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July 2023

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June Highlights
**VIDEO: [Watch the Highlights](#) & History
Note (starts at 2:20)**

June Highlights

1) Future of Rye Housing Survey has been extended to July 6th. This is one of several actions where residents need to help craft the Rye Master Plan replacement.

- [Share your ideas](#) about the future of housing in Rye. [Survey](#) is open until July 6th

2) Aquarion Water is interested in the Rye Water District. No details have been discussed, but they are asking for more information. The Rye Water District invited the Select Board Board to discuss options. Portsmouth is not interested in supporting Rye; at this time as they are focused on incorporating New Castle.

3) FB Environmental presented the DNA findings of Parson's Creek Watershed fecal contamination. See [Presentation. Recorded video](#) starting at 19:00. [Click Here](#) for historic table of FB Environmental recommendations that Rye has not discussed or acted on. Select Board discuss this table at the June 30th meeting. Recorded Video (starts at 1:12). Summary of FB yearly recommendations. [Click Here](#) Table showing sample % with failing results. [Click Here](#). 2022 FB Data points [Click Here](#)

4) When the Harbor Rd. bridge is replaced in 2024, there will be no bridge for a minimum of two weeks. Discussion and plans are being developed to reduce the stress on residents and for the Town to be prepared for emergencies.

5) June 27th Select Board meeting discussed abutters to the Town easement/beach access on E and F Streets have allowed growth and plantings to encroach on the public access way. Rye needs to actively protect access or risk losing it. [Past/present images](#)

6) New Historic marker signs are up. [Click Here](#) to see them. Funding was raised privately.

7) Residents that are part of Rye Community Power are paying less for electricity rates [Click Here](#) to see update presented to the Select Board.

8) School Board is returning \$200K from the un-assigned fund balance to be used to reduce the 2023 tax rate.

9) Budget Committee approves a new sub-committee to investigate options for getting more residents engaged in the process.

10) Over the first half of the year Zoning Board has had 121 Variances. 45 in wetlands/buffers and 34 for

Dimensional requirements. [Click Here](#) for totals.

11) The Police Chief and DPW Director met with a group of residents who wanted to discuss speed limits in Rye. Click Here for notes of meeting. [Summary](#) Police Chief Walsh [Handout](#) DPW Director Rucker [Handout](#)

Your Rye Night Out: Thursday, July 6th 6:30pm Kook's Cafe & Beach Bar 1191 Ocean Blvd. [Click Here](#)

Rye Night Out Topic: Speed Limits and Parking in Rye

Open Town Board Positions: Click Here

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

Boards/Commissions/Committees Policy: [Click Here](#)

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
CIP Committee	1 Member Vacancy

General Announcements

1) **Rye Night Out topic: Speed Limits and Parking in Rye.** Thursday, July 6th 7:00 pm Kooks Cafe & Beach Bar Ocean Blvd. June 20th [summary](#) Police Chief [Handout](#), DPW [Handout](#)

2) Rye 400 June activities included St. Andrews by the Sea tour, Rye Century Walks: 1726 Parish Rights, and 2023 Beach and Brew Festival at Ordione Point. Rye 400 July activities include Rye Trolley Tour, A Rare Isles of Shoals Tour, and Rye Century Walks: 1865 Hotel Era.

3) Rye Recreation event flyers. **July 19th 1pm [Strawberry Fest](#), July 20th [Glenn Campbell Tribute Trip to Windham 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](#)

8) 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

Capital Improvements Plan Committee Jul 5 - 4 pm

Rye Town Center Committee Jul 5 - 5:30pm

Board of Adjustment Jul 5 - 7:00pm

Heritage Committee Jul 6 – 5:30 pm

Select Board Jul 10 - 6:30pm

TAP Grant Committee Jul 13 - 5:30pm

Conservation Commission Jul 13 - 6:30pm

Beach Committee Jul 17 - 5:30pm

Mosquito Control Commission Jul 18 - 5:00pm

Planning Board Jul 18 - 6:00pm



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 June 30th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) Discussed strategies and process for maximizing interest revenue on short term cash (what the Trustees of Trust funds manage). Current [Investment Policy](#) will be updated.
- 2) Appointed Deputy Treasurer discussed. New Treasurer indicated she is selecting former Treasurer Jane Ireland for a period of time, then post election finding a long term Deputy Treasurer selection. Jane Ireland appointed as the Deputy Town Treasurer.
- 3) Summary from the Planning Administer on Parsons Creek Watershed fecal contamination.
 - Fecal contamination back to 2000
 - 2008 Parsons Creek Watershed declared Impaired water body
 - Multiple grants and town education activities through 2016 Parson's Creek Select Board committee
 - Resulted in Septic Pump out ordinance and \$1K fine for dog waste
 - Summarized inability to find "smoking guns" and suggests more grants to find "smoking gun" or hot-spots.
- 4) Discussed the list of summary of FB Environmental suggested actions. Select Board requested Planning Administrator to identify where actions have been taken on the recommendations. [Click Here](#)
- 6) Planning Board Chair suggests reading pages 8 &9 from the most resent report.[Click Here](#)
- 7) Planning Board Chair suggests 2020 State Report with more suggestions and outlines Planning Board recent actions to help address. Also states that there are multiple sources. Ledges are also an issue that exacerbates the challenges.
- 8) Select Board confirms fecal contamination appears to be getting worse over the yeas, despite all of the activities to date.
- 9) Next Rye steps include a Loan not a grant that we are applying for.

Select Board Meeting June 27th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) In public comment, resident communicates that Verizon Cell coverage on middle of Wallis Rd has decreased over the past year.
- 2) Rye Fire and Safety announced two new employees.
- 3) DPW is working to add cross walk improvements at the Walls Rd./Ocean Blvd intersections.
- 4) Rye Energy presented updates from the Community Power Program[Click Here](#)
- 5) RJH Solar panels helped reduce energy costs in May by about \$1000, thanks to sunny days.

Considerable savings from lowering the "Demand Charge" or "Peak usage premium"

6) Select Board will be incorporating new "About Rye" information on the Town Website.

7) New Town Treasurer, Susan Philbrick, requested, recently retired Jane Ireland to the Deputy Treasurer. Select Board discussion was tabled and would be discussed at a meeting with the new Treasurer scheduled for June 30th.

8) Discussion about updating the Investment Policy so retained funds not managed by the Trustees of the Trust Funds can be generating revenue now that interest rates are above zero. Discussion continued to the January 30th meeting.

9) E and F street homes are infringing on the town's 30ft Right of Way for beach access. Discussion on how to "officially communicate" to property owners prior to the DPW restoring the right of way. In past situations the Town has lost public property access from not actively maintaining. [Past/present images](#)

10) New Historic signs should have some form of Ceremony to celebrate them as the majority of funds were private contributions. [List of signs](#)

11) Reservised Rye 400 Funds will be made available for Rye Recreation uses.

Select Board Meeting at RWD: June 21st

Video Recording: None available at RWD location

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

1) Meeting was at the Rye Water District (RWD) building - no video is available

2) Aquarion Water has been approaching Rye Water District indicating that they would like to take control of Rye Water. The RWD wanted to apprise the Select Board that there is no offer from Aquarion, but one could be coming soon. It was not stated what Aquarion is willing or not willing to do.

3) RWD Commissioners said that Portsmouth is not interested in providing water to Rye. Note, Portsmouth does not need to treat for PFOA or metals.

4) RWD indicated that a one course of action could be to dissolve the Water District and merge the functions into Rye Town Government.

5) If the Federal Government lowers the PFOA levels to 4 pts/trillion, than Rye and many other NH communities will require water treatment. Additionally, Rye will need to treat for iron and manganese. This two phased filter plant will cost more than \$10M to get running and more in operations costs.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

June 5th: Personnel and Legal Advice

June 12th: Hiring and Legal

June 27th: Hiring, Acquisition, Personnel

Select Board Meeting: June 12th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1) New Police Officer Edward Hudson was introduced. Dareck Piolunek, new DWP employee, was also introduced.

2) Letter from 2023 Rye Youth Softball program had 92 K-9th graders this past season with the 10U, 12U and 14U teams all progressing tol the upcoming championship games.

3) FB Environmental (FBE) Presentation ([Click Here](#))of fecal contamination DNA testing in Parson's Creek watershed. \$100K funding was from the NH Cleand Water State Revolving Funds. The PhyloChip technology doe snot work in brackish water, so the effort dd not produce any conclusive DNA information. However, sampling data shows the problem is not getting any better.

4) FBE stated that only \$10K was for the PhyloChip testing, the remainder is for the Septic Pumpout data organization, floodplain risk analysis of parcels that have been flooded and forthcoming recommendations. FB [Engineering 2019 memo](#) with guidance on what should not be done and was not completely followed in 2022 in Rye.

5) Resident requests that the Select Board hold a working session to discuss and assign responsibilities to the many years of FBE recommendations that have been ignored. [Click Here.](#)

6) Select Board recommends more testing and seeking more grant funding.

7) Multiple abatements were approved and denied. Seed[draft meeting minutes](#) starting on page 11.

8) Harbor Rd. Bridge replacement will have a minimum of two weeks with no bridge. Options to decrease the time can be dramatically more expensive.

9) Police, Fire and DPW are developing plans to minimize impact and risk for residents. When more concrete information, and timing is available a communication channel will be developed for engaging/supporting residents.

10) Rye will need to approve Habror Rd. Bridge funding at the March 2024 elections.



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: June 16th

Draft Minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

SAU 50 Report: [Click Here](#)

Special Education: [Click Here](#)

RES Report: [Click Here](#)

RJH Report: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Special Ed report shows 157 SAU 50 K-12 students identified, sixty are from Rye.
- 2) RES received 42 applications for the new Kindergarten position and interviewed six.
- 3) The School Board voted (5-0) to return \$200,000.00 from the projected fund balance to the Town to offset taxes.
- 4) The Summer Retreat will be held Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 8:30 AM at the Rye Junior High School.
- 5) The Board voted (5-0) to authorize the Superintendent to hire staff over the summer should an opening arise.
- 6) The Board approved the nominations for a new Junior High School Math Specialist (60% position).

SAU 50 School Board Meeting: Next Meeting May 24th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1) SAU50 was well represented at PHS listening sessions on portrait of a graduate.

2) PHS Principal Chinosi reported college level work at PHS.

Proposed 2023-2024 SAU Joint Board Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at Newington Public School
- Tuesday, October 25, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at Rye Junior High School
- Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Rye Junior High School
- Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Greenland Central School
- Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Maude H. Trefethen

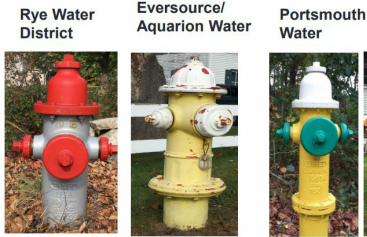
Rye Water District and Sewer

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](#)

RWD Monthly Meeting: June 7th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

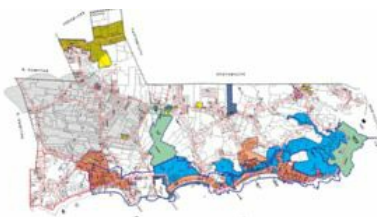
- 1) Single point of entry work is almost completed, there will be a single point for chlorination and will help for when Iron will need to be removed.
- 2) CMA Engineering will be submitting PFAS information along with the static and pumping levels they are looking at.
- 3) Breakfast Hill mixer failed and cause was faulty equipment that is being replaced under warranty.
- 4) Once again leak detection work will be completed via NH DES grants.
- 5) Wallis Rd work on hold for the Summer.
- 6) Draft Irrigation permit form is being reviewed by the Building Inspector.
- 7) Aquarion met with RWD on May 31st to discuss its desire for the Rye Water District. Staff will make the requested information available for Aquarion. Minutes capture internal RWD discussion.
- 8) It was agreed to share the Aquarion discussion with the Rye Select Board
- 9) Cell tower lease to SprintCom was reviewed by the RWD Lawyer with a few changes and was approved to be renewed.

Sewer Commission: June 13th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

No recording at the RBVD Building

- 1) 22 Richards Rd. sewer plans were approved, though the parcel identification needs to be corrected.
- 2) 28 Pine St. sewer plans were approved.
- 3) Clean Water Safety Revolving Fund (CWSRF) I/I Assessment and Reduction Plan pre-application was ranked 23 of 47 in 2022 and will be resubmitted for 2023.
- 4) Church R. Pump station May 2023 numbers were almost twice the May 2022 numbers.
- 5) Demolitions at 10 Huntervale and 46 Adams Park were reviewed with no issues cited.
- 6) Secondary meter and applications for 80 Sea Road and 8 Pine St.
- 7) Rye Planning Board requested a letter for 13 McLaughlin Drive that the ADU will not impact the sewer.
- 8) Abeniqui Pump station work continues.



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: June 6th & 15th

June 6th Master Plan Steering Committee: Recorded Video [Click Here Agenda](#)

June 15th Long Range Planning Committee: Recorded Video: [Click Here Agenda](#)

1) [Survey is open](#) May 30th to July 6th

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:

No activity

Rules and Regulations Meeting:

No Meeting

Planning Board Meeting: June 20th and 23rd

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

June 20th Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 159 West Rd. Lot Line adjustment was approved. [Diagram](#)
- 2) 850 Washington Rd. application for subdividing the lot was not complete and continued.
- 3) 6 Airfield Rd. was deemed to be a change of use from what was originally approved.
- 4) 33 Sagamore Rd. Farmstead development extension was granted until October 2024. [Diagram](#)
- 5) 1264 Ocean Blvd Lot merger was not approved as both lots need to be under single ownership. [Diagram](#)
- 6) Conceptual discussion of 14 Sagamore Rd (Bits Brits) to be replaced with rental units and commercial offices.
- 7) 15 Sagamore Rd. conditions wording modified to help insurance approval.
- 8) Planning Board will proceed with Phase II of the NH Housing Grant work.
- 9) It was agreed that the Police Chief would provide a letter for 1191 Ocean Blvd (Kook's Cafe) liquor license. Planning Board would need to approve an exemption request for change in operational hours.

Planning Board Meeting June 23rd:

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) For Kook's at 1191 Ocean Blvd. aproved change of hours of operations to now be 8am to 11pm .
- 2) Planning Board is requesting to contract with Rockingham Planning Commission for \$17K to provide Land Use Planning Professional assistance. Select Board needs to allocate and approve funding. Same amount is suggested to be added to the 2024 Planning Budget.

Planning Board Site Walk, June 26th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 665-667 Site walk for adding a second floor, new driveway and septic to support a third dwelling unit.

May 16th Notice of Decisions

- 1) 10 Forest Green lot subdivision approved 5-0 where lot subdivisions previously had not been allowed. Six waivers granted. There are also six conditions of approval. [Case #4-2023](#)
- 2) 1215 Ocean Blvd. Change of use of a restaurant waivers were granted 5-0. [Case #07-2023](#) second one
- 3) 5 White Horse Drive. Approved 5-0 Lot line adjustment that will allow land to be conveyed to Rye

Planning Board Agenda July 18th

Agenda: Not posted

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](#)

[NH Zoning Atlas](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes: June 7th & 21st

Recorded Video June 7th: [Click Here](#) June 21st: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: June 7th [Click Here](#) June 21st: No minutes posted

RCL Notes and Relief/Variations Tracking Table (will now be semi-annually): [Click Here](#) for January thru July

- 1) 29 Gray Ct. Expansion of non-conforming structure approved 5-0 [Case #22-2023](#)
- 2) Benchmark Senior Living Approved 5-0 two exemptions that allow extensions of the previously approved ~41,210 sq. ft. semi-attached assisted living facility building [Case #24-2023](#)
- 3) Thompson Way (development under construction on Rt. 1 by Dow Lane) approved 5-0 exceptions for a larger sign. [Case #25-2023](#)
- 4) 5 Douglas Circle Approved 5-0 variances side boundary and parking In front. [Case #26-203](#)
- 5) 37 Central Rd. Approved 5-0 Nine variances and one waiver for expansion of a non-conforming building. There are five conditions for the waiver. [NOD Case #27-2023](#)
- 6) 139 Wentworth Rd. Approved 5-0 Seven variances and 1 waiver for expansion of a non-conforming building with in the wetlands. Waiver has four conditions from the Conservation Commission. [Case #29-2023](#)
- 7) 21 Vin Mar Court Approved two year extension 5-0 [Case #30-2023](#)
- 8) June 21st meeting. 1215 Ocean Blvd. Board said there were errors in the Building Inspector letter, the applicant withdrew the request for parking as the board appeared to not be supportive of the parking. The Building Inspector is not approving the Indoor seating. [Case 31a, b 2023](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: July 5th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 5 Cable Rd. Request for rehearing and reconsideration
- 2) 59 Central Rd. Expansion of a non conforming building
- 3) 1481 Ocean Blvd. waivers and variances for expansions of previously approved expansion
- 4) 73 Washington Rd. patio expansion on a non-conforming lot
- 5) 22 Pioneer Rd. Appeal of Administration decision that it is a change of use.
- 6) 931 Ocean Blvd. Installing a generator
- 7) 165 Central Rd. setbacks and height
- 8) 60 Tehias setbacks and coverage

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: June 6th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Board will review the process/feasibility/benefits of changing banks from TD Bank to Partners.
- 2) Reviewed library director's reports, which included draft updated employee job descriptions.
- 3) Agreed to purchase a fix for the elevator, accept revisions to interlibrary loan procedure
- 4) Discussion on active shooter training for employees, Director Richmond will have discussion with Chief Walsh.

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: Jun 8 and Jun 28

Recorded Video: Jun 8 [Click Here](#); Jun 28 not available

Draft Meeting minutes: Jun 8 [Click Here](#); Jun 28 not available

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

- 1) Dog Waste at Goss Farm, Town Forest, Brown Farm- Issues at multiple conservation properties including Goss Farm with owners refusing to pick up dog waste even when asked.
- 2) Metal Detecting at Goss Farm will not be allowed due to its multiple agricultural uses, pollinator habitats project, buffer considerations, and liability
- 3) RCC had an alternate member seat open as of June 8. The open seat has been posted on the Town's

website.

4) Whitehorse Lane resident is dumping water 20 ft. off their land onto Conservation property including trail access and are not willing to remediate.



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:

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: June 1

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: not available

- 1) Gazebo carpenter to repair
- 2) Rye Advocates update
- 3) Rye Signage update
- 4) Rye Day Aug 19 - plans for display
- 5) Pulpit Rock Tower - meet with reps of the Friends group
- 6) Graveyard adoption & house plaques - publicity starting in July

Demolition Review: Jun 16th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#). [Agenda](#)

- 1) 474 Sagamore - tear down, classic 1940 1,152 sf house in very good condition for a 4,200+/-sf one story house with garage. Agreed that the house's exterior is not historically important or architecturally significant; with condition that applicant salvage or recycle period interior elements (e.g. solid doors and crystal door handles).

Historic District Commission Meeting:

Draft Meeting Minutes: no meeting

Recorded Video: no meeting

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: Jun 7

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Review the overall layout of town center and options discussed in previous years to enable discussion once an engineering firm is chosen and then a landscape architect. Discussion included brick pavers vs. asphalt, park benches, pocket parks, landscape plantings, and additional street lighting.
- 2) Identified the following subcommittees: crosswalks (pavers vs asphalt), benches & pocket parks, landscape plantings, additional street lighting & style, signage, intersections (Washington & Central and Washington & Wallis, Path behind Church, interaction with Library, and School Traffic.

TAP Grant Committee Meeting: June 8

Recorded Video: June 8 [Click Here](#)

- 1) RFQ ready to be sent out by direct mail to 9 firms with response requested in 35 days
- 2) Process once responses received and depending on number of firms that respond, additional questions may be sent. 3-5 firms will be selected for pre-interview.



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: Jun 6th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: not recorded

- 1) Community Power (CPCH): Customers may see "Nashua Community Power" instead of "Rye Community Power", which should be resolved soon.
- 2) Eversource will set new rate in Jun that take effect on Aug ; Rye Community Power will set new rates Jul1 that take effect Aug 1. Rates will be posted [here](#).
- 3) RJHS is producing better with the repair to the inverter. Teachers and staff are able to charge electric vehicles at the charger.
- 4) RES will replace the roof in Aug or Sept. There are 4 proposals for solar arrays being considered
- 5) Energy committee to talk to Select Board about whether to purchase Breakfast Hill lot for a solar project. A warrant article may be prepared for next year's ballot

Rye Recycling Education Committee: no meeting in Jun

Draft meeting minutes:

Recorded video:

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](#)

BUG THEM BEFORE THEY BUG YOU!
Here's how to get ahead of the bugs that bite.
Just find the nesting sites!


Mosquito Commission Meeting: Jun 20th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) During May, the town trails were sprayed for ticks
- 2) Greenhead traps have been put out for the season; 210 in total. Samples are sent to State Lab for testing; no reported disease to date.
- 3) Mosquito spraying ahead of June 30th fireworks was planned for June 27 and 28
- 4) Education poster to be put out by the end of June

[2023 Spraying Notice](#)



Beach Committee

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

Beach Committee Meeting: Jun 19th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) May minutes approved
- 2) Introduction of members of the public present who are interested in being an alternate on the committee; Doug Beede, Mike Hammond, Tom Mach. If they were interested in moving forward with

process, they should send an email to the Select Board through Janice Ireland and a recommendation letter from the Beach Committee Chair would also be sent.

3) Beach clean up after fireworks at Beach Club on July 3rd. There is a high tide late on July 3rd, so Beach Committee will ask Beach Club to do an extra sweep of the beach after the fireworks.

4) The Committee will continue to work on ways to enhance the safety for crossing 1A, as well as continuing to work on water testing and beach cleaning.

5) Students Eco posters have been placed at the library, both post offices and Common Roots.

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): Next meeting July 5

No meeting in June

Budget Committee Meetings: Jun 21st

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1) Town Finance Director summary of YTD key points. [Click Here](#)

2) Town Expenditures to date; [Click Here](#)

3) Resident offers to take Budget Committee meeting minutes as there were long delays in 2022.

4) Budget Committee approves a sub-committee to explore ways of getting more resident participation.

5) Annual Budget Committee all day workshop will be November 19th

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 June

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video:

Municipal Records Committee June 20th

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Regional Association Review Committee June 27th

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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. 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 1,400 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.

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