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# Rye Civic News

## **YOUR DRINKING WATER IN RYE - November 16th 6:30pm Rye Public Library**

*After a very short annual meeting, the Rye Civic League will present what residents should know and understand about Drinking Water in Rye.*

Only 1 in 4 Rye Residents get the monthly Civic News. Please let neighbors, friends and anyone who is newish in Rye know the monthly Civic News is free. [Sign up Here](#) See the Civic League [National recognition](#).

### **November 2023**

2023 Citizen's Handbook [Click Here](#) National Civic League RCL Story [Click Here](#)



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**[Watch October Highlights in 3:45 mins Click Here!!!](#)**

**October Highlights**  
**[VIDEO: Watch the Highlights](#) & History Note (starts at 3:45)**

### **October Highlights**

- 1) Two volunteers have stepped up to help keep the swap shop available for residents. If you can also help [e-mail](#).
- 2) An Evening with Roger Philbrick: Memories and Stories in Rye, live interview packs the house as part of the Rye400 Activities. [Youtube recording](#).
- 3) In its second year the Rye Regional Association Committee implemented the board [approved process](#) for determining which groups Rye donates money too. [Presented Results](#), all [groups evaluated](#). Select Board members McGrath and Epperson advocated for two groups who did not meet the criteria and may create a warrant article.
- 4) Elementary School Roof replacement was completed. School [Facility update](#) report and [Technology update](#) reports. Note, a high number of RES & RJH parents do not get the Civic News, please share the [sign-up link](#) if you know any RES or RJH parents.
- 5) Select Board Parsons Creek Watershed workshop [\(video\)](#) determined to shift away from the current strategy of looking for a fecal contamination "smoking gun" and take the Rockingham Planning Commission suggestion to bring in an expert in failed watersheds. Note some of the discussed actions are in the [2017 report](#). Budgeting \$63K to continue the annual monitoring and fund an update of the 2011 Watershed report. Full [FB Environmental proposal](#).
- 6) Select Board workshop on Traffic Safety [\(video\)](#). See discussion points below.
- 7) Connect to Protect: Protecting the Coastal Watershed was very well attended by Town employees, Boards, Commissions and residents. [Presentation Slides](#), Attendee [follow up](#) with links to material.

8) Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee reformed with updated charter and five members to help with additional cell coverage in Rye.

9) Select Board discussed proposals to make the Animal Control Officer full time, to add hours for School Resource Officer, add a part-time Building Inspector (we have two full time people now) and Financial Administration support. [Video](#) Discussion points in October 12th notes below.

10) Sewer Commission minutes reference the approval for a sewer connection to support a new "Event Barn" at 50 South Rd.

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

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

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

Budget Committee	1 Member Vacancy
Heritage Commission	3 Alternate Vacancies
Historic District Commission	3 Alternate Vacancies
Recycling Education Committee	1 Member Vacancy
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) January Budget Public Hearings are more for information than impacting the budget. Select Board All Day workshop is November 2nd and Budget Committee All Day workshop is November 15th.

2) [Bobcats in Rye](#) October 31st 6:30pm Rye Public Library. NH Fish & Game Q&A. [Livestream and recording link](#).

3) Private Well testing workshop **November 15th 6pm** Greenland Central School [Click Here](#)

4) Rye Civic League Annual Meeting November 16th 6:30pm Rye Public Library. Water in Rye information session.

5) Rye Holiday Parade will be December 3rd at 1pm. [Register your group Here](#)

6) Seacoast Lacrosse [Registration](#). Evaluations November 5th

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

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

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

10) 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

Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee,,  
October 30th 6pm.  
Capital Improvements Plan, October 31st 5pm.  
Rye Water District Nov. 1st, 9:00am 60  
Sagamore Rd.  
Rye Town Center Committee, Nov. 1st, 5:30pm  
Board of Adjustment, Nov. 1st 7pm  
Select Board All Day Budget Work Session

Conservation Commission, Nov. 9th 6:30pm  
Capital Improvements Plan Committee Nov.  
13th, 5:00pm  
Select Board Nov. 13th , 6:30pm  
Sewer Commission, Nov. 14th, 8:00am  
Budget Committee Work Session, Nov. 15th

8:30am  
Demolition Review Committee Site Walk,  
4:15pm  
Heritage Commission 5:30pm  
Select Board, Nov. 7th: 10:30am  
Master Plan Steering Committee, Nov. 7th  
10:30am  
Energy Committee, Nov.7th 3pm  
Capital Improvement Plan, Nov. 7th 5:00pm  
Historic District Commission, Nov. 7th 5:30pm

8:30am  
Beach Committee Nov. 20th 5:30pm  
Mosquito Control Commission Nov. 21st, 5pm  
Planning Board Nov. 21st, 6:00pm  
Select Board Nov. 27th 6:30pm



## 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 October 26th Work Session Parson's Creek**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

[FB Environmental proposal.](#)

- 1) Rockingham County Planning recommends continued monitoring and bringing in an outside expert to take a step back and provide recommendations.
- 2) Discussed warrant article for 2024 to apply for additional grant funding.
- 3) Resident once again raised the [NH DES 2017](#) information that the watershed is over saturated with leach fields. Land is being replaced with development and rising sea levels pushes up the water table.
- 3) Agreed to stop searching for a "smoking gun" and developing a longer term plan to address the fecal contamination problem.
- 4) FB Environmental will provide an updated proposal, split for the \$8K for monitoring and around \$53K for updating the Watershed Management plan. \$63K will be added to the budget and a CIP sheet to be added.
- 5) Richie White provided an update on the wind power environmental impact report (500 pages). The cable with the magnetic field poses the most biological risk to the marine environment. Construction and long term operation would have a positive economic impact. It is unclear where on the coast the operation will be based. Discussion of how climate change has impacted fisheries.
- 6) Discussion of what the "flag" policy should be for Town Hall.

## **Select Board Meeting October 25th Work Session Traffic Safety**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) The main topics discussed were the citizens request to lower all 35mph speeds to 30 so there will be consistency in speed limits and also to remind motorists to slow down.
- 2) Requested were the purchase of three more digital signs and other equipment to slow traffic and promote public education initiatives.
- 3) Various ways to reach the public were discussed including the Select Board Newsletter and an outreach to the schools to participate as students are often the ones on the roads who are most vulnerable.
- 4) Consensus that the large majority of motorists do not speed, but that there is a significant minority who

drive at excessive speeds and make the roads unsafe for walkers, bicyclists, pets, kids and older adults as well as other motorists.

5) There was a range of opinion expressed, but the citizens made the point that 3/4 of those surveyed online requested that the Select Board do something about speeding, and 22 citizens also echoed that opinion in a hard copy petition that was submitted.

6) The Select Board will take all of this under advisement and the citizens group will continue to engage with the town.

## **Select Board Meeting October 23rd**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

1) Select Board member McGrath attended the regional [DOT project review](#) meeting in Greenland. NH State Rep. Grote was also in attendance and provided the [Draft Plan](#) and points to pages 149-150, 155-157 and page 182.

2) Community Power provided an update as there are 3000 residents in the program. [Click Here](#) for comparable rates. See member Lisa Sweet on WMUR [Click Here](#)

3) Five members were selected for the Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee with a three year charge.

4) The Town Center Committee Charge was updated.

5) The Select Board will discuss updating town employees' compensation as some positions now have increased responsibility and to encourage retention in a tight labor market.

6) Residents continue efforts to have a "Rye Founders" monument, the current location is in front of the Safety Building. Discussions about appropriate wording and how to properly acknowledge indigenous people.

7) Rye Holiday Parade will be December 3rd at 1pm.

## **Select Board Meeting October 12th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

1) Work session to discuss staffing increases. Three additional people were added in 2023, evaluating four positions in 2024, FT Animal Control, School Resource Officer, PT Building Inspector, Temp Financial Admin support.

2) Current Animal Control Officer is PT 32 hours. Current person performance and capabilities are highly regarded. Scope of this position has increased, such as testing removed bats for rabies, picking up additional Police tasks (e.g. tickets) and other town tasks (person to be trained for e-coli sampling).

3) PT to FT is \$35K for an additional 8 hours. Long debate on what is the best option, two people at 20 hours or a FT employee. Two PT people have proven to have more management costs, training, and turnover. FT was approved to go to the budget, but discussed staggering new position start times.

3) Police School Resource Officer has been working with the two Rye Schools. This is putting additional hours in the Police budget to support time spent at the school.

4) Town Hall space has enabled the Building Inspector to improve services through more space and is now open at 7am to accommodate builders and others. Requests are getting more complex requiring more research and resource effort.

5) Building Inspector revenue is a good measure of work. Two year (2019-2021) revenue increased \$127K, then increased \$174K the next year. Fewer new builds and more remodeling work are more effort intensive for department. Inspectors are falling behind in training and certifications and FEMA Flood responsibilities is more work.

6) Additional PT Building Inspector will be budgeted to start April 1st.

7) Finance Department is looking for 20 hours of part-time help to address the workload. Training and professional development is falling behind because of too much work. Many firms provide trained accounting staff. Discussion of what is the best model to relieve additional operational stress (Note, Janice Ireland is overloaded with work).

8) Discussed that a PT person of 32 hours could meet the Finance needs, absorb work from overloaded employees and provide much needed operational redundancy. Approved at least the twenty hours for

## **Select Board Non Public Meetings**

October 10th: Acquisition, Hiring and Reputation

October 12th: Personnel

September 25th: Personnel and Hiring

## **Select Board Meeting: October 10th**

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Aquarion Water provided an update. [Click Here](#) for slides. Covered second treatment plant being built and the PFOA numbers that meet current standards, but are slightly above what is currently being discussed Federally.
- 2) Aquarion presented why they are interested in purchasing Rye Water Assets. This is not a Select Board decision, but a Rye Water District decision. Select Board did request supporting data on how Aquarion calculated water costs. Note: [Interesting article](#) on privatization.
- 3) FB Environmental discussed the proposed \$71K plan for updating the 2011 Parsons Creek Watershed plan and the annual testing. [Updated proposal](#).
- 4) The annual e-coli testing (approx. \$7.5K) for monitoring that has been ongoing since 2016 should continue. Discussed options of training town employees for taking the additional samples at Wallis Rd and other locations.
- 5) Select Board agreed that wetland management/pollution expertise is needed to evaluate and guide the Town with a "strategy" before approving the FB Environmental proposal. A separate work session to address may be needed, but was not scheduled.
- 6) Regional Association Review Committee provided its final recommendations. They followed the Select Board Approved process, [Click Here](#). Presented narrative explanations [Click Here](#) and the detail table [Click Here](#)
- 7) Two Select Board members were not happy that two groups were not included for donations based on the approved decision criteria. After much discussion, the Select Board members discussed taking these two charities to the voters on a warrant article.
- 8) Fire & Safety Vehicle construction has yet to recover from the Covid related supply chain disruptions. The Ladder truck is extremally late, but at least is on the production schedule. To avoid another extremally long wait, the local distributor is offering Rye to purchase a demonstration vehicle they have on order. This would save Rye money (lock in the fixed price) and time. If the voters do not approve the purchase the town is not obligated.
- 9) It was decided to include some CIP funding to continue the work at the Town Hall Annex. A new door is needed and other work will consume current available funds.
- 10) Rye400 group presented a monument that will commemorate the Rye400 activities. Greg Baur whose firm does much of the seawall work in Rye is donating the monument and installation. [Image Draft Wording](#)



## **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 2023-2024 School Calendar: [Click Here](#)

RJH Solar Panels tracking: [Click Here](#)

## **School Board Meeting: September 20th**

Recorded Video: not available

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

School Budget Meeting schedule: [Click Here](#)

Superintendent's Report: [Click Here](#)

SAU 50 Newsletter: [Click Here](#)

Rye Facilities Update: [Click Here](#)

Rye Technology Update: [Click Here](#)

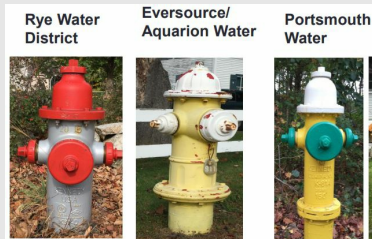
RES & RJH Principals Report: [Click Here](#)

- 1) The installation of the new roof on the Rye Elementary School is officially complete.
- 2) The SAU is targeting an early May start for the construction of the new upper playground at RES.
- 3) The Rye 400 Committee sponsored a program at Rye Elementary School last month about indigenous people and music and hosted Dan Brown for student and community events.
- 4) The Wedgewood Festival was held Friday, October 20th. This fundraiser supports graduation activities for the outgoing 8th grade class.
- 5) The next Rye School Board meeting is 11/15 at 5:30 at Rye Junior High School.

## **SAU 50 School Board Meeting: October 25th**

New SAU Report: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Agreed to increase paraprofessionals salaries to offset the over 15% increase in health insurance.
- 2) Non-public meeting held to discuss salary increases.
- 3) Overall SAU budget is up 5.3%, but expenditures are up over 7.74% due to the preschool revenue increase. Budget is looking to be \$2,102,501.
- 4) Resident requests SAU survey Portsmouth High School teachers to if the current 9th Graders arrived "Prepared to Succeed." Suggested using a 1-7 score similar to how businesses use the Net Promoter Score.



## **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](#)

**Water Main flushing: [More Information](#)**

## **RWD Monthly Meeting: October 4th**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

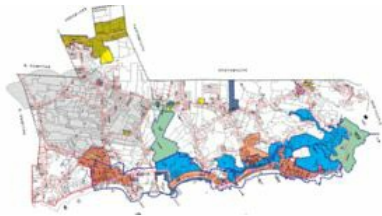
- 1) Moving forward to submit the funding application from the Drinking Water Trust fund for the \$12M in loans for a water treatment plan.
- 2) Water rate study is in progress, no findings discussed.
- 3) Brown Land Property drilling could begin this winter.
- 4) RWD will be thanking the Select Board for attending the September 20th meeting and will prompt them for a response.

## **Sewer Commission: October 12th**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

No recording at the RBVD Building

- 1) 50 South Rd was approved for an Event Barn that is being added to the property.
- 2) Church Rd. Pump Station was up 2,523,400 gallons from September 2022, August rainfall was 4,95 inches.
- 3) New Church Rd. Pump station generator was discussed as it was sized for a single pump, but both pumps are running simultaneously and likely to coincide with inclement weather. This may require additional work to accommodate a larger generator.
- 4) A future meeting will discuss that some Sewer Departments have a fixed charge in addition to a consumption charge.



## Planning Board

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month

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

Master Plan Update Website: [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](#)

## **Long Range Planning & Master Plan Steering Committee:**

Rye 2035 Rye Future Website: [Click Here](#)

Master Plan update page; [Click Here](#)

Build Out Analysis: [Click Here](#) Shows where homes could fit, but not analysis of Rye supporting infrastructure.

NHIOP Phase 1 Report: [Click Here](#) Housing needs information [Assessment Report](#)

### **Master Plan Steering Committee October 3rd**

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussions covered history, culture, Strava app, demolition and more topics

### **Long Range Planning September 12th**

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Draft minutes: [Click Here](#)

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

### **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: October 25th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: None - [Agenda](#)

- 1) Expansion of the Historic District was discussed and it needs to be determined if the borders will need to be changed.
- 2) Tiny Houses discussed. If a developer wanted to build a clustered development with Tiny Houses, it could be done through ZBA variances.
- 3) Detached ADU discussed. Does there need to be a distinction between converting an existing structure (barn) and new builds.
- 4) Legislative changes were provided to members [Click Here](#) and what Gilford did for [short term rentals](#).

## **Planning Board Meeting: October 17th**

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

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Benchmark Senior Living was awarded an extension for one more year as financial issues have delayed starting. No changes to the approved plans.
- 2) 665-667 Wallis Rd Major Site Development for adding a third unit was approved 5-0. There are approximately thirty numbered conditions associated with this approval. Key part of this approval is the impervious driveway that requires continual maintenance and the annual monitoring of the septic system.
- 3) RPC provided an update on the Rye Housing Needs Assessment. Public meeting was held in late September.

2023 Housing Needs Assessment Report - 10/17/23: [Click Here](#)

Rye Housing Existing Conditions Overview: [Click Here](#)

Full Survey Results: [Click Here](#)

- 4) Master Plan schedule was communicated with the next public engagement would be in February.

## **September Notice of Decisions**

There are NO Notice of Decisions with the September 19th meeting minutes.

## **Planning Board Agenda November 21st**

Not yet posted. This meeting will be at the Town Hall so members can attend by Zoom.

### **Code of the Town of Rye**

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### **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: October 4th**

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) 741 Ocean Blvd. Approved unanimously variance to expand office. [NOD Case #48a-2023](#)
- 2) Granted extension to Benchmark Senior Living at 295 Lafayette Rd. to June 7, 2025.
- 3) 1264-1266 Ocean Blvd. Unanimously voted to approve five variances with four conditions. [NOD Case#45-2023](#)
- 4) 11 Ham Lane approved unanimously two variances for expanded porch and stairs. [NOD Case #47-](#)



2023

6) 65 Big Rock Lane. Approved unanimously eight variances for expanded patio with two conditions.

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

No Notice of Decision or draft minutes are posted yet.

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: November 1st**

Agenda: NOT POSTED ONLINE



### **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: October 17th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Video: [Click Here](#)

1) Draft budget was approved, includes a 3.75% adjusted living rate increase.

2) Continued work with Terra Firma landscape for RPL Common.

## **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: October 12th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Civic League meeting Notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Wentworth By The Sea Country Club received Army Corps and NH DES for adding a 100 foot, 3 foot sea wall extension (now 708' total).
- 2) Abutters are proposing Eel Pond culvert get electronic flow controls.
- 3) 117 Washington Rd. Remove existing slap.
- 4) 230 Ocean Blvd.: Raze/rebuilding 2022 plan is scaled back.
- 5) 2330 Ocean Blvd: New patio with porous pavers and walkway in the 100' Wetlands buffer.
- 6) 125 Wentworth Rd. Raze/rebuild building in the 100' Wetland buffer.

### **Connect to Protect Workshop: October 24th**

Video - Did no work

Presentation Slides: [Click Here](#)

Follow up e-mail with Links to material: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Full RJH Cafe with Town employees, Board, Commission, Committee members and residents.
- 2) Presented by UNH and Rocking Planning Commission.
- 3) GIS tools and maps (including the new maps presented and now available) should be more actively utilized in Board and commission deliberations.



## **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: October 2nd**

No draft meeting minutes [Agenda](#)

**Recreation Commission has 2 open positions**

- 1) Master Plan - next steps
- 2) Softball/baseball meeting update

### **2023 Recreation Program Flyers:**

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: October 5th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Residents presented their proposal to install a monument to recognize the European settlers (families) who originally displaced the Native Americans. Proposed location is In front of the Public Safety Building, so the Town Center Committee should be involved as the final TAPP grant plans are not known.
- 2) Rye400 is discussing a monument to acknowledge all of the activities associated with celebrating the 400th anniversary.
- 3) One more effort is being made on the Gazebo. The motion to abandon the project failed in a 3-3 vote.
- 4) Discussions of grant funding for Pulpit Rock Tower from the 1772 Foundation.
- 5) Friends of Town Hall would like to raise funds for the Town Hall, but there are no know plans to fund raise around. Will prepare to raise funds for the staircases.

## **Demolition Review: October 24th**

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting Minutes: None [Agenda](#)

- 1) 731 Central Rd.
- 2) 691 Brackett Rd.

## **Historic District Commission Meeting: October 11th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) As the original survey and data for the Historic District can not be found, progress is being made on the GCG 2023 Grant to complete a new survey of what is in the Historic District.
- 2) HDC does have a booklet that is to help people with homes in the Historic District. See town website for all the posted information. [Click Here](#)
- 3) Residents engaged in a Q&A session about the discussion to expand the Historic District.
- 4) The Rye400 Monument was discussed
- 5) Residents working to install a monument to the original European families who settled Rye after the American Natives were displaced. Polished Granite is not historic and the commission would want to see final designs.

## **Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: September 6th**

Recorded Video: not available

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

## **TAP Grant Committee Meeting: October 2nd, 6th, 13th and 18th**

Recorded Video October 2nd: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video October 6th: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video October 13th: [Click Here](#)

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

Draft Minutes: not available

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1) Firms have been interviewed and a recommendation has been put forward.



## 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: October 3rd**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

No recorded video:

1) Rates for Rye

### **Rye Recycling Education Committee: October 17th**

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Two new volunteers are helping to allow the swap shop to be open. Transfer Station staff are opening and closing.
- 2) New Signs have been added to deter people from leaving unwanted items.
- 3) May add a second "Helpsy" bin
- 4) Looking for ways to utilize Price money to encourage more recycling.

### **Telecommunication Infrastructure Committee:**

1) Five members have been named for a three year charter. The first meeting will be October 30th.

Select Board extended the charge to March 2024. [Click here](#) for the posted charge that ended in 2020

2) Anyone interested should contact the Select Board. All appointments are available.



## Mosquito

Mosquito Complaint Form: [Click Here](#)  
2020 Mosquito Control Notice: [Click Here](#)  
Dragon Mosquito Program Overview: [Click Here](#)

### **Mosquito Commission Meeting: October 16th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: not available

## Beach Committee



## **Beach Committee Meeting: October 16th**

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Invited Fire Chief Mark Cotreau and Lt. Jake MacGlashing to October 16 meeting to review beach safety and placement of surf/swim flags
- 2) Discussed 2024 Budget line items. A few key unanimous votes supported continuing with Shoulder Season Surfrider/Water Testing/UNH Jackson Lab, Blue Ocean/Beach Cleanups, and RES Grade 4 Eco-Beach Posters.
- 3) Reviewed our Committee's recent site walk re: BeachAccess Entryways. All agreed the Town's website beach access information needs to be updated. To be continued.
- 4) Discussed continued support for year round dog waste containers.
- 5) Agreed to review beach access signs to contribute ideas to DPW.

### **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): October 24th**

Agenda: Read through CIP draft

Draft Minutes: not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

## **Budget Committee Meetings: October 2nd Subcommittee**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Agreed to move the numbers to a spread sheet and keep the narrative in a word format.

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](#)

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

## **Trustee of the Trust Funds Meeting: no meeting in September**

Draft Minutes:  
Recorded Video:

## Municipal Records Committee June 20th

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](mailto:civicnews@ryecivicleague.org)

### **Rye Town Handbook from the Rye Civic League** .....

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

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

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

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

### **An Invitation to membership in the Rye Civic League**

The Civic News is free and distributed to over 1,400 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](http://www.ryecivicleague.org) or by mail to Rye Civic League P.O. Box 971 Rye, NH 03870.

**Get Involved:**

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

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

**Contact Info**

Rye Civic League: [civicnews@ryecivicleague.org](mailto:civicnews@ryecivicleague.org) Steven Borne - President

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

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