

Rye Civic News

May 2023

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April Highlights
VIDEO: [Watch the Highlights](#) & History Note (starts at 2:50)

April Highlights

- 1) Select Board accepts Library recommendation for 1 year term, but overrides Conservation Commission recommendation for 1 year member term and appoints a different person. Starts at (30:00) on [Recorded Video](#)
- 2) Planning Board is reaching out to people they know to fill the open Alternate positions. As the Master Plan process has started, this is a great time for residents to become more active in Rye at a very important time.
- 3) Rye Recycling brought residents to the [Turnkey Landfill](#) for a field trip.
- 4) Town approved new Fee Schedule for police, fire, transfer station, etc., which goes into effect May 1st. [Click Here](#) And remember credit card only for payments at Transfer Station starting May 2nd.
- 5) Rye Community Power Information night Participation in Rye Community Power is voluntary. When it launches, all Eversource ratepayers will be automatically switched, unless they choose to opt-out. Customers who currently use a competitive supplier will have the option to opt-in to Rye Community Power. [More Detail](#)
- 6) Residents Right to Know request for 120 Garland Rd. cost the town \$1200. Property owner posted the [legal filling](#), image of [120 Garland](#) showing satellite view of location and Bailey Brook. [Water flows](#) from property towards Rye wells. 2022 Annual report shows \$75K, 42K in 2021 and \$44K in 2020, for \$161,831 in town legal fees the past three years.
- 7) Resident informs town of the 1993 [Berry' Brook Watershed Build out Analysis](#) and [other reports](#). It is unclear if Rye has been using and acting on this information over the past 30 years.
- 8) 1215 Ocean Blvd (corner of Wallis/Ocean Blvd) looking to open Pizza restaurant with indoor seating this summer. Development of property is still tied up in the courts. 10 Forest Green is looking to sub-divide into lots. 665/667 Wallis is also looking to add an additional residential unit. Through March ZBA has approved [43 Variances](#).
- 9) SAU 50 facilities team had a very detailed report for the April School Board meeting [Click Here](#)
- 10) Rye Recreation is looking at how to increase Pickle Ball access and leverage the Pickle Ball expert on

staff. See new flyer format and musical events in recreation section.

Your Rye Night Out: Thursday, May 4th 6:30pm Gibb's Garage and Grill [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...). Those eating should plan on being there by 6:30pm, others can come at 7pm

*NOTE: We are shifting these to AFTER the civic news publishes, so you can **read up** and then come and engage around what you have learned and ask additional questions.*

Open Town Board Positions: Click Here

Town positions [e-mail](#)

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

Beach Committee	2 Alternate Vacancies
Heritage Commission	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	3 Alternate Vacancies
Conservation Commission	1 Alternate Vacancy (new 4/25/2023)

General Announcements

- 1) Looking for WWII and Korean VETS to speak or have statements read at the May 29th Memorial Day Celebration. [Click Here](#)
- 2) Rye Recreation Spring and Summer Programs [Click Here](#)
- 3) Rye Recreation event flyers. [Fireworks](#), [Strawberry Fest](#), [Baseball Camp](#), [Basketball Camp](#), [Lego Camp](#), [HoRYEzons Day camp](#), more go [here](#)
- 4) Rye Day will be August 19th. Groups are already making plans. Mark your calendar [Click Here](#)
- 5) Life Guards are needed for 2023 Season. [Click Here](#) for more information.
- 6) New Kindergarten and new 1st Grade student registration is open. [Click Here](#)
- 7) "Rye History Rocks" - town historian offers easy access to wide variety of topics from town's past [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 Bid Opening](#) May 1, 9:00am
[The Master Plan Steering Committee](#) May 2, 1:00pm
[Energy Committee](#) May 2, 3:00pm
[Rye Town Center Committee](#) May 3, 5:30pm
[Board of Adjustment](#) May 3, 7:00pm
[NHHOP Kickoff meeting](#) May 4, 10:00am
[Heritage Commission](#) May 4, 5:30pm
[Select Board](#) May 8, 6:30pm
[Sewer Commission](#) May 9, 8:00am
[Historic District Commission](#) May 10, 5:30pm
[TAP Grant Committee](#) May 11, 5:30pm

[Conservation Commission](#) May 11, 6:30pm
[The Master Plan Steering Committee](#) May 15, 1:00pm
[Beach Committee Site Walk](#) May 15, 3:30pm
[Mosquito Control Commission](#) May 16, 5:00pm
[Planning Board](#) May 16, 6:00pm
[Recycling Education Committee](#) May 16, 6:30pm
[Select Board](#) May 22, 6:30pm
[TAP Grant Committee](#) May 25, 5:30pm
[Memorial Day - Town Offices Closed](#) May 29, 8:00am to 4:30pm



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 April 24th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) Residents acknowledge that progress is being made by the town to improve communications on some permitting steps.
- 2) Chief Walsh communicates that Rye and other neighboring police staffs are supporting N. Hampton as several N. Hampton officers have resigned.
- 3) Summer Sessions requests re-evaluating the plan for a floating island at the Perkins Rd./Ocean Blvd.
- 4) Select Board does not explain why Conservation Commission recommendations are not acceptable, interviews all candidates, approves 3 year alternate to take 3 year open position, appoints RCC not recommended resident for 1 year term.
- 5) Conversations reveal that the original Conservation Commission appointee for the 1 year seat withdrew as a result of the social media vitriol.
- 6) Conversations revealed that some of the Conservation Commission member candidates have submitted Right to Know requests for 120 Garland Rd. costing the town \$1200.
- 7) Select Board can't comment on 120 Garland Rd. due to on going litigation. Property owner posted the [legal filling](#), image of [120 Garland](#). Image showing [water flow](#). 2022 Annual report shows \$75K, 42K in 2021 and \$44K in 2020, for \$161,831 in town legal fees the past three years.
- 8) New Town fee (Police, Fire, Transfer station, ...) schedule was approved to go into affect May 1st. [Click Here](#)
- 9) In preparation for the retirement of Town Treasurer, Jane Ireland, Board approves the appointment of Susan Philbrick as the Deputy Treasurer position over other candidates. Town Treasurer is an elected position, while the Deputy Treasure is a hired town employee.
- 10) Resident had pointed out that the town should have a Municipal Records Committee (RSA 33-A:3). Town Administrator was assigned to lead that committee along with other town employees.
- 11) Select Board will reach out to Reggie White who presented his experience for the Conservation Commission openings for the Gulf of Maine Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force.
- 12) The Regional Association Review Committee Charge was renewed.
- 13) Rye Lions benches are not available at Rye Recreation.
- 14) Aquarion Rain Barrels must be ordered by May 1st. [Click Here](#)

Select Board Non Public Meetings

April 10th: Reputation

April 13th: Legal with the Conservation Commission

April 24th: Personnel and Acquisition

Select Board Meeting April 19th Workshop

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Regional Association Review Committee presented an update. Many groups have changed names, been acquired, or do not have much Rye interactions.
- 2) Committee to be a more permanent committee and to develop a structured process.
- 3) As the donations are part of the budget that was approved, groups can not be eliminated at this time, but amounts can be adjusted.
- 4) Monitoring wells and ground water management zone discussion was on the agenda and not discussed
- 5) Recreation discussed new programs, a focus on making more pickleball access and classes available and more trips. Senior Serve is looking for a new van and discussions on how to utilize that.

Select Board Meeting April 10th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Several residents made statements about the Library Trustee one year term. Library Board of Trustees made a recommendation for who the Select Board should appoint.
- 2) Single bidder for Beach Trash pickup was approved and this includes the longer trash pick up season.
- 3) Select Board approved the Library Board of Trustees recommendation and did entertain additional public comment and discussion.
- 4) Assessor discussed why seven abatements were recommended for approval and three that were recommended for denial. Select Board approved all recommendations.
- 5) The 2023 Beach Permit Applications were reviewed. All were approved. Discussions on how Summer Sessions has been working with Chief Walsh to minimize public impact.
- 6) Approved the \$64k for repainting the Public Safety Building with the same paint that has held the black mold problem at bay for the past several years.
- 7) Approved the Planning Board selection of the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) to fulfil the work associated with the NH HOP grant. The RPC quote is slightly less than the Grant amount.
- 8) Financial house keeping of a prior shift of funds to cover Conservation legal costs that exceeded its budget line item.



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: April 19th

Draft Minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

SAU 50 Report: [Click Here](#)

Rye Schools Facilities Report [Click Here](#)

Rye Schools Technical report: [Click Here](#)

RES Report: [Click Here](#)

[RJH Report: Click Here](#)

- 1) Solar powered softball score board will be installed during April break.
- 2) RES new roof contractor is set to start once school ends with the goal of finishing in August.
- 3) Schools are looking into solutions for the School water to meet the lower EPA levels for PFAS/PFOS that are coming soon. [SAU50 Maintenance Director Brian Helfrich report](#) includes deferred maintenance

items, planning for RES roof and RES solar installation.

4) RES Playground still needs to raise over \$150K




5) Special Public Hearing held to authorize up to \$5000 from the Wedgewood Trust for property maintenance and improvement.

6) [SAU50 Technology Director Chris Russo quarterly report](#) includes plans for new SAU servers, firewall and upgraded WiFi access points at RES and RJH.

7) Next Rye School Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at RJH

SAU 50 School Board Meeting: Next Meeting May 24th

Next meeting May 24th at 6:30pm MHT

<p>Rye Water District</p> 	<p>Eversource/ Aquarion Water</p> 	<p>Portsmouth Water</p> 	<h3>Rye Water District and Sewer</h3> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>
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RWD Monthly Meeting: April 5th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Accepting two \$50K grants that will be used for the Office Booster Pump station project and the Garland Rd. water main connection for high service to low service zones.
- 2) Draft NRCS letter is ready for RCC to move forward with testing the Brown Farm property for a new well.
- 3) Wright Pierce reported progress on the Level of Service project and the Asset Management Plan. The Rate study should be ready for review in May.
- 4) Brown Farm Lane water source and the treatment plant will be submitted for State Revolving Funds.
- 5) PFOA readings increased in Q3 when more water is flowing through the system.
- 6) Continue to interview for the second water operator position.
- 7) T-Mobile Cell Tower lease at Breakfast Hill will be reviewed by the attorney.
- 8) Portsmouth Water and NH DES are invited to the May 17th meeting and to have Aquarion meet with the commission on May 31st..

Sewer Commission: No April Meeting

No April meeting

	<h3>Planning Board</h3> <p>Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month Citizen's Handbook Information: Click Here</p> <p>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</p>
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Long Range Planning & Master Plan Steering Committee:

No Meetings in April

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: April 17th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Changing meeting date to 3rd Tuesday
- 2) The Rules and Regulations meeting was the first public meeting for the Rules and Regulations.
- 3) Member of the public had to request a copy to review.
- 4) No new applications will be heard after 8pm and the meeting should end by 9pm
- 5) Discussion of Findings of Fact and shared print out is not part of the draft meeting minutes.

Planning Board Meeting: April 3rd and 18th

Recorded Video April 3rd : [Click Here](#) April 19th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [April 3rd](#) Draft Minutes April 18th: Not available

- 1) 15 Sagamore Rd. Conditions of Approval were changed to cover restoration of the property if the development can not be completed. NOD was not updated or attached to the [meeting minutes](#).
- 2) Rockingham Planning Commission was awarded the Invest NH HOP Grant at a price slightly lower than the grant.
- 3) 10 Forest Green site walk. [Click Here](#) for meeting minutes
- 4) 10 Forest Green owner is looking to sub-divide lots that were not originally planned to be sub-divided.
- 5) 10 Forest Green abutter submitted a late hand written letter to the Planning Board about this property and the notification process. A copy was not made available for the Civic News as requested.
- 6) 80 Baker Ave is requesting a driveway near an intersection. Discussion about the DPW Director requiring driveway permits.
- 7) 1215 Ocean Blvd would like to operate a Pizza shop this summer, but to include indoor seating. This is different than recent years. Continued as Board is not clear on what is being proposed.
- 8) Rules of Procedure are being updated. It was agreed that sub-committee members should not be from the public at large, but from Planning Board Alternates.
- 9) No update on the Master Plan process from the Steering Committee.

Planning Board Agenda May 16th

Agenda: Not yet posted

Agendas for Sub-committees are not posted, e.g. May 2nd Master Plan Steering Committee

Zoning Board of Adjustments:

Meets 1st Wednesday

**Code
of the
Town of Rye**

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM
NEW HAMPSHIRE

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: April 5th & 19th

Recorded Video April 5th: [Click Here](#) April 19th: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: April 5th [Click Here](#) April 19th: No minutes or NOD posted

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

- 1) Refused to take jurisdiction on Building Inspectors letter of 681 Brackett Rd.
- 2) All applications continued to the April 19th or May 3rd meeting
- 3) Wentworth by the Sea Country Club asking for more variances, in the wetland buffer

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: May 3rd

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 1701 Ocean Blvd. Expanding second story in the wetland buffer
- 2) 665-447 Washington Rd. Expanding 2 units to 3 units
- 3) 457 Central Rd. Driveway and shed
- 4) 0 Jenness Rd. (by Surf Lane) expansion with bio retention pond, driveway in wetland buffer
- 5) 1182 Ocean Rd. expanding a non-conforming building
- 6) 3 Brackett Rd. expansion of a non-conforming building
- 7) 440 Sagamore Rd. expansion of a non-conforming building
- 8) 59 Central Rd. expansion of non-confirming building
- 9) 850 Washington Rd. subdividing into two lots
- 10) 5 Cable Rd. Demolition and new build
- 11) 1481 Ocean Blvd. rebuilding a studio
- 12) 29 Gray Ct. expansion of non-confirming building



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: April 18th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Audit comments received and the Director will be updating the LBOT
- 2) Received a \$1000 donation from Samuel Southworth
- 3) Increasing the balance in the checking account to handle appropriations
- 4) Board will meet with potential landscape architects for Library Common
- 5) LBOT will mimic the Select Board policy of only allowing public comment at the beginning of meetings.

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: April 13th and 18th

April 18th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes April 13th [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes April 18th Site Walk: [Click Here](#)

RCL Draft Notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 1701 Ocean Blvd. Impervious coverage is being reduced, new septic
- 2) 5 Cable Rd. Tear down and moving structure out of the 50 ft. buffer
- 3) 1248 Ocean Blvd 15 Ft. buffer installed, Notice of Decision conditions were met
- 4) 800 Ocean Blvd. (Breakers Condos) Repair of existing stone revetment allowed to be finished (permit expired)
- 5) 10 Shoals View Drive Owner wants trees removed, denied as proposal of new trees may impact abutters.
- 6) Whitehorse: Home is discharging water into conservation land
- 7) Discussion of support for the Carriage House farming at Goss Farm
- 8) Conservation Commission approved Michael Brousseau for the 1 year term as he had been participating in Conservation Meetings, but was passed over for the last open seat as they Hydrology experience of Dana Trustlow was a higher need at the time.
- 9) As Karen Oliver has been a very active and valuable (legal experience) alternate for the past three years, she was recommended for the 3 year open term.
- 10) Michael Brousseau withdrew in response to the social media vitriol from Rye residents.
- 11) Paula Mahaney who had services on Conservation in the past was recommended for the 1 year term.
- 12) Short bio from the meeting are available, summarized by the RCL [Click Here](#).
- 13) Town GIS has been updating with the missing parcels
- 14) Zoning Map provided by the Planning Board is not accurate with RCC properties
- 15) Donation of \$2500 was received from David Junkins hier to the recently purchased 0 Pioneer property. Funds are to help RCC maintain the land.
- 16) Commission needs to review the application for Rye Water testing for wells on the Brown Farm Conservation land.



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: No April Meeting

Recreation Commission has 2 open positions

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: April 6th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Payment for historic signs
- 2) Estimate for gazebo repair

- 3) Graveyard adoption sub. com. will be established
- 4) Rye Beach Village District in RHC update - discussions
- 5) Seven historic signs update
- 6) Town Center Com. Vision update, focus on the monument on Washington

Demolition Review: April 18th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) 15 Sagamore discussed

Historic District Commission Meeting: April 12th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Site walk of the new town hall office building at 500 Washington Rd to provide input on look of the outside with the intention of having the building's appearance match its importance to Rye.
- 2) HDC approved an application from Start Island to make worker safety modifications to the tanks at the wastewater treatment plant. The modifications are away from the historic features of the hotel.
- 3) CLG (certified legal government) 2023 grant application. Expansion of Historic district was established in 1966 Town Warrant Article 16. An area on Central Rd identified for expansion. The first step will be the completion of a survey of properties being considered. Grant (\$18,000-20,000) would pay for survey.

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: April 5th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Voted in two new committee members, Lindsay Gray and Jenn Thompson. Voted John Loftus as Chair and Kathy Coffey as Vice-Chair.
- 2) TAP committee update. Committee met with DOT to walk Town Center and concern Lang Rd intersection was noted.
- 3) Discussion about Lang Rd intersection and calming of traffic, in ways that include narrowing of lanes, speed bumps and stop signs. It was pointed out that some ideas have been presented to the Select Board, Fire and Police and were turned down. Through the TAP grant, engineers will be hired to make recommendations based on what other towns have done and the data collected from traffic counts.
- 4) Discussion on number of students that walk to library from Junior High. It was suggested to revisit the idea of having equipment and labor to clear the sidewalks of snow possibly through a warrant article.

TAP Grant Committee Meeting: April 13th and 27th

Recorded Videos: April 13th [Click Here](#), April 27th [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: April 13th [Click Here](#) April 27th

- 1) The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Committee reviewed 9 firms recommended for next steps in the grant process from a list of LPA (Local Public Agency) pre-qualified preliminary engineering firms.
- 2) When RFQ (Request for Qualifications) is posted these 9 firms will be contacted, in addition to the required posting of the RFQ per the LPA manual
- 3) LPA training was completed by 2 board members and Selectman Tom King
- 4) There are two open seats on the TAP grant committee

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: April 4th and 18th

Draft Meeting Minutes: April 4th [Click Here](#) April 18th [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video April 4th [Click Here](#) April 11th not available

- 1) 30 people attended the April 4th information night. [Video More Information](#)
- 2) Official Website is operational [Click Here](#)
- 3) CPCNH will be filing complains with the PUC and Department of Energy about the delays that has cost towns savings.
- 4) RJH Solar is working and showing results. Discussions for RES have started.
- 5) Progress continues with the Breakfast Hill solar array.

Rye Recycling Education Committee: April 18th

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: not available

- 1) Revise home recycling film, filmed at resident
- 2) Prepare Turnkey Landfill filed trip notes - trip was April 13th
- 3) Research Foam pellets recycling
- 4) Research 10 town initiative
- 5) Put Town recycling center video on Civic News
- 6) Swap Shop - repaired back of building

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: April 18th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: None

[2023 Spraying Notice](#)

Beach Committee



Beach Committee Meeting: April 17th

Draft Meeting minutes: Not posted

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) RYE 400 Event: 4 for 400 Beach Cleanups – all 4 completed, #3 completed as of 4/20 @ Cable to Jenness. #4 Sawyers was on April 28@10:30am
- 2) Dog waste containers remaining in place at Cable and Pirates. Bike racks in progress for Cable and Pirates. Parson's water data final report from grant on-going.
- 3) Site walk with Fire Chief Mark Cotreau and Police Chief Kevin Walsh. Committee will meet at South End of Sawyers on May 15 @3:30 PM Goals – Beach Access and Safety
- 4) Student Eco Posters - Look for posters at the beaches and around town at the end of May/Early June.
- 5) Concern re: rocks removed at end of beach near Straw's Point. Turned out to be repair work by DPW for a beach access point
- 6) Cider Toast and Thank you to Bill Epperson, the Select Board Rep on the Beach Committee for 3 years. Toast and Thank you to Cybele Grier for her work on the 4 for 400 Beach Cleanups and her potential move from Rye.

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: no meeting in April

Draft Minutes:

Rye Historical Society: [Click Here](#)

Town Facebook page: [Click Here](#)

Rye Police Home page: [Click Here](#)

Rye Police Facebook Page: [Click Here](#)

Fire Department Facebook: [Click Here](#)

Rye 400 page: [Click Here](#)

Rye Beach & Jenness Beach District Information: [Click Here](#)

NH's Citizen's Count: [Click Here](#)

Video about Rye PTA, Rye Education Foundation and the Civic League: [Click Here](#)

Rye Public Forum Discussion Topics at YOUR RYE NIGHT OUT

Join us each month for a public forum discussion about current topics in town. Meeting starts at 7 pm All are welcome to join this discussion. What is on your mind? What can make our town better? All town-related topics are on the table. Let's learn from each other

[Click Here](#) for details

ABOUT THE RYE CIVIC LEAGUE

About the Rye Civic League and the Civic News

The Rye Civic League (founded in 1968 by Frances Holway, Joan LaFrance and Marjorie Miller, disbanded in 1992 and revived in 2009) is a voluntary association that educates and motivates people to act as informed citizens of Rye.

To receive Town News go to the [Rye Civic League Website](#) and enter your name and email.

All articles are written by the RCL editors and contributors. Questions or comments? Ideas for news articles? Contact the RCL at civicnews@ryecivicleague.org

Rye Town Handbook from the Rye Civic League

The Rye Citizens' Handbook has been created by the RCL to provide a consolidated resource to assist citizens in interacting with the various employees, board and commission members of the Town. It contains a description of each of the positions and groups, together with the contact information for each. It provides a road map to assist citizens in interacting with each function. The document is fluid. The intention of the RCL is to revise the Handbook at least annually in response to changes in staff, board and committee memberships, and the laws.

Special thanks to Mae Bradshaw who created and maintains the handbook.

NOTE: 2022 Update is available at the Library, the Town Clerk's Office and other locations. All sections are also posted on the Rye Civic League website.

[Click Here for a PDF version of the handbook](#)

An Invitation to membership in the Rye Civic League

The Civic News is free and distributed to over 1,300 people. Many people read the Civic News. Some people support it.

To support the Civic League and keep the Civic News going, become a member with a contribution \$12 (or more) each year.

Our annual costs include:

- Website hosting and URL registrations
- Civic News email distribution (Constant Contact)
- Fees for being a 501-C and NH Secretary of State filing fees
- Printing
- Post Office Box

Members receive:

- Invitation to annual meeting in the Fall where members may discuss anything about the organization including the Civic News. Voting for directors, policy, etc...
- Invitation to each RCL monthly meeting. Meetings are the last Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Location announced in the Civic News
- Knowledge that you are participating in raising citizen awareness of, and promoting participation in Rye's important civic affairs.

Become a member or renew!!!

The Rye Civic League is a non-profit 501 c3 organization

[Click Here](#) to make an online membership donation via Paypal including via a credit card.

[Click Here](#) to read the invitation and complete the membership form

Membership and donations can be made by credit card via our Paypal link at www.ryecivicleague.org or

by mail to Rye Civic League P.O. Box 971 Rye, NH 03870.

Get Involved:

The Rye Civic League is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and such organizations are only as good as their membership base whether that is through paid dues, gifts in kind and active participation. What RCL really needs at this time, in addition to regular \$12 dues, is more active members who can assist with RCL tasks relating to the writing of the Civic News and other activities.

- Summarize a town meeting for the Civic News
- Editing the Civic News content
- Helping with Candidates Night and other civic events
- Social Media savvy person
- Website and help to fulfill our "digital transformation" vision. We envisioned a more effective capture of meeting summaries, a much better website and more dynamic communication.

Contact Info

Rye Civic League: civicnews@ryecivicleague.org Steven Borne - President

The Rye Civic League was re-formed to promote public awareness by informing residents about the town's business and its responsiveness to its citizens. The organization also offers townspeople an opportunity to bring issues forward for discussion and unbiased resolution. Its primary purpose is to help residents of Rye, NH to act as informed citizens and thereby improve and develop our community.