

Rye Civic News

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September 2023

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

August Highlights

- 1) Rye Day was very successful [RCL Booth](#)
- 2) Speeding meeting was held 8-16. [Recorded video](#). Comments are being compiled and will be requested to be reviewed with Select Board. There has been additional police presence on the roads and the Town's approach to narrower travel lanes and wider pedestrian lanes can be seen on Washington Rd. [Meeting Summary](#)
- 3) PFOAs at Grove Road Dump were reviewed. Removing the contamination will be expensive and if the EPA approves lower safety limits Rye Water District will need a water treatment plant. [Presentation, summary memo, full report](#)
- 4) Rye was not awarded the State Clean Water Fund \$100K Parson's Creek request or the \$10M Federal funding for extending Portsmouth Sewer along Rt 1 (Lafayette Rd). Select Board discussion of funding an update to the 2011 Parsons Creek Watershed Management Plan.
- 5) Staff addition discussions 8/23 [recorded video](#). Adding a part time Building Inspector to the two full time people we now have. Moving the Animal Control Officer to full time and adding a School Resource Officer assignment and temporary Town Financial Administration support.
- 6) Fire Chief shared [report showing how strategic gaps](#) have been addressed since 2020.
- 7) Three Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings in August (16 Cases listed on August 2nd Agenda). [September agenda](#) has 11 cases.
- 8) Planning Board Master Plan NH HOP (Housing Opportunity Planning) Phase 1 housing survey results revealed four (4) • Rye's Characteristics • Natural Resources • Residents feel secure in staying in their Rye housing. • Lack of understanding Rye's housing goals. [Draft meeting minutes](#) (full results are not included). Plan to attend the [September 27th 6:30pm RJH Master Plan Public session](#) to review and discuss results. [Master Plan Update Information](#)
- 9) Energy Committee discussed the August 1st Community power rates. See table in [meeting minutes](#).
- 10) Rye 400 August activities included Rye Town Scavenger Hunt, Locke and Odiorne Family Reunions, Rye Founding Families, Rye Day, A Rare Isles of Shoal Tours, Pulpit Tower Tours.

Your Rye Night Out: Thursday, September 7th 7:00pm Kook's Cafe & Beach Bar
1191 Ocean Blvd. [Click Here](#)

BYOT: Bring Your Own Topic

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
Budget Committee	1 Member Vacancy (posted 7/12/23)
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

General Announcements

1) **Rye Night Out topic: BYOT Bring Your Own Topic Thursday, September 7th, 7:00 pm Kooks Cafe & Beach Bar Ocean Blvd.**

2) **Hazardous Waste Day** September 16th Brentwood 9:00am to noon. [more information](#)

3) PHS Portrait of a Graduate survey (ends Sept 29th) of Spring findings: [Click Here Overview Draft 5](#)

4) Rye 400 September activities will include Rye Trolley Tour, Rye Owls, Rye Noteworthy Author: Dan Brown, Wallis Sands Triathlon, among others. [Click Here](#)

5) Plan to participate in the Future of Housing Public Information session will be on [September 27th 6:30pm](#) at the RJH to hear and discuss the housing survey results. [More Information](#)

6) Beach Committee site walk: September 18th 5:30pm . We will meet near the F Street Access Point @5:30pm, then continue North to Foss Beach and end near Pirate's Cove. Committee is also looking for feedback on the Pirates Cove (Wallis Rd. extension) and Sawyers Beach bike racks.

7) Seacoast Greenway (Rail Trail) [Update](#)

8) Rye Conservation Commission Workshop - Connect to Protect: Rye's Role in Protecting the Coastal Watershed. **Tuesday, October 24, 2023**, 4:30-7:00 p.m., RJH A light dinner will be provided from 4:30-5:00 p.m. Program will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. Registration is required. [Click here to RSVP](#)

9) Rye Recreation event flyers go [here](#)

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

11) Town historian has new website - "[Rye History Rocks](#)"

12) Rockingham County meetings can now be seen on Youtube. [Rockingham County Channel](#)

13) 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

Labor Day - Town Offices Closed Sep 4
8:00am to 4:30pm

Conservation Commission Sep 14 6:30pm
Beach Committee Site Walk Sep 18 5:30pm

The Master Plan Steering Committee Sep 5 1:00pm
Select Board Non-Public Session Sep 6 11:00am
Rye Town Center Committee Sep 6 5:30pm
Board of Adjustment Sep 6 7:00pm
Heritage Commission Sep 7 5:30pm
Select Board Sep 11 6:30pm
Sewer Commission Sep 12 8:00am
Long Range Planning Committee Sep 12 1:00pm
Energy Committee Sep 12 3:00pm
Historic District Commission Sep 13 5:30pm
TAP Grant Committee Sep 14 5:00pm

Budget Committee Sep 18 6:30pm
Long Range Planning Committee Sep 19 10:00am
Mosquito Control Commission Sep 19 5:00pm
Planning Board Sep 19 6:00pm
Recycling Education Committee Sep 19 6:30pm
Select Board Sep 25 6:30pm
Capital Improvements Plan Committee
Sep 26 5:00pm
Long Range Planning Committee Public Forum Rye
Jr. High Sep 27 6:00pm
TAP Grant Committee Sep 28 5:00pm



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 August 28th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) Rye resident Beth Greco will be the new DPW Administrative Assistant.
- 2) Rye 400 is proposing to add community dinner, similar to what Portsmouth held. Select Board and Police Chief are supportive of the Harvest Picnic, but date, location and logistics need to be worked out.
[Draft Outline](#)
- 3) 2024 Town Deliberative Meeting will be Saturday, February 3rd, with a snow date of February 10th.
- 4) TAP Grant committee is interviewing the Engineering firms to lead this project for Town Center.

Select Board Meeting August 23rd

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) Chief Walsh updated the Select Board that he has been moving more officers out to the streets in response to resident concerns/perceptions of road safety.
- 2) As roads are repaved they are being made narrower (reduces speeding) and pedestrian lanes are being made wider.
- 3) Department Head Staffing Request discussions:
School Safety Resource Officer- Chief discussed what exists today and the need for officer focus/presence
Animal Control Officer: Position has been evolving to be more services than policing/monitoring. More wildlife interactions.
Finance Administration Temp: Operating short-handed has created a large back-up of unfinished work and there is no depth to accommodate time-off or sick days.
Building Inspector: Two full time can't keep up with the workload. More complicated developments and home buyers are more retired or migrating with funds to upgrade/modify properties. FEMA reports are also absorbing staff time. Building permit revenue is tracking higher than last years \$720K. Discussion of

ways to make the process more efficient (for employees and residents)

Fire/Safety: Chief continues to incrementally adjust staff to meet needs

4) Parson's Creek Watershed

- No 2024 \$100K grant this year
- FB Environmental recommends updating the Watershed Management Plan (No available grant money). Cost could be \$50K
- Using UNH lab for additional DNA testing discussed
- Resident suggests widening the Wallis Rd. Culvert to get more flow out of Parsons Creek.

5) Paving and Road Condition update

- Rye has 45 miles of roads, 3 miles a year are paved, so every 15 years all are paved - budget ~ \$450K
- 72% of roads are rated in good condition
- DPW staff can only prepare about 3 miles of roads a year (so more budget will not get more roads completed)
- Discussed purchasing a "Hot Box". This keeps asphalt hot all day to repair pot-holes and damaged roads.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

August 14th: Hiring and Reputation

August 28th: Hiring, Reputation and Acquisition

Select Board Meeting: August 14th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) New Deputy Fire Chief announced, will start October 1st. Becca O'Brien has moved from per-diem to full time Fire/Safety.
- 2) Joint Loss Committee (works on Insurance programs) moved Rye up the ladder of program effectiveness, so Town Insurance carrier (Premix) has awarded Rye a 2.5% insurance discount.
- 3) CMA presented on the PFOA contamination at the Grove Rd. Dump. Removing all of the potential PFOA source from the dump will be extremely expensive and if lower PFOA safety limits are set by the EPA, Rye Water will still need a treatment plant. [Presentation](#), [Summary](#) memo, [full report](#)
- 4) Town Investment policy (funds not managed by the Trustee of the Trust Fund) was discussed with the new Town Treasurer Susan Philbrick. Reviewed analysis of financial services options.
- 5) Harbor Rd. Bridge engineering work continues towards developing replacement activities, cost and timing.
- 6) Department Head Staffing requests includes moving Animal Control Officer to full time, deploying an officer to be a School Resource Officer (working on memorandum of understanding with the SAU), Parttime Building Inspector and temporary Finance Administration support
- 7) Rye will be submitting a letter of support for NHDOT Seawall repair work.
- 8) Parson's Creek Watershed Septic pump-out is down to six properties that have not submitted a septic inspection report.
- 9) All four interested residents can participate in the Gulf of Maine Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force, with Dr. Tom Sherman consolidating information for Select Board updates.
- 10) Discussion of testing Ell Pond outlet for fecal contamination.
- 11) Rye was not awarded a second \$100K Clean Water Safety Resource Fund grant. The \$10M Federal request for Rt. 1 Sewer was not included in the final appropriation request.

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: August 16th Summer Retreat

Recorded Video: not available

Draft Meeting Minutes: not available

Full meeting information packet (available prior to meetings: [Click Here](#))

School 2022-23 Projected Fund Balance: [Click Here](#)

- 1) The School Board held a public hearing to approve (5-0 vote) up to \$10K from the Building Maintenance Expendable Trust for the removal and disposal of accumulated trash from Rye Junior High School Basement.
- 2) The School Board approved (5-0 vote) to retain \$550K in the retained fund balance.
- 3) Superintendent Zdravec presented a first draft of the Rye School District's "[Portrait of a Learner](#)" as the first step in the district's strategic planning process. [PHS Portrait of a Graduate Draft 5](#). Survey deadline is September 29th [Click Here](#)
- 4) Both Principals announced that they will form Principal Advisory Committees composed of parents, staff and community members to provide regular feedback.
- 5) SAU Facilities Director Brian Helfrich presented his initial facilities road map to the board including expected replacement schedules for the schools.
- 6) The Rye School Board will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School. .

SAU 50 School Board Meeting: Next Meeting in the Fall

Rye Water District



Eversource/Aquarion Water



Portsmouth Water



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: August 2nd

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Wright-Pierce reported that the RWD Water Treatment facility is on the consideration ISate Revolving Fund. NH DES will meet with the RWD commissioners to discuss.
- 2) RWD is waiting to hear back from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in regards to well exploration on the Brown conservation property.
- 3) \$50K grant for Garland Rd. water main accepted. \$50K grant for Water Treatment Plant pilot accepted.
- 4) Fifty to sixty water meters have been replaced, year end goal is for replacement of 100 to 150 meters.
- 5) Discussing a Public Information meeting September 28th 6:30pm at RJH on project status.

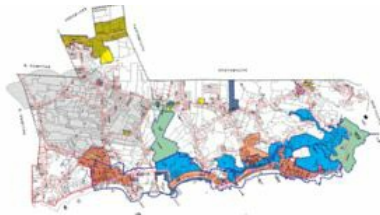
6) Discussed pre-purchasing all of the new meters that would be deployed over the next three years.

Sewer Commission: Aug 8th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

No recording at the RBVD Building

- 1) The flow summary for Church Road Pump Station in July was 4,334,400 gallons, the flow for the same period in 2022 was 2,930,500 gallons. The rainfall for July was 4.86 inches. .
- 2) Reviewed photographs of the pressure test and inspection of the reconnect of the sewer service at 28 Pine Street to the new construction.
- 3) E-mail Correspondence from Kim Reed, Planning and Zoning Administrator notification that the Planning Board has hired a contractor to assist with the update of the Master Plan and the contractor will be reaching out to Department Heads.
- 4) The Town of Rye's application for I/I Assessment and Reduction Plan was not funded. There was 41 applications overall and 13 were selected for funding.



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: Aug 7th

Master Planning Review Committee August 1st; [Recorded Video](#) No Meeting minutes

[WEBSITE with Information](#)

Long Range Planning Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Draft minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Jenn Rowden, the NH HOP grant leader, reviewed the housing survey draft summary for review. Two e-mails will be sent with the final summary and promoting the September 27th 6:30pm Public summary and discussion.
- 2) Four (4) themes materialized when reviewing the survey results. • Rye's Characteristics • Natural Resources • Residents feel secure in staying in their Rye housing. • Lack of understanding Rye's housing goals.
- 3) [September 27th 6:30pm RJH meeting](#) will go over housing data, survey results and public discussion that will cover an Orientation to Rye Housing, state the data, projections and summary of the needs assessment.

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: August 15th and 24th

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

Recording: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Major Site Development plan for 665-667 Wallis Rd. had the expert recommendations reviewed and discussed. Continued as not all information was available.
- 2) 717 Washington Rd. lot line adjustment for driveway and shed relocation approved 5-0. NOD are not posted yet
- 3) Common Roots (2203 Ocean Blvd) request to add outdoor tables (for seating, not service) a site-walk was required after hearing public comment and concerns. Site-walk [Draft Meeting Minutes](#). Next step is ZBA decision on parking.
- 4) Common Roots (2203 Ocean Blvd) condominium conversion was discussed but the application was not complete at this time.
- 5) Discussion if 421 South Rd. and 1244 Washington Rd. could have some of the LOC (money put aside if there are problems/cost for the town after completion) reduced.

July 18th and 25th Notice of Decisions

- 1) 59 Central Rd. Granted 5-0 waiver for two driveways on one lot. Owner is agreeable to adding a pervious turn-around on the Central Rd. driveway. [NOD Case #13-2023](#) Conditional Use; [14-2023](#)
- 2) 850 Washington Rd. Subdividing to two lots approved and will share main Washington Rd. driveway entrance. [NOD Case 10-2023](#) Seven Conditions of Approval.
- 3) 6 Airfield Drive granted recertification of exemption. [NOD \(no case number\)](#). 10 Conditions of Approval

Planning Board Agenda September 19th

Draft Minutes not available

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: August 2nd, 22nd and 30th

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

Draft August 2nd meeting minutes: [Click here](#)

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

- 1) There were three August ZBA meetings. [August 2nd Agenda](#) had 16 cases, two were continued to September 6th.
- 2) 33 Sagamore Rd. Granted 5-0 a one year extension
- 3) 175 Central Rd. Granted 5-0 three variances [NOD Case 35-2023](#)
- 4) 24 Park Ridge Rd. Granted 5-0 Five variances expansion of non-conforming structure [Case #39-2023](#)

5) 5 Park Ridge Ave. Granted 5-0 Equitable waiver as the height ended up 4" over. [NOD Case \\$37a-2023](#)

6) 44 Pioneer Rd. Granted 5-0 to replace wooden deck with a patio in the wetland buffer. One Condition. [NOD Case #38-2023](#)

7) August 22nd Agenda: [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

.. a) 0 Jenness Ave.

.. b) 47s Wallis Rd

.. c) 281 Wallis Rd.

.. d) 5 Douglas Circle

.. e) 94 Harbor Rd.

8) August 30th Agenda: [Click Here](#) Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

.. a) 0 Jenness Ave

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: September 6th

Agenda: [Click here](#)

1) 715-717 Washington Rd. Side boundary and garage

2) 472 Wallis Rd. Barn expansion and roof height

3) 281 Wallis Rd. patio and hot-tub

4) 5 Douglas Circle - Garage and driveway

5) 94 Harbor Rd. Retaining wall

6) 630 Washington Rd. two dwellings on one lot (temporarily?)

7) 1264-1266 Ocean Blvd. Demolishing and new construction

8) 65 Big Rock Rd. Demolishing and rebuilding on a non-conforming lot

9) 11 Ham Lane New porch stairs - front boundary

10) 741 Ocean Blvd. Expansion of office

11) 5 Cable Rd. Demolition and rebuild

12) 2203 Ocean Blvd (Common Roots) parking



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: Aug 24th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Video: not available

1) Director Richmond recommending RPL move to Rye Community Power as its fees are lower.

2) Media cost and usage continue to rise; this will require increased funding which will be reflected in the upcoming budget.

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](#)



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: August 10th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

1) Update from Rockingham County Conservation District

- a. Invasive plant control in the **Town Forest** is being evaluated.
 - b. Natural Resource Conservation Service, the easement holder at **Brown Farm** property, is interested in invasive plant control, vernal pools, 4 crossings of the main trail under a 10 year agreement
 - c. **Fairhill Marsh**, site of 2002 restoration work is being evaluated for restoration work. A meeting at the Seacoast Science Center Sept 11 or 12 is being planned.
 - d. **Ordiorne State Park**- About 3 acres extending from Frost Point Road to the jetty is being evaluated for restoration as there are various trails degrading coastal resources which may need to be relocated as well as other restoration work.
- 2) 0 Pioneer Rd. Bracket/Pioneer intersection. Discussed potential parking lot for new conservation land.
- 3) Building Inspector Mardsen reviewed what is needed for Storm Water Management.
- 4) Rye Conservation Commission Workshop - Connect to Protect: Rye's Role in Protecting the Coastal Watershed. Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 4:30-7:00 p.m., Rye Junior High Cafeteria, A light dinner will be provided from 4:30-5:00 p.m. Program will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. Registration is required. [Click here to RSVP](#)

The 2023 State of our Estuaries Report by the EPA and UNH is posted [HERE](#)



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: August 14th

No draft meeting minutes [Agenda](#)

Recreation Commission has 2 open positions

- 1) Rye Day planning
- 2) Master Plan - next steps
- 3) Deputy Director Interviews

2023 Recreation Program Flyers:

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: August 3rd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Prepared for Rye Day
- 2) Gazebo decision at Oct. meeting
- 3) Pulpit Rock Tower status - waiting for more info
- 4) Rye Advocates - now has web site; share RHC table at Rye Day
- 5) Demo Review Com. report
- 6) Budget discussion for next year

Demolition Review: August 2nd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 22 Pioneer Rd. Not historically important

Historic District Commission Meeting: August 9th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Lack of quorum prevented the approval of the Star Island kitchen updates
- 2) HDC has a punch list for the Town Hall Annex (7 items see [minutes](#))
- 3) \$10K CLG Grant was awarded and needs to be accepted by the Select Board. This is to document the Historic District boundaries as an official recording could not be located.
- 4) Discussed Town Center signage

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: August 2nd

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

TAP Grant Committee Meeting: August 3rd, 10th, 24th & 31st

Recorded Video Aug 3rd August 10th [Click Here](#) August 24th [Click Here](#) August 31st: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: Aug 3rd [Click Here](#) Aug 10th [Click Here](#)

Aug 3rd meeting

- 1) The Committee reviewed a copy of the draft letter which will be sent to the three engineering firms who responded to the request for proposal (RFQ).
- 2) Pre-interviews to be scheduled September 5th through September 8th. During the pre-interview, the firms will be given information about the project and will have a site visit to watch the end of school pickup. It was also agreed that final interviews will be scheduled the week of September 25th.

Aug 10th meeting

- 1) Committee approved use of \$300 for the drawings and surveys. Project scope, including a description of the boundaries of the project 1) Grange Park to the east and 2) War memorial to the west and related requirements for firm to consider will be discussed at next meeting
- 2) Description of the Lang Road & Washington Road intersection, problems in the area and how it relates to the project Chair Loftus is working on finalizing a PowerPoint presentation. The committee reviewed the presentation on the computer and discussed ideas for the intersection.
- 3) Traffic monitoring statistics for the Lang Road/Washington Road intersection Police Chief Walsh is working on organizing the data.
- 4) Video of school drop-off/pickup activities is being prepared



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: August 8th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

No recorded video:

- 1) Table presented of August 1st Rates
- 2) RES is progressing with Solar Panel additions now that the roof has been replaced. Update on Breakfast Hill project
- 3) Rye will be including an Energy Committee member with three other residents.
- 4) Discussed about how to leverage the remaining education funds

Rye Recycling Education Committee: August 15th

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Developed Rye Day plans
- 2) Continued to maintain and update the swap shop
- 3) Some believe things in the swap shop should remain longer. Discussed a colored dot system to track durations.
- 4) Award funds will be used for the video contest and Rye Day.

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: August 15th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rain has forced Dragon Mosquito to stay in the salt marshes. Work, such as Catch Basins, has been postponed
- 2) A New Castle Mosquito had Jamestown Canyon virus (no human cases). No Triple E found this year so far.
- 3) Green Head season is over and traps will be removed soon
- 4) Complaint from Central Rd. resident investigated. The resident can implement remedies, not the Commission.
- 5) Pest Unwanted posters are still being worked on.



Beach Committee

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

Beach Committee Meeting: Aug 21st

Agenda: Draft minutes: not available

Recorded Video: not active

- 1) The Beach Committee is continuing to review beach access points. The next meeting on September 18 will be a site walk. We will meet near the F Street Access Point@5:30pm, then continue North to Foss Beach and end near Pirate's Cove.
- 2) Sharing information with the Civic News has generated some helpful comments from community members that we will continue to address. Recently, we received concerns about the Berm at Sawyers being used as a trash deposit and toilet, and ongoing safety issues about crossing to the beach from several points along Route 1A.
- 3) We are looking for feedback on bike racks that were placed at Cable and Pirates. We had some complaints that the bike rack at Pirates was not used, due to the location. This was the first time that bike

racks were placed near two beaches. Any feedback/suggestions will be helpful for the DPW and the Beach Committee.

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): Aug 22nd and 29th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: Aug 22 [Click Here](#) and Aug 29 not available

Video: Aug 22 [Click Here](#) and Aug 29 [Click Here](#)

1) The meeting focused on the 2023 Sheets and 2024 CIP Projects from the various department and what projects were still missing in documentation.

Budget Committee Meetings: Sub-committee meeting August 31st

Draft Minutes: Not posted

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussed the draft of a consistent department head summary.
- 2) Other town survey will be by phone as getting contacts is too difficult

Budget Calendar: [Click Here](#)

School Calendar: [Click Here](#)

Monthly view: [Click Here](#)

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](#)

Jenness Beach District: \$95,725 [Click Here](#)

Trustee of the Trust Funds Meeting: no meeting in August

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](#)
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 1,400 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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