

Rye Civic News

June 2023

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April Highlights
[VIDEO: Watch the Highlights & History](#)
Note (starts at 3:00)

May Highlights

- 1) Select Board does not act on the Town Clerk request to find a solution for getting mail (e.g. tax payments) delivered directly to the Town Hall Annex (currently transported from PO Box or Town Hall).
- 2) After a detailed discussion, the Select Board has the opportunity to implement a more controlled process for community services (regional associations) that receive our donations thanks to a newly formed Regional Association Review Committee.
- 3) Select Board completes Site walk for Perkins Rd. and Ocean Blvd intersection and discusses planned safety changes. [Meeting Minutes](#)
- 4) \$100K Grant for Parsons Creek database update and [DNA testing report](#) shows DNA method does not work in brackish water (second failed brackish project). However [92% \(23 of 25\)](#) of samples have fecal contamination and/or [other bacteria counts](#) above the State safety level.
- 5) Rye Master Plan rewrite is now in motion.
 - [Share your ideas](#) about the future of housing in Rye. [Survey](#) is from May 30th to June 23rd
 - Build out Analysis work is starting with a draft planned for December 2023
 - Master Plan rewrite will be led by Reliance, FB Engineering and Rockingham Planning Commission.
- 6) 665-667 Wallis Rd. approved for adding an additional condominium (now three units vs. the current 2 units) with a 3-2 Vote. [NOD Case #15-2023](#)
- 7) Golf Course Parking Expansions: Wentworth withdraws parking expansion proposal. Abeniqui proposes new parking and paddle tennis courts. See [Conservation notes](#)
- 8) 5 Whitehorse Drive donates two acres to Rye Conservation as part of negotiation for a new pool partially in the wetland setback.
- 9) Rye Community Power had an opt out rate below 1%, which was lower than expected.
- 10) Seacoast Greenway Rail Trail update provided to Select Board (May 9th), discussion focused on closest Rye trail access to be built on Breakfast Hill Rd. in Greenland. Greenland is looking for Rye to support its grant request for the trail access. [September 2022 presentation](#)
- 11) Rye Water Department's Arik Jones [recognized by NHDES](#) for his work last fall with e-coli

contamination. Also, updated Rye Water Mission statement. "At Rye Water District, our mission is to provide the Rye Water District community with drinking water that meets all current federal and state drinking standards along with excellent customer service and environmental conservation." 2022 Annual Water Quality report was mailed to RWD homes (not yet posted).

Your Rye Night Out: All things Beaches!!! - Thursday, June 1st 6:30pm Kook's Cafe & Beach Bar 1191 Ocean Blvd. [Click Here](#)

Bring your beach story, old pictures..... Rye Historian, Alex Herlihy will share stories of Rye Beaches. What are your stories? What Beach related topics would you like to discuss?

Open Town Board Positions: [Click Here](#)

Town positions [e-mail](#) Planning or Zoning positions: [e-mail](#)

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| Beach Committee | 1 Member and 2 Alternate Vacancies |
| Heritage Commission | 2 Alternate Vacancies |
| 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 | 1 Member Vacancy |
| TAP Grant Committee | 2 Member Vacancies |
| Planning Board | 2 Alternate Vacancies |
| Conservation Commission | 1 Alternate Vacancy |

General Announcements

1) Rye Night Out topic: All Things Beaches. Bring your beach story and hear from Rye Historian, Alex Herlihy. Thursday, June 1st 6:30pm Kooks Cafe & Beach Bar Ocean Blvd.

2) Rye Town Fireworks are Friday June 30th [Click Here](#)

3) Rye Recreation event flyers. [Strawberry Fest](#), [Baseball Camp](#), [Basketball Camp](#), [Lego Camp](#), [HoRYEzons Day camp](#), more go [here](#)

4) The RES playground needs more donations to meet the goal. [Click Here](#)

5) Rye Day will be August 19th. Groups are already making plans. Mark your calendar [Click Here](#)

6) "Rye History Rocks" - town historian offers easy access to wide variety of topics from town's past [Click Here](#)

7) 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.
NH Zoning Atlas [Click Here](#)

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

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

[Heritage Commission](#) June 1 - 5:30pm
[The Master Plan Steering Committee](#) June 6 - 1:00pm
[Energy Committee](#) June 6 - 3:00pm
[Rye Town Center Committee](#) June 7 - 5:30pm
[Board of Adjustment](#) June 7 - 7:00pm
[TAP Grant Committee](#) June 8 - 5:30pm
[Conservation Commission](#) June 8 - 6:30pm
[Select Board](#) June 12 - 6:30pm
[Sewer Commission](#) June 13 - 8:00am

[Historic District Commission](#) June 14 - 5:30pm
[Beach Committee](#) June 19 - 5:30pm
[Mosquito Control Commission](#) June 20 - 5:00pm
[Planning Board](#) June 20 - 6:00pm
[Recycling Education Committee](#) June 20 - 6:30pm
[Budget Committee](#) June 21st 6:30pm
[TAP Grant Committee](#) June 22 - 5:30pm
[Select Board](#) June 26 - 6:30pm
[4th of July Celebration 2023](#) June 30 - 6:30pm to 10:00pm



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 May 25th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) Select Board approved Rye Fuel for the annual contract even though they were slightly higher. DPW Director sights excellent service and low bidder has a clause that could drive cost up.
- 2) Select Board will ask DPW to leverage the contacted paving company to fix potholes before paving roads.
- 3) Regional Review Association (community services) process is to send letters in July for needs, funding is for the next year. Currently providing funds that were approved for 2023 based on the March 2023 town election.
- 4) Regional Review Association committee recommendations will be considered to the 2024 funding as part of the 2024 budget planning.
- 5) New process for Regional Review Associations will be generated.

Select Board Meeting May 22nd

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

May 25th meeting - Regional Association Review - Recorded video ??

- 1) Resident and business partners state that 22 Pioneer Rd (Screen printing business) was a business, not a residence, but the Building Inspector denied the building permit request to convert to offices. Letter submitted but not made public.
- 2) Resident raises the need to for better municipal records management, as Forrest Green subdivision original deed could not be found by the town. Recommends that if residents have "unique" property attributes they should validate if the town does have the records.
- 3) DPW Part Time Administrative Assistant job description was approved. Great opportunity for resident who is looking for 20 to 25 hours a week. There are other openings [Click Here](#), Per-Diem Firefighter/EMT, Public Works Laborer (seasonal), Public Works Driver/Operators/Laborer and Part Time Recreation Facilities Staff member.
- 4) Approved hiring of a Deputy Fire Chief job description, recruiting will start with internal candidates.
- 5) Select Board cleared up confusion about appointments and Jaci Grote and Phil Winslow will continue as the Rockingham Planning Commission representatives (Rye contributes funding). One term did expire, but this is considered a re-appointment and not an open vacancy.
- 6) Historic District Commission can't locate the official inventory of property in the district. Seeking grant funding to complete the property inventory and possibly expand the district.
- 7) Select Board approved the Planning Board vendor selection for the Master Plan re-write. Winning proposal is not posted for the public. The Housing Needs grant is starting now. There will be the build out analysis (plan to complete by December 2023) and the Master Plan re-write process with an expected draft for September 2024.
- 8) Discussed resident letter about addressing South Rd. potholes, Select Board requesting the DPW to address as soon as possible.
- 9) Discussed the \$10M Federal request for Rt 1 sewer. Rye would need to contribute \$2M (of total

\$12M). Spend is not in the current CIP. Portsmouth is also asking for Rt. 1 infrastructure funding.

10) Select Board does not act on Town Clerk request for a solution so mail (tax bills) can be delivered directly to the Annex. Currently mail must be retrieved from a PO Box or Town Hall.

11) NHDES report on Parson's Creek NDA testing was still in draft, but has now been released [Click Here](#).

12) Resident points out that the draft [May 8th meeting minutes](#) missed the main point of the Select Board not explaining the rationale for not following its stated process for appointments (see May 8th [written statement](#)). Resident will provide a suggested summary to the Town Administrator.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

May 8th: Personnel

May 22nd: Personnel and Legal

May 24th: Personnel

Select Board Meeting: May 9th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Site walk at the Perkins Rd./Ocean Blvd Intersections
- 2) Perkins Rd./Ocean Blvd intersection safety changes were discussed with residents who are requesting a phased implementation. No Selectboard actions were taken and the project will continue on its current course.
- 3) Rockingham County Planning Commission presented an update on the NH Seacoast Rail Trail. Greenland is leading grant requests (below \$50K) for public trail head accommodations. Past Select Boards have communicated that Rye will help maintain the section along the Rye border.
- 4) Rye will provide a letter of support for the Greenland Grant request for rail trail parking.
- 5) Reginal Association Review Committee was not discussed as the other topics ran over.

Select Board Meeting May 8th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rye Community Power provided an update on the potential savings for Rye. Only a few residents opted to stay with Eversource.
- 2) Resident reads statement ([click here - Steven Borne statement](#)) concerning the Selectboards lack of explanation of why the Conservation Commission recommendation for the 1 year term, with the applicant who has past experience serving on that commission.
- 3) Selectboard updated progress on Rye's request for \$10M for Federal funds for Rt. 1 Sewer and water connections from Portsmouth/N. Hampton. Rye would be responsible for 20% or about \$2M for this work.
- 4) One of the two 2006 boilers in the Public Safety Building has failed. Total cost along with cleaning and flushing pipes will be over \$30K. Bidding was waived to expediate replacement before the next cold snap that could damage the buildings. Heat pumps and other solutions were discussed, but time is of the essence.
- 5) Update on the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) was discussed, the most current report can be found at the Public Works. Rye has 850 catch basins. More information can be found [here](#). Useful information is available, such as information on [Green Grass & Clean Water](#).
- 6) TAP grant for Rye Town Center is progressing, but the total project completion is several years away.
- 7) The NH DES DNA draft report on Parson's Creek fecal contamination will be discussed with FB Engineering. Released May 26th [Click Here](#)

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: May 17th

Draft Minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

SAU 50 Report: [Click Here](#)

From April Facilities Report [Click Here](#) Technical report: [Click Here](#)

RES Report: [Click Here](#)




RJH Report: [Click Here](#)

- 1) The School Board held a Public Hearing to approve up to \$55K to be used from the Technology Expendable Trust Fund towards server and access point updates at RJH and RES.
- 2) The Board authorized Superintendent Stephen Zdravec to sign an agreement for the construction of a new playground at RES in 2024. Fundraising efforts to continue to identify a source for the additional \$150K required to complete the project. [Click Here](#) to support.
- 3) The School Board summer retreat will be held on August 16th from 8:30A-12:30P. The location is TDB.
- 4) The Rye School District will work in parallel with Portsmouth to define their "Portrait of a Learner" as a first step in the development of a 5-year strategic plan.
- 5) The SAU50 joint board will meet on May 24th at 6:30P at the MHT school in New Castle.
- 6) The next Rye School Board meeting will meet on Wednesday, June 21st at 5:30P at RJH.

SAU 50 School Board Meeting: Next Meeting May 24th

Agenda

No draft meeting minutes

| Rye Water District | Eversource/ Aquarion Water | Portsmouth Water | Rye Water District and Sewer |
|--|---|---|---|
|  |  |  | <p>RWD: meets 1st Wednesday of the month 9am at 60 Sagamore Rd. Water Suppliers</p> <p>Rye Water Citizen's Handbook information: Click Here</p> <p>Sewer: Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month</p> <p>Citizen's Handbook Sewer information: Click Here</p> <p>Portsmouth June 2022 Presentation: Click Here</p> |
| <p>2021 RWD Rate Increase: Click Here 2017 RCL Water in Rye Information: Click Here</p> <p>RWD 101 Information: Click Here 2021 RWD Quality Report: Click Here</p> <p>PFAS Testing updates page: Click Here Conservation Tips: Click Here</p> <p>Ground and Surface Water Protection How to read your meter: Click Here</p> <p>2017 Infrastructure Report Card: Click Here Imagine a day without water: Click Here</p> | | | |

RWD Monthly Meeting: May 3rd

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Wright Pierce update - Brown property well investigation is continuing, vernal pools work completed. Additional work will be completed later this summer. Garland Well point of entry building work is progressing.
- 2) Wallis Rd water main work is in process
- 3) New truck is available for the new operator who started in May.
- 4) Irrigation policy is posted (couldn't be found). Irrigation Permit form is being drafted
- 5) Postponed acting on the public relations contract.

6) Accepted the \$40K grant for lead service line survey.

7) Approved updated mission statement. "At Rye Water District, our mission is to provide the Rye Water District community with drinking water that meets all current federal and state drinking standards along with excellent customer service and environmental conservation."

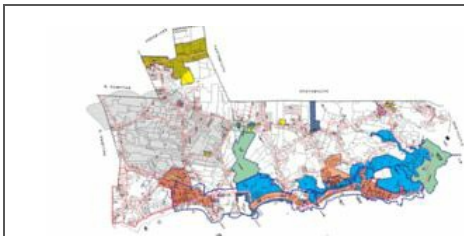
8) RWD received the 2023 Source Water Sustainability Award from the NHDES. [Click Here](#)

Sewer Commission: May 9th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

No recording at the RBVD Building

- 1) 0 Richard Rd. connect was approved
- 2) 15 Sagamore Rd. connection to the Portsmouth Sewer is acceptable to Portsmouth and was approved
- 3) 61 Red Mill Lane as built plans were excepted
- 4) Adams Mobile Home Park Memorandum and Proposed Plans was provided to Portsmouth has been received and is being reviewed.
- 5) Abenaqui Pump station work starts May 17th



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: May 2nd, May 4th 15th and 25th

May 2nd Master Plans Steering meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

May 2nd Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

- 1) Bids were opened. One member repeatedly asked for non-public discussions
- 2) Bid opening video May 1st: [Click Here](#)

May 15th Master Plan Steering draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

May 15th Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) There were two RFP proposals that were reviewed
- 2) Consensus was to recommend the consortium of Resilience, FB Engineering and Rockingham Planning Commission to the Select Board on May 22nd.

May 4th Long Range Planning meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

May 4th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) RPC Consultant Jenn Rowden explained the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
- 2) Explanation that Work Force Housing is not low-income housing
- 3) Phase I is the current grant that is starting.

May 25th Long Range Planning.

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

[Agenda](#)

- 1) Survey flyer was provided [Click Here](#).
- 2) [Survey is open](#) May 30th to June 23rd

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

Rules and Regulations Meeting:

No Meeting

Planning Board Meeting: May 16th

Draft Meeting minutes: not available, NOD not posted nor public documents

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

1) 457 Central Rd. Drive Permit was approved

2) 1215 Ocean Blvd. Plans to open a Pizza Restaurant. Outside seating only is not a change of use, but the Building Inspector has not yet approved. Planning Board can't discuss the requests for in-door seating until plans are finalized after Zoning - issues are around parking spaces, how to calculate what is needed for parking and adding a port-a-potty for additional service. Applicant started this winter and town bureaucracy may negatively impact business potential.

3) 10 Forest Green subdivision was approved, but no public discussion about the resolutions of the issues that pushed the application to be continued to the May meeting. Abutter's hand written letter opposing the sub-division is not posted.

4) 5 Whitehorse Drive is donating land to Conservation as part of a compromise for installing a pool on land that is in the wetland setback. Lot lines were approved for the almost two acres going to conservation and a small easement.

5) Planning Board agreed to to recommend the firms for the Build Out analysis and Master Plan re-write.

April 18th Notice of Decisions

1) 80 Baker Ave Approved 7-0 three waivers for drive way permit. [Case #07-2023](#)

2) 1191 Ocean Blvd (Kooks Cafe & Beach Bar) approved sign

Planning Board Agenda June 20th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1) 155 West Rd. to relocate common boundary

2) 850 Washington Rd. to subdivide lot 130

3) Major Site Development for 665-667 Wallis Rd. Adding a third residence unit on the property

4) 33 Sagamore Rd. Foyes Corner - creating a farmstead

5) 6 Airfield Drive Major Site Development for a fitness and wellness business

6) 1264 Ocean Blvd lot merger

7) 14 Sagamore Rd. Conceptual consultation to replace with office buildings and rental units

8) Discussion of NHOP Grant Phase II

9) Housing Partnership Tech Review update

Zoning Board of Adjustments:

Meets 1st Wednesday

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

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

**Code
of the
Town of Rye**

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM
NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

GIS Information: [Click Here](#)

[NH Zoning Atlas](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes: May 3rd & 17th

Recorded Video May 3rd: [Click Here](#) May 17th: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: May 3rd [Click Here](#) May 17th: No minutes or NOD posted

RCL Notes and Relief/Variances Tracking Table (will now be quarterly): [Click Here](#)

- 1) 665-667 Wallis Rd. Approved 3-2 three variances for adding an additional condominium on the property (now two rental properties) and approved 5-0 the use of high tech septic near a ledge. [Case #15 a/b 2023](#). Three ZBA conditions to be monitored by town.
- 2) 457 Central Rd. Approved 5-0 two variances for a driveway with one condition. [Case #55-2022](#)
- 3) 1701 Ocean Blvd. Approved 5-0 for expansion in the wetland buffer with four Conservation Conditions, one is very detailed. [Case #07-2023](#)
- 4) All others continued to May 17th and June 7th meetings.
- 5) Cases moved from May 3rd and heard at May 17th meeting. No NOD posted [Agenda](#)
 - 1182 Ocean Rd. expanding a non-conforming building
 - 3 Brackett Rd. expansion of a non-conforming building
 - 59 Central Rd. expansion of non-conforming building
 - 850 Washington Rd. subdividing into two lots
 - 5 Cable Rd. Demolition and new build
 - 1481 Ocean Blvd. rebuilding a studio

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: June 7th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 29 Gray Ct. expansion of non-conforming building
- 2) 440 Sagamore Rd. expansion of a non-conforming building
- 3) 0 Jenness Rd. (by Surf Lane) expansion with bio retention pond, driveway in wetland buffer
- 4) 6 Airfield Drive Appeal of Administrative Appeal
- 5) Benchmark Sr. Living 295 Lafayette Rd. adding 4K sq. ft addition
- 6) Thompson Way (30 Units on Rt. 1) for large sign
- 7) 5 Douglas Circle adding a dormer in the side set back
- 8) 37 Central Rd Expansion of a non-conforming building
- 9) 34 Perkins Rd. Adding a pool
- 10) 139 Wentworth Rd. Expansion and septic in the wetland buffer
- 11) 21 Vin Mar Court Two year extension
- 12) 1215 Ocean Blvd Administrative appeal of Building Inspector Denial and variances for parking for indoor seating



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: May 16th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Maintenance Budget will need to be expanded to cover the cost of annual inspections
- 2) Board would like monthly statements of the trust fund
- 3) Adding a Summer intern to assist with the summer reading program
- 4) Moving forward seeking a Landscape architect firm. Discussed CIP project list.

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: May 11th and May 19th Site Walk

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: not available [Agenda](#)

Notes from the Civic League: [Click Here](#) (transcribed from video)

- 1) Wentworth by the Sea Country Club withdrew their project for more parking (in wetland buffer).
- 2) Abenaki Country Club: seeking to construct two platform tennis courts, new parking lot, and small building with bathrooms. 17,000 square foot impact as nearby pond (man-made) is jurisdictional. Due to scale and federal and state regulations, project will require mitigation either in Rye, if mitigation project approved or elsewhere in the watershed.
- 3) 440 Sagamore Rd. Evaluating expansion into wetlands buffer.
- 4) 5 Sea Rd ([location map](#)) No issues with 2017 approved project that is now completed
- 5) Hunting Binds/Tree Stands in Seavey Creek, Baily Brook, Cedar Run/Raines have not been removed (Jan 31st is when they should be removed).
- 6) Discussion of the impact of well head protection area on adjacent (non Conservation) properties if RWD does move forward with a well on the Brown property.
- 7) Boundaries with Rye Recreation have been surveyed and staked. Still grass clipping issues.



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: May 10th

No draft meeting minutes [Agenda](#)

Recreation Commission has 2 open positions

- 1) 2023 Spring/Summer program update
- 2) Master Plan - next steps - survey results

2023 Recreation Program Flyers:

4th of July Fireworks on June 30th: [Click Here](#)

July 19th Strawberry Fest: [Click Here](#)

July 20th Glen Campbell Tribute: [Click Here](#)

August 19th Rye Day: [Click Here](#)

Sept. 7th Neil Diamond Tribute: [Click Here](#)

October 19th: Splish Splash Bobby Darin [Click Here](#)

November 16th; Dancing Dream Abba Tribute: [Click Here](#)



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: May 4th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) If the committee is going to make a significant contribution to Town Hall windows, more funds will be needed.
- 2) If a new base for the Gazebo can be built for under \$10K, the committee would move forward.
- 3) Discussed communication plan to promote historic graveyard adoptions
- 4) Rye Advocates are making progress for a website. Historic District is working on a CLG Grant to recreate the district inventory documentation and possibly expand the district (would add eight properties).
- 5) New Signs should be up by mid June

Demolition Review: May 10th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Not posted. [Agenda](#)

- 1) 1661 Ocean Blvd discussed

Historic District Commission Meeting: May 10th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 570 Washington Rd. No issues with the proposed plan. All in favor
- 2) Discussed the CLG grant process, letter of approval is required from the Select Board to make the submission deadline.
- 3) Discussed the steps required to add eight homes to the current district
- 4) Star Island is planning on renovations. Will be discussed with RCC on June 14th
- 5) Discussed the changing the application process would need to flow through the Rules and Regulations, a Planning Board subcommittee.

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: May 3rd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Committee is charged with proposing a comprehensive vision for Town Center to be submitted to the Select Board for consideration
- 2) Reviewed in general the overall layout of the town center, and specifically options discussed in prior years: a. Crosswalks using brick pavers vs. asphalt (or other materials) b. Park Benches and locations c. Pocket parks d. Landscape plantings e. Additional street lighting f. Style of street lighting g. Signage – style and color .
- 3) Committee agreed to review drawing and charrette from 2019 and bring ideas to the next meeting

TAP Grant Committee Meeting: May 11th and 25th

Recorded Video: May 11th [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: May 25th [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 Community Power: [Click Here](#)

Rye Energy Committee Meeting: May 9th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: not recorded

- 1) Community Power (CPCH) opt out rate was below 1%, lower than expected.
- 2) CPNH is working on customer service for billing. Rye's top questions have been general information, information on opting-in, on the default product Granite Basic, on opting out, and customers who are checking on account status.
- 3) Next focus is to help homes with net-metering
- 4) Electric vehicle charger was installed at RJH
- 5) Discussion about RES Solar panels
- 6) Renewed Clean Energy NH membership. See meeting minutes for benefits
- 7) Update on Breakfast Hill property ownership for interconnections discussed
- 8) Appointed Carl Nicolino to represent Rye at the Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management meetings.

Rye Recycling Education Committee: May 16th

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: not available

- 1) Foam pellets can be sent to the Parcel Room but it requires advanced communication
- 2) Working with DPW to repair swap shop to keep the birds out of the building
- 3) Discussed process for a competition

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](#)

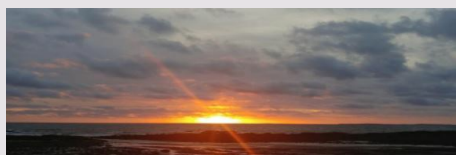
Mosquito Commission Meeting: May 16th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

[2023 Spraying Notice](#)



Beach Committee

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

Parking Assessment Study: [Click Here](#)

Beach Committee Meeting: May 15th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Not posted

Recorded Video: N/A

1) The Beach Committee met on May 15 at Sawyers Beach. The purpose of the site meeting was to review beach access and safety issues. The Committee, along with our Select Board Representative, Tom King, was joined by Police Chief Kevin Walsh and Fire Chief Mark Cotreau. We reviewed beach access points from Philbricks to Pirates Cove and discussed concerns from community members. Some of the concerns were:

- a). A shed placed too close to the boardwalk at Sawyers - There was a permit granted and the final placement sets back sufficiently from the boardwalk
- b.) Chief Walsh and Tom King were aware of some growth obstructing beach access by E/F Streets that would soon be corrected.
- c.) Foss Beach - Since the storms of last fall and winter, access to Foss has been difficult. A few community members expressed their concerns to the Beach Committee that the stairways put in place were unstable this year. According to the DPW, the stairs should be more stable as they settle in place.
- d.) Crossing Route 1A to beaches that do not have crosswalks - Chief Walsh said there are set requirements for crosswalks to be put in place, as determined by the State of NH. The Beach Committee is concerned about the safety of beachgoers crossing Route 1A and will have further discussions on this topic.
- e.) Lifeguards and Flags for swimmers and surfers - Chief Cotreau explained the system that has been worked out to avoid conflicts with swimmers and surfers. There were very few complaints last summer. Lieutenant Jake MacGlashing works closely with the life guards for training and follow up.

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 May

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: May 16th

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) The Trustees reviewed and discussed trust fund accounts and holdings o The Library account (236) maintained over 16% in cash. The Trustees reduced the account's cash holding by making the below investment executed on 5-17-23:
- 2) Bought 400 shares of ETV at a price of \$12.26

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](#)
Town Facebook page: [Click Here](#)
Rye Police Facebook Page: [Click Here](#)
Rye 400 page: [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. 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.