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.

Help others get on the Civic News Distribution List
Make a contribution and become a member:
Want to pitch in and help with the Rye Civic League

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 or 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.

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**Open Town Board Positions: [Click Here]**

Town positions e-mail Planning or Zoning positions: e-mail

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**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](#)

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### 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
**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]

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**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.

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**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 extremely late, but at least is on the production schedule. To avoid another extremely 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 Baeur 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
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
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.

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

Natural Resource Inventory December 2021
Full Report: Click Here Executive Summary: Click Here Habitat section: Click Here 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
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.

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**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](#)

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**What is happening in 2023?**

1) You can view what is currently planned on the Website [Click Here](#)
2) email to get involved

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**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](#)

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**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](#)

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**Heritage, Historic & Demolition**

Citizen's Handbook: [Heritage](#)
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: Beach Access 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.

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 spreadsheet 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
Jenness Beach District: $95,725 Click Here

Trustee of the Trust Funds Meeting: no meeting in September
Municipal Records Committee June 20th

Draft Minutes: Click Here
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
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.
- 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
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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.