

Rye Civic News

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October 2023

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

September Highlights

- 1) Rye Elementary School was recognized as one of three New Hampshire schools to receive the prestigious recognition of 2023 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. [Announcement](#)
- 2) Rye Water District Water special meeting on September 28th. Updates, PFOA information and Water Treatment Plant, for presentation [Click Here](#). Slides 13-24 provide an explanation of the PFOA situation. RWD & Select Board discussed an approved \$11M loan (\$2m can be forgiven) that could be used [Approval letter](#).
- 3) Housing Survey Public forum had twenty residents present (including all three Select Board members). Presentation is not available. [Survey summary](#). [Agenda](#) and [NH State Housing 2023 graphic](#) The Master Plan committee reviewed the [draft Build Out analysis](#).
- 4) Volunteers needed to clean out the Transfer station Swap Shop of unwanted items and put in the mixed bulky bin. Current volunteers cannot handle the load. If interested contact chair of Recycling Committee [e-mail](#)
- 5) **Rye Community Picnic** was approved. Celebrate our community and beautiful town on **Sunday, October 29th** at Parsons Field! There will be one very long community table and chairs for everyone, and you bring your own picnic basket! Invite your neighbors! Registration will be available on Eventbrite through the [RyeNH400 website](#). Setup starts at 11:30 am, picnic 12-2pm. If you're a baker please enter the apple pie baking contest.
- 6) September was [proclaimed](#) Childhood Cancer Awareness month
- 7) Decade long drop in Rye students appears to have leveled off with a slight increase the past few years. [See history](#)
- 8) FB Environmental [September Parson's Creek fecal bacteria](#) at Concord Pt three times the limit and all other locations over ten times the safe threshold. [Click Here](#)
- 9) The annual cost to tuition into Rye Schools was set at **\$27,572.37**
- 10) Rye Water Superintendent communicates about dog waste left by hydrants as RWD would prefer to

avoid another boil water alert. [Click Here](#)

11) Rye 400 September activities included a Rye Trolley Tour, Rye Owls with Sarah Kerns of Tailwinds, Author Dan Brown at Rye Junior High , Wallis Sands Triathlon

Rye Civic Public Discussion Tuesday, October 3rd 7:00pm Rye Public Library [Click Here](#)

BYOT: Bring Your Own Topic or get filled in on the Rye Water Meeting (Water Treatment Plant), Housing in Rye presentation, Developments, Master Plan....

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	2 Alternate Vacancies
Historic District Commission	3 Alternate Vacancies
Recycling Education Committee	1 Member Vacancy
Recreation Commission	1 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
Regional Association Review Committee	1 Member Vacancy
Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee	5 Member Vacancies (9/12/23)

General Announcements

- 1) **Rye Night Out topic:** BYOT Bring Your Own Topic **Tuesday Oct 3rd, 7:00 pm** Rye Public Library
- 2) Coffee & Conversation: NH State Reps for Rye/Greenland (Grote & Malloy) and Rye/Greenland/N. Hampton (Balboni) will be available to meet with residents, [Wednesday, October 4th at 10am](#) at the Rye Public Library.
- 3) Are you concerned about the level of anxiety in our Youth? [PHS viewing of Anxious Nation](#), **October 4th 6pm PHS Auditorium**,
- 4) Rye Schools [Portrait of a Learner](#) community forum, **Thursday, October 5th 6pm to 7pm RES**
- 5) NH Together October 12th 6:30pm Rye Public Library [More Information](#). Rockingham County Community Conversation about what NH common ground solutions for our priority issues.
- 6) NH DOT Ten year Plan input and discussion **October 19th 7:00pm** Greenland Central School [TAC Presentation](#)
- 7) 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](#)
- 8) Rye Town Picnic: Celebrate our community and beautiful town on **Sunday, October 29th** at Parsons Field! There will be one very long community table and chairs for everyone, and you bring your own picnic basket! Invite your neighbors! Registration will be available on Eventbrite through the [RyeNH400 website](#). Setup starts at 11:30 am, picnic 12-2pm. If you're a baker please enter the apple pie baking contest.
- 9) Private Well testing workshop **November 15th 6pm** Greenland Central School [Click Here](#)
- 10) Rye Civic League Annual Meeting November 16th 7pm Rye Public Library. Water in Rye information session.
- 11) Rye Recreation event flyers go [here](#)
- 12) Town historian has new website - "[Rye History Rocks](#)"
- 13) Rockingham County meetings can now be seen on Youtube. [Rockingham County Channel](#)

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

Please check the agendas for Locations [Click here for Current Calendar](#) of town meeting

TAP Grant Committee Oct 2, 10:00am
Budget Committee Subcommittee Oct 2, 5:00pm
Recreation Commission Oct 2, 6:00pm
The Master Plan Steering Committee Oct 3, 1:00pm
Energy Committee Oct 3, 3:00pm
Rye Town Center Committee Oct 4, 5:30pm
Board of Adjustment Oct 4, 7:00pm
Heritage Commission Oct 5, 5:30pm
Supervisors of the Check List Oct 6, 7:00pm to 7:30pm
Indigenous Peoples' Day - Town Offices Closed Oct 9, 8:00am to 4:30pm
Sewer Commission Oct 10, 8:00am
Long Range Planning Committee Oct 10, 1:00pm

Capital Improvements Plan Committee Oct 10, 5:00pm
Select Board Oct 10, 6:30pm
Historic District Commission Oct 11, 5:30pm
TAP Grant Committee Oct 12, 5:00pm
Conservation Commission Oct 12, 6:30pm
Beach Committee Oct 16, 5:30pm
Mosquito Control Commission Oct 17, 5:00pm
Planning Board Oct 17, 6:00pm
Recycling Education Committee Oct 17, 6:30pm
Select Board Oct 23, 6:30pm
Capital Improvements Plan Committee Oct 24, 5:00pm
TAP Grant Committee Oct 26, 5:00pm
Trick or Treat Oct 30, 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Capital Improvements Plan Committee Oct 31, 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 September 25th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) Select Board acknowledged that Rye Elementary was named one of three NH schools recognized as National Blue Ribbon Schools ([State Press Release](#)) and [Citation](#).
- 2) Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Amy Thibodeau has completed all certification work to be Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Additionally, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Donna Decotis was also recognized by the State for 10 years of service.
- 3) After several public comments, the Rye Conservation Commission clarified that there was only a discussion of a possible new law requiring approval for hunting on town land. As the State did not make any rule changes, nothing is changing in regards to hunting in Town land.
- 4) Game cameras on private land were discussed, and it was noted that if the private landowner posts that they are allowed, direct permission is not required.
- 5) Resident requests Select Board to work jointly with the Rye Water District to develop the town/RWD joint plan for funding a Water Treatment Plan as there can be \$11M in interest free loans with \$2M

forgiven.

6) NH State Reps Grote, Malloy and Balboni gave a legislative update ([handout](#)). The State moved \$180M surplus to 2024/2025 budget after contributions to a healthy rainy day fund. Last year and this year the State will contribute 7.5% to the Retirement Fund again. The State started lowering its contribution from 35% in 2010, reaching 0% in 2013. NH House has 792 bills to review, down from 900 last year. Coffee & Conversation with your State Reps. [October 4th 10am RPL](#)

7) The Rye 400 Tree lighting will be Saturday December 2nd with the Holiday Parade on Sunday, December 3rd.

8) Resident proposal to fully fund a monument (4ft. x 4 ft. [stone with engraving](#)) to the found Rye families was discussed. The Select Board suggested that the group who managed the seven new Historical signs should make decisions about additional historical markers.

9) Brief update from Roger Philbrick on the 1983 Parson's Creek dredging. He reminded the Select Board that around that time Washington Rd. boy who regularly played in the creek got sick and had his stomach removed. It was suspected, but never confirmed that Parson's Creek was the source.

10) FB Environmental [September Parson's Creek fecal bacteria](#) at Concord Pt three times the limit and all other locations over ten times the safe threshold.

11) FAA will require any PDA Cargo expansion to have a full environmental impact report.

12) Approval of the HDC recommendation to complete the updated Historic District survey. Also, if the district is expanded, the HDC is discussing an open house/discussion with residents about what is involved.

Select Board Meeting w/ Rye Water September 20th

Video Recording: No video at RWD meetings

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

1) RWD informed the select board that Rye can have access to a [\\$10M loan](#) for a water treatment plant, but the final application must be completed by May 1, 2024. \$1M of this loan can be forgiven and there is another \$1M Loan that can be used for treating heavy metals that can also be forgiven.

2) RWD was awarded a \$50K grant that is currently being used for initial design research and planning.

3) All of Rye utilized the Grove Road dump that is leaching PFOAs above the Garland Rd well. As the most recent CMA/Select Board discussion concluded that site remediation is not economically feasible, the Town is the responsible party for PFOA contamination coming from the Grove Rd. Dump.

4) With only two Select Board members present, the Select Board indicated that this needs further discussion before responding to the RWD inquiry for assisting in funding the Water Treatment Plant.

5) Coakley contamination was discussed, but pursuing th for funding assistance would absorb already committed resources.

6) RWD Commissioners indicated that Aquarion Water continues to have interest in acquiring the RWD assets, but has not made an offer and the RWD commissioners do not even know if the District even wants to consider turning over water control and distribution to Aquarian.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

September 6th: Acquisition

September 11th: Personnel and Hiring

September 25th: Personnel and Hiring

Select Board Meeting: September 11th

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1) Rye is accepting another NH Highway Safety Grant, this will be \$12,600 to Rye Police for road safety.

2) Rye 400 Picnic will be October 29th at noon on Parsons Field

3) Accepted State NH the Beautiful grant of \$2330 to be used for a new aluminum can vertical bailer. Internal bailing will increase revenue from aluminum cans.

4) Discussion about inflation and COLA increase for non-union employees of 3.75%. Discussion of inflation and these contracts compared to the union agreements. Employee retention may be a bigger concern/risk for Town services than costs.

- 5) Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee charter will be revitalized. Residents should communicate interest for the five member appointments to the Select Board.
- 6) 2024 Beach Parking Sticker design was approved with the modification to create more space for license plates.
- 7) Engine 5 Pump had a catastrophic failure. Decision was made to replace with a different pump as the more cost effective option. [More Information on Engine 5](#)
- 8) Amy Kindstedt's proclamation to make September a Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Rye. [Click Here](#)
- 9) Select Board will send members to attend the [Draft NH DOT 10 Year plan](#) discussion on [October 19th, 7:00pm at Greenland Public School](#).
- 10) Rye Rec is coordinating a Town Employee picnic.
- 11) Resident raises discussion about Parson's Creek Watershed and the Concord Point culvert. [Many years ago](#), there was discussion about expanding the entry and marsh restoration. To receive grants, this marsh restoration needs to be included in the Watershed Plan and possibly also the Rye Master Plan.



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

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

SAU 50 Newsletter: [Click Here](#)

Special Ed Report: [Click Here](#)

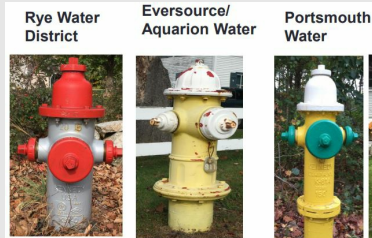
RES & RJH Principals Report: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rye Elementary School was recognized as one of three New Hampshire schools to receive the prestigious recognition of 2023 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The announcement of the award can be read [here](#).
- 2) SAU 50 Special Education Director Stacy reported that the Preschool program is fully staffed with . with a full enrollment of 23 students.
- 3) The SAU50 Teaching and Learning Team held its first meeting in September and will focus primarily on Social Studies curriculum and develop a series of recommendations for alignment across districts and with Portsmouth High School.
- 4) [Portrait of a Learner](#) was updated. Click Here Rye Listening session is October 5th 6pm RES.
- 5) RES and RJH Principals are now presenting a combined report that connects goals and is an output of the retreat.
- 6) The Retained fund balance is at \$550,000 after \$243,755 was returned to the town. The fund balances earned \$20,000 in interest over the past year.
- 7) Meal Charging and Volunteer policies were updated.
- 8) Tuition Rate for Rye schools was set at \$27,572.37
- 9) Next School Board meeting is October 18th at 5:30pm RJH.

SAU 50 School Board Meeting: September 27th

New SAU Report: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Joint Board unanimously voted to authorize SAU50 senior staff to enter negotiations with First Student for a new transportation contract following the conclusion of a public RFP.
- 2) Superintendent Zdravec shared feedback on the Portrait of a Learner initiative from the various stakeholders.
- 3) Assistant Superintendent Killen provided an update on human resources goals, plans and recent accomplishments.
- 4) SAU 50 FY 2024/25 Budget will be presented for approval at next Joint Board Meeting
- 5) Next Joint Board Meeting: October 25, 2023, 6:30 PM at Rye Junior High School



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 Special Meeting: September 28th

No recorded Video: Did not work

Presentation: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Approximately 34 residents attended. It did conflict with the RES and PHS Open House events.
- 2) 85% of Rye are Rye Water District customers (1700 Customers/4500 residents)
- 3) 80 Rye customers and 8 Greenland customers receive water from Portsmouth.
- 4) \$50K Grant received for Water Treatment Plant pilot
- 5) \$100K Grant is being used for Asset Management Study
- 6) Great explanation of PFOA situation (slides 13-24)
- 7) Central Treatment Plant
 - Soft Estimate \$16M to \$18M
 - O&M approximately \$150K per year
 - 3-5 years to get operational

RWD Monthly Meeting: September 6th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1) The Water District has been approved for eleven million dollars in funding, through the State Revolving Fund, for the water treatment facility. \$1M is for heavy metals and \$2M can be forgiven. For further funding, the District can look towards the Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund with the annual application process coming up in October. It was pointed out that the District will be in a better position for funding if the project is approved through a warrant article.

2) The Wallis Road main replacement project will be starting again in September. A target completion date is set for the end of October.

3) A leak detection was performed over the last month through a grant from DES. Only one leak was detected in the system; however, one that was not identified popped up on Berry Brook Lane. The leak detection work is being done by a third party hired by DES. It was stated that it is unclear whether the work is as comprehensive as it could be.

4) Meter replacement program, which would expense the meters over a three year period. It was advised by the Town's Finance Director that this should be handled through a warrant article for the 2024 budget. The estimated cost for the meter replacement program is approximately \$330,000. It was agreed

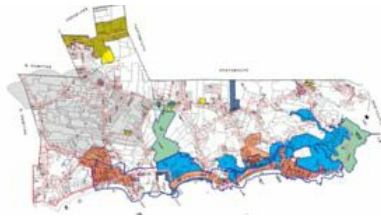
that it might be best to include the expense in the budget and cover some of the cost from the capital reserve fund. The Commission will present a warrant article to add funds back to the capital reserve.

Sewer Commission: September 12th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

No recording at the RBVD Building

- 1) The sewer plans dated August 30, 2023 and sewer connection for 89 Cable Road were approved,
- 2) List of Sewer Charges and Fees Effective October 1-December 31, 2023 were approved 1. Hook-up Fee: A. Front Footage Charge \$281.02/per foot B. 50 Foot front (minimum charge) \$14,051.00 100 Foot Front \$28,102.00 170 Foot Front (maximum charge) \$47,773.40 2. O.M.R. (Operating & Maintenance) Charge Per Cubic feet of H2O Consumption .105
- 3) The City of Portsmouth Water and Sewer Rates Effective July 1, 2023 were reviewed. It was noted that the Sewer Rates have increased 4.5%.



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:

Master Plan Steering Committee September 5th:

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Natural Resources and Coastal Resilience and Adaption
- 2) Master Plan Update Website: [Click Here](#)
- 3) Draft Build Out Analysis discussed. [Click Here](#). Report discusses what the land could support, not water, septic, or other constraints.

Long Range Planning September 12th

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Draft minutes: Not Available

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

NHHOP Grant Phase 1 Public Forum: September 27th

Recorded Video: Did not work

Agenda: Non posted

Infographic 2023 NH Statewide Housing Needs Assessments: [Click Here](#)

Full 2023 NH Statewide Housing Needs Assessments: [Click Here](#)

Note: The Rye Civic League requested links to the presentation at a minimum and the provided materials, but Rockingham Planning Committee said they would be available around October 4th.

- 1) Twenty residents were in the audience, including all three Select Board members.
- 2) Agenda provided at meeting. [Click Here](#) Page two has public input options.
- 3) RCL scanned Survey summary [Click Here](#). Not the presentation
- 4) 316 survey responses were received.
- 5) NH State 2023 Housing Needs assessment report. [Click Here](#). RPC presented that between 2020 and

2040 they calculated that Rye's fair share of incremental housing should be 476 housing units.

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: September 19th

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

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

- 1) [Major Site development](#) for 2203 Ocean Blvd (Common Roots) was deemed not complete. See drawings here. If the change is deemed substantial, then the entire property may be subject to the current FEMA floodplain ordinances
- 2) 13 McLaughlin Drive Accessory Dwelling Unit approved 5-0
- 3) [1220 Ocean Blvd \(Wallis Sands Extension\)](#). Property includes the three small condos. Plans to demolish the current garage and make the property less non-conforming. See drawings Approved 5-0 with conditions. State has jurisdiction for the driveway change.
- 4) 1065 Washington Rd. Approved 5-0 second driveway. Parking on Washington Rd. at this location is a greater hazard. [See drawings](#)
- 5) Liability funds for 421 South Rd and 1244 Washington Rd. were released
- 6) 9 Perkins Rd. lot merger was approved

August Notice of Decisions

- 1) 717 Washington Rd. Granted 5-0 waiver for driveway [NOD Case #15-2023](#)

Planning Board Agenda October 17th

Not yet posted

**Code
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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: September 6th

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

September 6th Draft Meeting Minutes: **Not posted as of Sept 29th** no Notice of Decisions available

August 30th Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#) No Notice of Decisions

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

* **Town has not posted Notice of Decisions or draft minutes as of October 1st**

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: October 4th

Agenda: [Click here](#)

- 1) 1264-1266 Ocean Blvd: Demolishing and rebuilding with variances
- 2) 65 Big Rock Rd. Demolishing and rebuilding with variances
- 3) 11 Ham Lane: new porch and stairs
- 4) 741 Ocean Blvd: Expansion of office
- 5) 5 Cable Rd.: demolition and rebuilding
- 6) 2203 Ocean Blvd (Common Roots): Parking space
- 7) 295 Lafayette Rd. (Benchmark): Extension of variances



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: September 12th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Video: not available

- 1) A potential material challenge was received from a resident.
- 2) The AED was replaced and an Opioid response kit is on staff, staff has been trained.
- 3) Looking at quotes to paint the front facade.
- 4) Work continues with Terra Firma Landscape about the Greenspace/commons

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: September 14th and Site walk

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

1) 39 Parsons Road [Site Walk Minutes](#)

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: September 11th

No draft meeting minutes [Agenda](#)

Recreation Commission has 2 open positions

1) Master Plan - next steps

2) Deputy Director Interviews

2023 Recreation Program Flyers:

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: September 7th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) \$230 was raised at Rye Day
- 2) Gazebo is inching forward, one Rye carpenter is working on an estimate
- 3) Pulpit Rock Tower discussions with Fish & Game about long term ownership and management.
- 4) Rye Advocates discussed creating a story for the Stoll magazine highlight successful preservation
- 5) Rye Advocates discussing work shop on Deed research
- 6) Discussed how Stratham appropriates funds that their Heritage group utilizes for preservation work.

Demolition Review: September 25th

Recorded video:

Draft Meeting minutes: not available

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 89 Cable Rd
- 2) There are three demolitions on the October 4th ZBA agenda

Historic District Commission Meeting: September 13th

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: September 6th

Recorded Video: not available

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

TAP Grant Committee Meeting: September 21st

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: not available

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Pre-Interviews were to be held SEP 5, 6, & 7th with the 3 engineering firms: Wright-Pierce, BETA, and SLS.
- 2) Final interviews will be held the first week in October; references are being checked



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: September 12th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

No recorded video:

- 1) Rates for Rye Community Power changed on August 1. The rates are the lowest available in the state. The current rate period will go through the end of January 2024.
- 2) Of Rye's 2914 customers (excluding large commercial and industrial customers), 24 have opted out to use Eversource or a competitive supplier. For Granite Basic (23.4% renewable and what most customers are on, the rate is 10.9¢/kWh, compared to the Eversource rate of 12.58 ¢/kWh.
- 3) The roof work at Rye Elementary School has been completed. The School Board will decide whether to install the solar panels, the size of installation, and what type of installation will be used (either a power purchase agreement or an outright purchase of the system).
- 4) Background information on existing and planned offshore wind projects in the Gulf of Maine region was provided. Members discussed project timelines in consideration of rising costs and supply chain issues. Conversation also focused on the environmental review process and potential impacts to fisheries, whales, and other wildlife. Questions were raised about policy changes needed in New Hampshire to enable greater industry participation and economic development opportunities. [Presentation](#)
- 5) Town Master Plan – Housing Survey: Committee discussion focused on how the master plan could incorporate goals and recommendations around climate change mitigation and encouraging new construction to be more energy efficient. Rye uses the 2018 International Residential Code (IRC) and the 2018 International Building Code (IBC). Other communities such as Durham use the more stringent code, which is the 2021 IRC/IBC. A more stringent code requires the new construction to be more energy efficient. This costs more in initial costs, but does save money for heating and cooling over the life of the building. There are incentives available to increase the efficiency of home construction and remodeling. (see NHSAVES.com)

Rye Recycling Education Committee: September 19th

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) New procedure for Opening and Closing Swap shop
- 2) New signs are not effective in reducing unwanted items. People are still dumping
- 3) Discussed visiting the Lee Transfer Station and swap shop
- 4) Credit Card payment for bulky has been down and there is a reduction in bulky income
- 5) Will engage RJH about Recycling Video contest
- 6) Reports of residents putting recyclables in compactor and avoiding fees for bulky material
- 7) Discussed a beach recycling container (just cans/bottles)

Telecommunication Infrastructure Committee:

- 1) 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: September 19th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: not available

- 1) Increased mosquitos from heavy rains has Dragon Mosquito working relentlessly at breeding sites. They will be spraying schools and Parson's Field. Private properties are not sprayed.
- 2) Jamestown Canyon Virus (JCV) and EE NH testing YTD has had 14 positive results in 8 communities
- 3) WMUR on Sept 25th reported the first human JCV case in Hillsborough. Also Powassan, a tick borne disease, was detected in Carroll and Rockingham counties.
- 4) Greenhead traps were removed early to avoid Hurricane Lee.



Beach Committee

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

Parking Assessment Study: [Click Here](#)

Beach Committee Meeting: September 20th - Site Walk

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: NA

- 1) F Street (private): Due to past town oversight the Town no longer "owns full beach access. Towne maintains a path for residents to use by foot.
- 2) Cable Rd. and Wallis Rd. Extension (Pirates Cove) bike racks and dog waste containers will be discussed at a future meeting
- 3) Minutes are not correct, there were the same number of beach closings at Wallis Sands Extension (Pirates Cove) and more at Concord Point.
- 4) Safety due do to a lack of crosswalks will be discussed at a future meeting
- 5) Discussed the idea of take-out restaurants to have more signage to have trash returned to its premises.
- 6) Committee concerns should be communicated to the Select Board by letter. Note: This is because the "elected Beach Commission" was dissolved by a past Select Board initiative and replaced by a committee reporting to the Select Board.
- 7) Beach sticker design discussions.

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): September 26th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: not available

Video: Sep 26 [Click Here](#)

Budget Committee Meetings: Sub-committee meeting September 18th

Draft Minutes: not available

Recorded Video: Schedule conflict moved to room with no video

- 1) Reviewed School Budget flow of funds and Retained Balance. The un-assigned Fund Balance and Retained Fund Balance are combined at the end of the year. Disbursements are made, then up to 5% of that years' budget can be moved to the Retained Fund Balance for the next year. \$243K was returned to the town to reduce taxes.
- 2) RES roof will complete under the \$1M allocated
- 3) School Trust fund balances should include an "Ideal" target for these funds.
- 4) The Budget Sub-committee looking at improving the Department Head summary consistency and communication presented an update. Next step will be to create an example and template for the full Board to review.
- 5) Member Eckhardt showed the School population tracking she maintains. [Click Here](#). The decade long decline appears to have leveled out with a slight increase as of late.

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

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video:

Municipal Records Committee June 20th

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Regional Association Review Committee Sep 27th

Draft Minutes: not available

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Donations in the 2023 Budget [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](#)

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

Town Facebook page: [Click Here](#)

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

Rye 400 page: [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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