-2023 Calendar: [Click Here](#)

Rye 2023-2024 School Calendar: [Click Here](#)

RJH Solar Panels tracking: [Click Here](#)

## **School Board Meeting: Feb 15th**

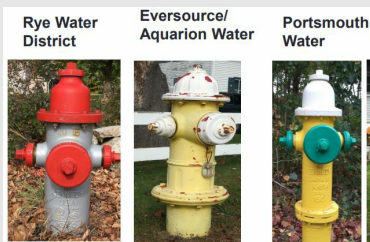


Draft Minutes: Not available  
Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)  
SAU 50 Report: [Click Here](#)  
RES Report: [Click Here](#)  
RJH Report: [Click Here](#)  
Draft 2023-24 [School Calendar](#)

- 1) Jeanne Moynahan sits for final School Board Meeting as she retires after 24 years of service to the schools and community
- 2) RES Principal Michelle Pitts presents new Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- 3) [Rye Youth Softball](#) donates a new scoreboard to be installed at RES. The scoreboard will be operational for the spring season
- 4) School Board awards contract for new Elementary School roof for \$820K to A&M Roofing Services contingent on the passing of school warrant article # 6.
- 5) There are 4 candidates running for 2 School Board seats in the town election on March 14, 2023.

## **SAU 50 School Board Meeting: March 22nd (next meeting)**

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](#) ..... 2021 RWD Quality Report: [Click Here](#)  
PFAS Testing updates page: [Click Here](#) ..... Conservation Tips: [Click Here](#)  
[Ground and Surface Water Protection](#) ..... How to read your meter: [Click Here](#)  
2017 Infrastructure Report Card: [Click Here](#) ..... Imagine a day without water: [Click Here](#)

## **Rye Water District Meeting: February 1st.**

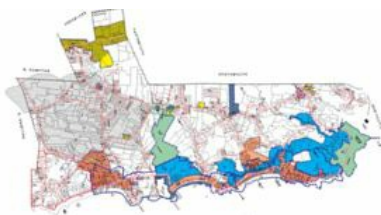
Water Use Guidelines: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) RWD is requesting the community survey be completed by March 1st. [Click Here](#). Meeting to discuss the Survey results is March 9th 6:30pm RJH. [More Information](#)
- 2) Pumping totals were up 3M gallons in 2022 from 2021.
- 3) Best Management Practices are being implemented in the Wellhead Protection area.
- 4) Work continuing on the point of entry and chlorination building project. Superintendent Jones visited Newmarket to observe their chlorine system.
- 5) Ocean Blvd/Harbor Rd. main break was repaired by BCK in one day.
- 6) **RWD Annual Meeting will be March 25th, 10:00am at RJH.**
- 7) Proposed 2023 Budget is \$2,137,511 [Click Here](#) summary [Click Here](#)
- 8) Warrant Articles
  - \$30K for Storage Tank maintenance
  - \$15K Equipment and Buildings Fund
  - \$15K for System Replacement Fund

## **Sewer Commission:**

No meeting was held in February; next meeting March 14th



### **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](#)  
2022 Application Summary: [Click Here](#)

## **Master Plan Steering Committee: February 7th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Plan is to post the RFP immediately after the 2023 budget is approved. Responses will be due April 28th.
- 2) Plan will be to score the responses at the May 2nd meeting.
- 3) Town of Bolton RFQ scoring was reviewed and will be added to the RFP and an addendum on how the responses will be scored.
- 4) Public asks questions about engaging with other boards/committees and points out incorrect statements that are in the current Master Plan and that Aquarion well 5A that is in Rye and has multiple septic systems in the wellhead sanitary radius.
- 5) Formatted State guidance for Master Plans [Click Here](#)

### **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 Formatted for easier reading](#)

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) No activity

## **Planning Board Meeting: February 21st**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) PB accepted the \$17,750 NHHOP Grant with the Long Range Planning committee to oversee how these funds will be used. [NOD](#)
- 2) 371 Washington Rd. condition for Septic system maintenance was changed to allow the Septic Tank to be pumped every three years, but with the pump chamber pumped every year. [NOD](#)
- 3) Resident requests current draft version of the Master Plan RFP document, but Planning Board did not commit to share this public document.
- 4) Discussion of potential impact of the ownership of Webster at Rye moving to Silverstone Living. Note there was a public hearing, but the Civic League did not know, nor was there communication on other channels. NH DOJ site [Click Here](#). [Notice of Change of Control](#)

### **January Notice of Decisions:**

- 1) 15 Sagamore Rd. Major Site Development - Three single family homes and two commercial buildings - Approved 5-0. 3 pages - **Twenty-three (23) numbered Conditions** of approval [Case 10-2022](#)
- 2) 0 Long John Rd - across from Young Lane- Waived 5-0 Land Use Regulation for Driveway across from a Street intersection [NOD Case 1 2023](#)

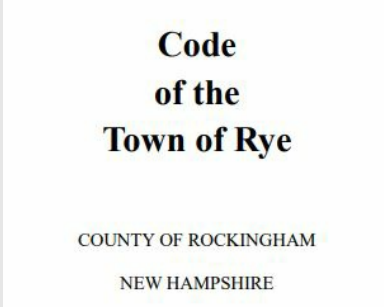
## **Planning Board Rules and Regulations: Changes on the Ballot**

- 1) Over 100 pages of ordinances changes are on the March 14th Ballot.

Amendment 1 Adds "sensitive evrions & natural resources"	<a href="#">Ballot Information.</a>	<a href="#">Full Text 2 pages</a>
Amendment 2 District definitions and adds "Unreasonable"	<a href="#">Ballot Information.</a>	<a href="#">Full Text 19 pages</a>
Amendment 3 Wetlands Conservation District changes	<a href="#">Ballot Information</a>	<a href="#">Full Text 7 pages</a>
Amendment 4 Overlay Districts .....	<a href="#">Ballot Information</a>	<a href="#">Full Text 25 pages</a>
Amendment 5 Planned Developments	<a href="#">Ballot Information.</a>	<a href="#">Full Text 16 pages</a>
Amendment 6 Special Regulations	<a href="#">.Ballot Information</a>	<a href="#">Full Text 49 pages</a>
Amendment 7 Nonconforming Lots, Buildings, structurers	<a href="#">Ballot Information.</a>	<a href="#">Full Text 4 pages</a>
Amendment 8 Board of Adjustment process	<a href="#">.Ballot Information</a>	<a href="#">Full Text 5 pages</a>
Amendment 9 Administration and Enforcement .	<a href="#">.Ballot Information.</a>	<a href="#">Full Text 5 pages</a>
Amendment 10 Amendments, Conflicts, Severability, Dates	<a href="#">Ballot Information</a>	<a href="#">Full Text 1 page</a>

## Planning Board Agenda March 21st.

Agenda: Not yet posted

 <p><b>Code of the Town of Rye</b></p> <p>COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE</p>	<p><b>Zoning Board of Adjustments:</b> Meets 1st Wednesday Citizen's Handbook information: <a href="#">Click Here</a></p> <p>Town of Rye Code Book: <a href="#">Click Here</a></p> <p>Rye Beach Village District Zoning is independent of the Rye ZBA. <a href="#">Click Here</a></p> <p>GIS Information: <a href="#">Click Here</a></p>
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## Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes: February 1st

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

**RCL Notes and Relief/Variences Tracking Table:** [Click Here](#) For 2022, 189 Variences YTD, wetlands with 79 and dimensional requirements with 61 variences

### February Notice of Decision

- 1) 7 Holland Drive - Denied 5-0 rehearing & reconsideration of a previous denial for height of house [NOD Case #57-2022](#)
- 2) 1627 Ocean Blvd - Granted 4-1 One variance for height [NOD Case #08-2023](#)
- 3) 750 Brackett Rd - Granted 5-0 Two variences for expansion of structure on non-conforming lot and extension on existing footprint 55' from wetlands along with 5 conditions from Rye Conservation. [NOD Case #09-2023](#)

### January Notice of Decision:

- 1) 5 Whitehorse Drive - Granted 5-0 Three variences for work in the wetlands Eleven (11) associated conditions. [NOD Case #59-2022](#)
- 2) 691 Brackett Rd. Coted - 5-0 to release the suppression of the relief from October 2022. [NOD #38-2022](#)
- 3) 105 Perkins Rd. Granted 5-0 generator 18' from side boundary [NOD Case #01-2023](#)
- 4) Airfield Village - 190 Lafayette Rd. Granted 5-0 Three variences for large signs, along with four (4) conditions. [Case #02-2023](#)
- 5) 238 Parsons Rd. Granted 5-0 three variences for a non-conforming structure - [NOD Case #05-2023](#)
- 6) 1419 Ocean Blvd. Voted 5-0 to deny Request for Rehearing from the abutter. [NOD Case #48-2022](#)

## Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: March 1st

Agenda: [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 100 Bracket Rd. New home requirement many variences
- 2) 795 Washington Rd. Webster at Rye requesting two year extension on special exceptions
- 3) 80 Baker Ave. Variences for expanding a non-conforming structure
- 4) 1182 Ocean Blvd. Unit 2 Expanding non-conforming structure
- 5) 1182 Ocean Blvd Unit 3 Expanding non-conforming structure

	<p><b>Rye Library</b></p> <p>Library Strategic Plan page: <a href="#">Click Here</a></p>
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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: February 21st**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Memorial donations received in the name of Shirley Belcher were transferred to the Friends of the Rye Public Library.
- 2) The Koha Interlibrary Service software license has been renewed; 2023 is the first year that the library will benefit from making the switch to this system – a savings of about \$5500 per year.
- 3) Director Richmond has been in touch with Dowling Corporation regarding an updated quote for the replacement of the aged HVAC system as well as a quote for a heat pump as an alternative solution.
- 4) The Board discussed the Furniture Funding Request that Jess Ryan, Head of Youth Services, brought to the Friends of the Rye Public Library. There is concern about the quality of some of the items, their longevity and aesthetic. The Board requested that other options be consider

## **Natural Resource Inventory December 2021**

Full Report: [Click Here](#)      [Executive Summary.](#)      [Habitat section](#)      [all Maps](#)

Map 1 <a href="#">Base-line</a>	Map 6 <a href="#">Sea level rise.</a>	Map 11 <a href="#">Soil limitations</a>
Map 2 <a href="#">Watershed Boundaries.</a>	Map 7 <a href="#">Water Quality.</a>	Map 12 <a href="#">Farm lands</a>
Map 3 <a href="#">Groundwater.</a>	Map 8 <a href="#">Forest Resources.</a>	Map 13 <a href="#">Scenic Resources</a>
Map 4 <a href="#">FEMA Flood 100 &amp; 500</a>	Map 9 <a href="#">Wildlife action.</a>	Map 14 <a href="#">Conserved Land</a>
Map 5 <a href="#">Floodwater storage.</a>	Map 10 <a href="#">Productive Forest soils.</a>	Map 15 <a href="#">Unfragmented Land</a>



## **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: February 9th**

- Feb. 9 Meeting Agenda [Click Here](#)  
 Feb. 9 Meeting Video Stream [Click Here](#)  
 Feb. 9 Meeting Official Draft Minutes (not available as of Feb. 24)  
 Feb. 13 130 Harbor Road Site Walk Draft Minutes [Click Here](#)



1) The Commission approved, subject to final plans, the placement of a new generator 50' from the tidal marsh. While 2' further away from the house (code requirements) than the old generator it will not be closer to the marsh

2) Unusually for a site walk in our experience, the quorum of the Commission present also approved payment of an invoice from James Verra Associates in the amount of \$5481.64 for ongoing survey work at the Rye Town 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: February 7th and 21st

Agenda: Feb 7th [Click Here](#) and Feb 21st [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: Not Available

Record Video: None as meetings are at the Wave at Congressional Church

**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: February 2nd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Not Available.

- 1) The following topics were discussed Gazebo, reports from Demo Review , Rye Advocates, Historic

## **Demolition Review: February 15th and 22nd**

Recorded Video: Feb 22 [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Feb 15 [Click Here](#) and Feb 22 [Click Here](#)

Feb 15th

- 1) Request for demolition of 919 Ocean Boulevard approved neither architecturally important nor historically significant
- 2) Amendment to previous request to include garage at 40 Harborview Drive was approved.

Feb 22nd

- 1) Working Session with Tony Miller, SAI properties, owner and contractor for 1264 and 1266 Ocean Boulevard to learn more about how the building permit process may be modified so that historic properties can be identified early in the process and any challenges he has faced. The one item that the DRC will investigate further is why there is only a 28' height limit here when the rest of the Town is 35'. This would not be a problem if measured from the ground, but it has to be measured from the new first floor level which, in this case, will be 4' above the ground.

## **Historic District Commission Meeting: February 8th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Open Seats: The Historic District Commission has three open seats

- 1) Town Hall Annex: Lighting and signage was discussed. Selectman King has spoken to the Town Administrator about getting a landscaping and lighting plan submitted to HDC for the annex property and confirmed that the sign would need to go before the HDC.
- 2) Discussion about bringing in the building inspectors, planning and the planning board chair to have a discussion about how the HDC operates and what is needed, in order for everyone to work together. Plan is to set up something for a future meeting.
- 3) CLG 2023 Grant Intent Update: HDC will move forward to apply for money to survey the properties from the top of Central down to the end of the cemetery with the hope of possibly expanding the Historic District.
- 4) Board reviewed mockups of the 7 historical signs that will be installed across Rye as part of Rye400

## **Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: February 1st**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) The Committee reviewed the Town Center Committee Charge. The committee is charged with proposing a comprehensive vision for the Town Center (as defined from the South Cemetery Entrance to Grange Park) to be submitted to the Select Board for consideration.
- 2) The Committee will consist of not more than 8 members including a Select Board Representative and shall be appointed by the Select Board for a term ending March 31, 2024.



### **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](#)  
RJH Solar Panel Tracking: [Click Here](#)

## **Rye Energy Committee Meeting: February 7th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available  
[Community Power Op-Ed](#) by REC member in the Herald.

## **Rye Recycling Education Committee: February 21st**

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: not available

- 1) Discussed Swap shop status and repairs needed
- 2) Discussed Plans for second video: recycling in the home
- 3) Planning a Spring visit to Turnkey Landfill
- 4) Discussed new credit card policy at recycling center
- 5) 1990s Town Reports on recycling and swap shop
- 6) Discussed Status of recycling in the US: EPA - 32%, but probably much lower

## **Telecommunication Infrastructure Committee:**


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

	<h3><b>Mosquito</b></h3> <p>Mosquito Complaint Form: <a href="#">Click Here</a> 2020 Mosquito Control Notice: <a href="#">Click Here</a> Dragon Mosquito Program Overview: <a href="#">Click Here</a></p>
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## **Mosquito Commission Meeting: No February Meeting**

Recorded Video:

Draft Meeting Minutes:

	<h3><b>Beach Committee</b></h3> <p>2018 Beach Committee Report: <a href="#">Click Here</a> Parking Assessment Study: <a href="#">Click Here</a></p>
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## **Beach Committee Meeting: February 22nd**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Bike Racks have been approved by the Select Board for beaches at Cable and Wallis.
- 2) Dog Waste Containers have been approved by the Select Board to remain in place at Wallis & Cable.
- 3) A beach walk with representatives of the fire and police departments is planned prior to summer, to check on beach access points and make sure no one is using plants or chairs to block paths or space on the beach. Any of these issues can lead to safety issues for beachgoers walking to the beach or create crowding in front of a neighbor's home.
- 4) 4 for 400th Beach Clean Up schedule set
  - Monday, April 3@4-5:30pm-Foss North & Sout
  - Saturday, April 8@9-10:30am-Pirates North & South

- Thursday, April 20@4:30-6pm (Earth Week)-Jeness to Cable
- Friday, April 28@10:30m-Noon (Local School Vacation Week)-Sawyers to Philbircks

**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 February

## Budget Committee Meetings: 2023 Budgets

RCL Town and School Budget Presentation: [Click Here](#)  
 Town Budget: [Summary MS7](#)  
 School Budget: [Summary Full Budget Report](#)  
 Rye Water District: \$2,219,446 [Summary pie-chart](#)  
 Rye Beach District: \$169,311 [Click Here](#)  
 Jeness Beach District: \$95,725 [Click Here](#)

## Trustee of the Trust Funds Meeting: February 21

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) the Trustees adopted the S&P Dividend Growers Index as the benchmark for the Trust Fund given the income oriented style of investing
- 2) The Trustees reviewed and discussed trust fund accounts and holdings. The Library account maintained three positions with concentration levels of over 10%. Given the high level of interest rates and the potential need for liquidity, the Trustees voted to reduce these allocations to below 10% and increase the account's liquidity profile.

## Additional Town related Web Sites

Rye Historical Society: [Click Here](#)  
 Rye Police Home page: [Click Here](#)  
 Fire Department Facebook: [Click Here](#)  
 Rye Beach & Jenness Beach District Information: [Click Here](#)  
 NH's Citizen's Count: [Click Here](#)  
 Video about Rye PTA, Rye Education Foundation and the Civic League: [Click Here](#)  
 Town Facebook page: [Click Here](#)  
 Rye Police Facebook Page: [Click Here](#)  
 Rye 400 page: [Click Here](#)

## Rye Public Forum Discussion Topics at YOUR RYE NIGHT OUT

Join us each month for a public forum discussion about current topics in town. 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 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](mailto: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 [www.ryecivicleague.org](http://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](mailto: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.