

# Rye Civic News



**April 2023**

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**March Highlights .....**  
**[VIDEO: Watch the Highlights](#) & History  
Note (starts at 3:22)**

1) Only about 1 in 5 residents (20%) voted in the Town Election ([results](#)) and School Election ([results](#)). All warrants passed. Over \$25M+ in government services approved. Early absentee requests did not include the School Ballot, it was provided to those people in a second mailing.

2) Rye Community Power will save residents electricity. Presentation with Q&A, Tuesday, April 4th 6:30pm RJH. [Information](#) sent to residents. March 13th [presentation video](#)

3) Rye Water District Annual meeting had over 160 people, more than most Town Deliberative meetings as it was the first contested commissioners race, Dr. Rosalie Lapresto is the new commissioner. March 9th RWD Quality of Services [Video Presentation PFOA testing](#) shows five years of steady flow of PFOA ratings above the 4ppt soon to be [announced EPA regulations](#).

4) Resident suggests the Select Board investigate getting a second opinion to see if the PFOA at the Grove Rd Dump can be contained from flowing into the Garland Well.

5) [NH HOP \(housing\) \\$17K grant](#) accepted, RFP issued with three entities responding to the 1 week time line. [RFP for the Master Plan Update](#) and [Build Out Analysis](#) were also posted. Rye can also send three people to the [NH Housing Academy program](#) starting in May, e-mail the [Planning Board Admin](#).

6) Aquarion Water made its [Annual Presentation](#) to the Select Board [Video](#) starts at 46:00 There will be a rate increase and there was a discussion of PFOA.

7) 2021 Adams Park sewage leak into Baily's Brook cause and actions [report submitted](#)

8) [Select Board communicated](#) to the offices of Senator Shaheen and U.S. Rep. Pappas that Rye would like \$10M in Federal Funding for connecting Rt. 1 to Portsmouth/N. Hampton Sewer and water systems. Note: There has not been a public discussion of Rt. 1 development being a higher priority than the fecal contamination in Parsons Creek Watershed or the PFOA in Rye water.

9) RES Walk-a-thon raises \$20K toward a new playground. Feel free to [make donations](#).

10) Jenness Beach Village District Annual Meeting was recorded [Click Here](#)

**Your Rye Night Out:** April 3rd 6:30pm Office Lounge 150 Lafayette Rd [Click Here](#)

Come join other Rye residents to talk about what is in the Civic News or other Rye related topics (election, opportunities to serve on boards, water...)

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. **MONDAY, April 3rd we will be at the Office Lounge**

### **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:	1 Member Vacancy
Recreation Commission:	2 Member Vacancies
Demolition Review Committee:	1 Alternate Vacancy
Rye Town Center Committee:	3 Member Vacancies
TAP Grant Committee:	2 Member Vacancies
Planning Board:	3 Alternate Vacancies
Conservation Commission:	2 Member Vacancies

### **General Announcements**

- 1) Rye Mosquito program begins April 10th. [Read Notice](#) from your Mosquito Commission
- 2) Rye 400 Beach Cleanups. First two, Monday, April 3rd 4:30pm and Saturday April 8th [More Information](#)
- 3) Transfer Station bulky material disposal will be via Credit Card payments, starting May 1st [Sign](#)
- 4) February NH Legislative update from Rep. Grote. [Click Here](#)
- 5) Life Guards are needed for 2023 Season. [Click Here](#) for more
- 6) New Kindergarten and new 1st Grade student registration is open. [Click Here](#)
- 7) Rye Town Historian offers over 75 histories on Rye topics. [Click Here](#)
- 8) Rockingham County meetings can now be seen on Youtube. [Rockingham County Channel](#)
- 9) 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

[Planning Board special meeting](#) Apr 3, 12:00pm  
[Planning Board Site Walk](#) Apr 3, 1:00pm  
[Recreation Commission](#) Apr 3, 6:00pm  
[Rye Community Power Public Meeting](#)  
Apr 4, 6:30pm  
[Rye Town Center Committee](#) Apr 5, 5:30pm  
[Board of Adjustment](#) Apr 5, 7:00pm  
[Heritage Commission](#) Apr 6, 5:30pm  
[Select Board](#) Apr 10, 6:30pm  
[Sewer Commission](#) Apr 11, 8:00am

[Energy Committee](#) Apr 11, 3:00pm  
[Historic District Commission](#) Apr 12, 5:30pm  
[TAP Grant Committee](#) Apr 13, 5:30pm  
[Conservation Commission](#) Apr 13, 6:30pm  
[Beach Committee](#) Apr 17, 5:30pm  
[Mosquito Control Commission](#) Apr 18, 5:00pm  
[Planning Board](#) Apr 18, 6:00pm  
[Recycling Education Committee](#) Apr 18, 6:30pm  
[Select Board](#) Apr 24, 6:30pm  
[TAP Grant Committee](#) Apr 27, 5:30pm

### **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 March 27th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) Residents request and volunteer to help improve how residents can understand permitting and the rules regarding modifying or developing property.
- 2) Resident suggest Rye get a second opinion on remediating the PFOA contamination at the Grove Rd. Dump. See five years of [PFOA data mostly](#) above the recently announced EPA intentions.
- 3) Stephen King stepped down after twenty years on the Rye Recreation Commission.
- 4) Resident discusses [Letter](#) over concerns of not budgeting annual costs for keeping Rye Codes updated online, that the [posted PDF](#) (2020 version) is only searchable inside the PDF, full costs of all code changes and updates not clearly communicated and the over \$75K in legal fees spent on Garland Rd.
- 5) Approved bids for Lawn care (18 greens), Street Sweeping (30 hours) and Road Pavement Markings (just the main lines). Select Board requested the DPW Director to request 3 year agreements.
- 6) Select Board designated who will be the Select Board Representatives. Note, Select Board did not address resident questions on why some boards and not others have Select Board Representatives.
- 7) Aquarion Water presented an update. [Click Here](#) to see slides, including PFOA results. There is a rate increase for water.
- 8) Cross connection for Fire Safety backup for Rt. 1 30 unit development being built is not installed, nor is there a timeline. If water is needed in an emergency, Fire Departments will utilize Aquarion hydrants.
- 9) Select Board made it clear they support the letter opposing the Proposed Fuel Farm at Pease, but were not discussing it at this meeting.
- 10) Recycling Education Committee Charge renewed and moved from 1 year to 3years. A prior Select Board had reduced it to an annual charter.
- 11) Carriage House farming agreement at Goss Farm was approved. Discussion on what factored into the pricing point. State Grants require RCC to attract and support farming on the property.
- 12) Town is locked into assessing systems and approved the web hosting agreement.
- 13) Select Board discussion surfaced that an appointed Board, Committee or Commission term that Expires has a re-appointment process. For Vacancies or Open positions, there is a separate process with a 30 day notification window. Room for communication improvements.
- 14) Town Center TAP grant is moving forward. Rye may move up in the priority list as the town funding portion has been approved. A \$1,016,691.47 project with Rye funding \$203,338.29 and the grant funding the **balance**.
- 15) Regional Charitable donations committee has some questions that need to be resolved.

## **Select Board Non Public Meetings**

March 13th: Reputation

March 27th: Personnel and Acquisition

## **Select Board Meeting March 13th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

1) Resident clarified request that the Town should disclose total spent on the Town Hall Annex, so the \$700K, Parsonage demolition, legal fees, \$650,000 renovation, Town Hall Architecture work, town hall relocation costs, etc...

2) Planning Board Chair Losik recommends reviewing the recently released [2023 Regional Housing Needs Assessment](#).

3) Approved the Planning Board accepting the NH HOP Invest NH Grant of \$17,750.

[NHHOP Acceptance Letter](#), [RFP Notice](#), [RFP Needs Analysis](#), [signed NHHOP Contract](#)

4) Resident inquiries why with Town assessed property value of over \$3.2B, instead of relying on grants, if there are Best Practices in Town Planning, why isn't the town funding and implementing planning best practices to protect assess values and the land.

5) Minor changes were made to the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Ordinance. [Permit Year 1 from 2019](#), [Year 4 Annual report](#)

6) Discussion of the Town Hall window replacement and lead paint remediation.



## 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: March 23rd**

Draft Minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: technical issues providing tis link

SAU 50 Report: [Click Here](#)

Special Education Report: [Click Here](#)

RES Report: [Click Here](#)

RJH Report: [Click Here](#)

1) SAU Special Education reports that 62 of the SAU 158 identified students are from Rye.

2) SAU Special Education expanded programs can have a possible future budget impact.

3) Individual Education Program (IEP) information and checklist included in report. [Click Here](#)

4) Pre-meeting information packet includes many [School Policies](#)

5) New Board hold nominations - Matt Curtin to serve as chair, Katherine Errecart to serve as Vice Chair, Susan Ross to serve as Secretary

6) New School Board Member Michelle Wheeler attends first meeting since election

7) RJH students, staff and volunteers present new vision for Wedgewood property

8) RES students raised over \$20,000 for a new playground at the March 24th walk-a-thon.

9) School start and end times will be 5 minutes later for the 2023/2024 school year.

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

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: None

1) Parents raised concerns over PHS shift to Dual Enrollment vs. AP classes as it could make PHS less competitive in the eyes of some colleges. Point will be raised with the Portsmouth School Board.

2) 6th SAU Newsletter published [Click Here](#)

3) New Board hold nominations - Pat Walsh to serve as chair, Daphne Schwab to serve as Vice Chair, Matt Curtin to serve as Secretary

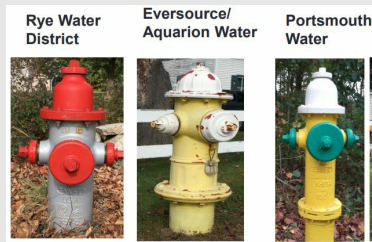
4) Board votes to expand preschool program to include a second classroom as there is currently a long wait list. Preschool will continue to be hosted at Rye Elementary.

5) SAU Board approves renomination of SAU50 main office personnel

6) Update on progress made from sharing best practices across the schools.

7) The current fiscal year surplus may be around \$37,000

8) Next SAU Board meeting is May 24th at 6:30 p.m. at Maude H. Trefethen School



## 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 Annual Meeting March 25th

Warrants and packet: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Many warm words for retiring Water District Commissioner Art Ditto.
- 2) 156 people voted for a new Rye Water Commissioner. There were more than that number at the meeting (those who lived outside of RWD). Dr. Rosalie Lapresto received 93 votes to Julie Tucker's 63.
- 3) The \$2M budget passed along with the \$60,000 of warrants. Budget increases are for an additional employee, vehicle, site work to merge all water for chlorination and a chlorination system.

## Level of Service Meeting: March 9th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Presentation: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting Minutes: none

- 1) Level of Service results were presented
- 2) Major work to connect water supplies around the Garland Well Pump house where the chlorine system is located. [Click Here](#) for diagram of the work
- 3) Two year blended PFOA data shows a continues flow of PFOA above the 4ppt guidance the EPA is working to approve. See [PFOA data](#). Most above the EPA guidelines being discussed.
- 4) Water Treatment for the Iron and Manganese is still estimated to be over \$11M and would be five or more years to operation. Current design is old and does not include treating for PFOA.
- 5) Demand increases and heavy metal content at the Cedar Run well has Rye running off two wells most times. An additional well is needed and with current discussions for testing locations on the RCC Brown property.

## RWD Monthly Meeting: March 1st

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Fix a Leak Week was in March [Click Here](#)
- 2) February usage was up by 2M gallons, some of that was attributed to leaks.
- 3) Cross Connection program was reviewed and will be reviewed and adopted at a future meeting.

## Sewer Commission: March 28th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

No video available as the meeting is held at the Rye Beach Village District office

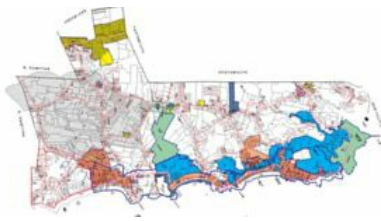
- 1) Accepted the report and proposal for the remedy what led to the sewage discharge at Adams Mobile Home Park that was discovered in Berry's Brook watershed. [Click Here](#)
- 2) Abeniqui Country Club has a project that includes a platform tennis court that includes as warming hut with water. This additional water will flow to the sewer. Rate structure will be researched to determine impact or possible changes.
- 3) Abeniqui pump station generator and control panel work has started and will be finished before work is started on the other pump stations.
- 4) While Portsmouth provides the water and sewage at 15 Sagamore Rd, The Sewer Commission is an administrator of the agreement for the Rye/Portsmouth Intermunicipal Agreement, so the State has requested input.
- 5) Engineering Consulting Services for Wastewater Asset Management Program RFQ responses were reviewed and after scoring Underwood Engineers was selected. The \$30K funding is form the NH-DES

Clean Water State Revolving Fund grant that was accepted by the Select Board in February.

6) 61 Red Mill Rd had changes to locations of sewer connections were to be and a tree was removed that enabled a different path for the sewer line.

7) Commissioners received the annual report to review.

8) Town Administrator provided a letter from the Rye [Select Board asking for \\$10M](#) in Federal Funding for a sewer line and water from N. Hampton to Rye and to connect to N. Hampton.



## 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](#)

## **Long Range Planning & Master Plan Steering Committee: March 28th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1) Three bids were received March 24th and opened on March 27th [Recorded Video](#)

[Grant Acceptance Letter](#), [Grant Information](#)

2) Discussion of the three proposals with the plan to recommend Rockingham Planning Commission to the full Planning Board on April 3rd.

3) Formatted State guidance for Master Plans [Click Here](#)

## **Long Range Planning & Master Plan Steering Committee: March 16th**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1) Reviewed [RFP for the NH HOP grant](#) with a due date of March 24th [Legal Notice](#)

2) Agreed to post in the Portsmouth Herald, and to NHMA. E-mailed to all qualified NHHOP consultants.

3) [The Housing Academy](#) will take three people. Unclear how "reached out to the Public". There are three webinars (May 9, May 13th and June 1st), 2 in person (June 13th & 22nd) [Program Details](#)

### **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](#)

Formatted State guidance for Master Plans [Click Here](#)

## **Planning Board Technical Review Committee (TRC) Meeting:**

1) No activity

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available, Planning Board Admin provided the NOD for the Civic News

1) Two year extension given to Webster at Rye for the approved expansion [Case #02-2023](#)

2) 10 Goss Farm voted 6-0 that a wavier is not needed and that the Building Inspector can issue the temporary occupancy permit. [NOD Case #05-2023](#)

3) 711 Long John Rd approved 6-0 one year extension of the 3-lot subdivision. [Ext. Case #07-2022](#). To see the conditions that requires the property to become condominiums [Click Here](#)

4) 371 Washington Rd. Approved 6-0 amendment so that ADU approval does not require the septic pump chamber to be pumped once a year. [Case #19-2022A](#)

5) Kook's Cafe - Voted 6-0 that the Planning Board does not have jurisdiction and that no permit is required to have live music. Property is only constrained the ordinances that apply to all private property.

6) Discussed changes to the Rules & Regulations. Acknowledged getting the 2012 version that has the pages that were removed with no public discussion.

## Planning Board Agenda April 18th

Agenda: Not yet posted

April 3rd Meeting Agenda: 15 Sagamore Rd and NH HOP Grant

### 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: March 1st

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

**RCL Notes and Relief/Variances Tracking Table:** [Click Here](#)

1) 795 Washington Rd. Approved 5-0 two year extension of Special Exceptions. With three conditions.

[NOD Case #11-2023](#)

2) 100 Brackett Rd. Approved (vote not provided) six variances for expansion. Eight Conditions from the Conservation Commission. [NOD Case #4-2023](#)

3) 80 Baker Av. Approved 5-0 ten variances for expansion of a non-conforming structure [NOD Case#12-2023](#)

## Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: April 5th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1) 720 Brackett Rd. Administrative Appeal for 691 Brackett Rd.

2) 1701 Ocean Blvd. Expanding deck in the wetland buffer

3) 60 Wentworth Rd. Wentworth By The Sea Country Club Increasing parking in the wetland and off-street

4) 0 Jenness Ave. Expansion of building that is already in the set backs and wetland buffers

5) 1182 Ocean Blvd. Unit 2 Expanding non-conforming structure

6) 1182 Ocean Blvd Unit 3 Expanding non-conforming structure

7) 327 South Rd. Installing AC units in the setback

8) 665-557 Wallis Rd. Expansion of 2 units into 4 units Currently non-conforming

9) 3 Brackett Rd. Expansion of non-conforming building, removing trees and in wetland



## 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: March meetings**

Draft Meeting Minutes: March 21st [Click Here](#) March 28th [Click Here](#) March 31st [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Video: March 28th [Click Here](#) March 31st [Click Here](#)

- 1) Continuation of youth furniture continues and when completed, will be presented to the Friends of Rye Library.
- 2) Member Azzi is working on RFQ for the Library Green work.
- 3) LBOT interviewed five candidates and moved to recommend Rachel Bradt McCann to the Select Board.
- 4) Discussed process for communicating to the Select Board for April 10th meeting.

## **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](#)

[2023 Rockingham Planning Commission Regional Housing Needs](#)



### **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: March 9th**

March 9th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

March 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting [Agenda](#) Draft minutes are not posted.

March 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting [Agenda](#) (non-public-legal)

March 13 Site Walk [Minutes](#) (440 Sagamore Road & other matters)

March 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting Draft Minutes (not available as of 4/1/23)

February 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting Draft [Minutes](#) (not available as of 2/24/23 Civic News)

1) Legal and environmental firm bills for un specified matter(s) were approved: \$9952.50 at February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with \$5215 approved at the March 13 Site Walk [Minutes](#)

2) Renewed RCC expiring terms for member Mike Garvan and alternate Jeff Gardner were approved. There are now two Open Member positions.

3) A UNH student, as part of finalizing degree, has offered 100 hours of field time to RCC.

4) Town GIS info now in synch with NH Coastal Bureau data

5) **440 Sagamore Road (Rye GIS)** Extensive disturbances of the wetland buffer for the installation of a new septic in the buffer with virtually all of the house, barn and shed within 100 foot buffer as no data was presented to substantiate a 50' buffer as appropriate. Plans are incomplete with no 50' wetlands setback delineation to septic or otherwise, a storm water management plan was also requested along with a "total" restoration, stone and soil removal and planting plan as well as DES permit. March 13 [Site Walk](#)



[Minutes](#)

6) 750 Brackett Road agreed to not mow an area 23' from the wetlands (currently being mowed) and will also install a 5'-10' deep buffer.



## 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: March 21st

Agenda: [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: March 2nd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1) Historic signs are with the graphic designer. Plans are to have the signs in mid April - 6 weeks before Memorial Weekend/1st Trolley Rid

2) Commission met the Rye Beach Village District Commissioners about to discuss having the District come under the Heritage Commission.

- 3) Still looking for someone to restore the Gazebo.
- 4) Caswell Cemetery on Washington Rd. now has plans to be maintained.
- 5) Rye Advocates continue to assemble the history of Rye homes.

### **Demolition Review: March 10th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) Recorded Video of March 16th meeting: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Working on wording for sign at the Building Department
- 2) Owner of Kooks will meet with the DRC.
- 3) Owner of 22 Richards Rd. will be invited to the next meeting

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

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Open Seats: The Historic District Commission has three open seats

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Reviewed the plan for the proposed lighting. Costs have increased since the TAP grant request.
- 2) Discussions of cross walks, lighting and walking trails at Parsons Field.
- 3) Discussions on the intersections as the next topic for planning.

### **TAP Grant Committee**

Recorded Videos

March 23rd [Click Here](#) March 9th: [Click Here](#) March 6th: [Click Here](#)



### **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: March 7th and 13th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussed progress and planned for the March 13th information
- 2) Two parties are interested in the Breakfast Hill solar project.
- 3) Neighbor of Public Safety building has complained about one of new LED lights. Chief Walsh has been shutting off. Vendor will replace with a nigh shield version.
- 4) If RWD build a treatment plant, solar should be discussed.

March 13th Information Session Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) [Information sent to residents](#)  
[Community Power Op-Ed](#) by REC member in the Herald.

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

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: not available

- 1) Will request that the terms and charter be for three years
- 2) Discussed re-engaging with local restaurants. Was curtailed at Covid.
- 3) Will discuss blocking holes at Swap shop to keep the birds out
- 4) Still working to have the field trip to Turnkey Landfill
- 5) Preparing to make the home video in April

### **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: No February Meeting**

Recorded Video:

Draft Meeting Minutes:

[2023 Spraying Notice](#)



### **Beach Committee**

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

### **Beach Committee Meeting: March 20th**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Assigned support for the Beach clean ups and the stickers that will be provided
- 2) Voted to provide Blue Ocean Society \$100 for supplies as the are suppling all four April Beach cleanups in Rye.
- 3) Looking to confirm Beach Walk with fire, a function of the tide
- 4) 4 for 400th Beach Clean Up schedule set
  - Monday, April 3@4-5:30pm-Foss North & South
  - Saturday, April 8@9-10:30am-Pirates North & South
  - Thursday, April 20@4:30-6pm (Earth Week)-Jenness to Cable
  - Friday, April 28@10:30m-Noon (Local School Vacation Week)-Sawyers to Philbircks

### **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:

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

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](#)

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](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.