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Rye Civic News

Rye Questions for the Rye Civic League?

Rye Civic League will host a public meeting on request by any resident to discuss a town issue of concern. Let us know and we will meet with you. [e-mail](#)
December & January are busy as we get ready for the January Deliberative meeting.

December 2023

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



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[Watch December Highlights
in 4 mins Click Here!!!](#)

November Highlights

[VIDEO: Watch the Highlights & History Note
\(starts at 4:19\)](#)

Highlights recorded by 7th and 8th grade Rye Student

November Highlights

1) 2023 Tax Rate would have been 23%, not the 15% increase in current tax bills if the Selection Board did not apply \$2M of the un-assigned fund balance to pay down the tax rate. An amount was used so a \$750,000 home would only have a 15% tax increase. Note your December bill is slightly higher than 1/2 your total taxes since your June bill used the 2022 lower tax rate. A history of the tax rates since 2012 can be found in a link provided in the Rye Civic News [Click Here](#)

2) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was accepted by the Select Board. A link to the Final Draft CIP document is provided in the Civic News. [Click Here 2024 Table](#) of all line items. Past project [updates](#)

3) As part of the Rye Civic League annual meeting, the Civic League presented "Water in Rye", including an explanation of hydrology, water suppliers, what puts our water at risk and information on the need for a Water Treatment plant in Rye. All residents should want to know and understand this information. Link to video stream. [Click Here](#) and here for the [Presentation](#) (Note: slides are hard to read in the video).

4) A Rye 400 event was held where Anne Jennison presented on the "Impact of 500 years of colonization on the Abenaki-Wabenaki people of the Northeast". Her talk focused on the history of these Indigenous peoples, the first on the North American continent to interact with and be profoundly impacted by European colonization. Link to video stream provided in Civic News. [Click Here](#) Rye 400 Fundraiser provided \$30K for the new RES playground.

5) Rye Heritage Commission votes to move forward with restoration of the historic gazebo

6) ZBA approved the Wentworth By The Sea Country Club (WBTSCC) 780' long 2'x3' Stone Retaining wall that the [RCC letter](#) points out will have an impact of 1,561 sq. ft. ZBA minutes quote WBTSCC that this is "to protect the property from flooding, to keep golf ball from entering and plugging the salt marsh, and to create a barrier discouraging golfers from entering the highly sensitive area." WBTSCC statement also says the "project proposes a total of 6,094 square feet of permanent and temporary impact on adjacent freshwater wetlands."

7) Not counting warrant articles and capital spend, initial [Town Operations budgets](#) are up \$1,049,009 (8.57%) and initial [School Budget](#) is up \$645,065 (3.83%). November 9th Select Board discussed over \$320K of Capital Spend (does not include warrant article spend). Town looking to add part-time Building Inspector, making the Animal Control Officer fulltime, additional hours for Police School Resource officer and part-time Finance support. The next Budget Committee meetings are December 6th and 7th.

- 8) Conservation Commission heard plans for demolishing Brits Bits and replacing with a mixed use structure.
- 9) Recreation Commission presented updated Master Plan that includes softball field, replacing modular buildings, tennis/pickleball and more.
- 10) DPW discussion \$1.4M to replace the town's [refueling station](#) that is in the Garland Rd Well (RWD primary well) [Wellhead Projection Zone](#).

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

Town positions [e-mail](#) Planning or Zoning positions: [e-mail](#)
 Boards/Commissions/Committees Policy: [Click Here](#)
 Town Employment Opportunities: [Click Here](#)

Heritage Commission	3 Alternate Vacancies
Historic District Commission	3 Alternate Vacancies
Recycling Education Committee	1 Member Vacancy
Demolition Review Committee	1 Alternate Vacancy
TAP Grant Committee	2 Member Vacancies
Planning Board	2 Alternate Vacancies

General Announcements

Couple of great events coming up: Tree lighting Saturday Dec 2nd, at 3-4:30 pm and the Rye Holiday Parade is Sunday Dec 3rd at 1 pm. [More Details](#)

- 1) January Budget Public Hearings are more for information than impacting the budget.
- 2) January 9th is the last day to get Petitioned Warrant Articles submitted. [Click Here](#) for more information. The Rye Civic League will provide guidance to any groups looking to create a petitioned Warrant Article. Please [e-mail](#) Rye Civic League.
- 3) January 23rd will be the Presidential Primary. [Click Here](#) for the absentee ballot form.
- 4) Town Deliberative Meeting will be February 3rd. The School Deliberative Meeting is February 6th. The Civic League Budget and Warrant Article presentation will be the week of January 29th
- 5) Rye Recreation needs part-time After School counselors: [Click Here](#)
- 6) Rye Recreation event flyers go [here](#)
- 7) Rye Town historian website has 80 topic narratives on town history. [Rye History Rocks](#)
- 8) Rockingham County meetings can now be seen on Youtube. [Rockingham County Channel](#)
- 9) 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

Rules and Regulations Committee: Dec 1, 12:00pm
Holiday Parade: Dec 3, 1:00pm
2203 Ocean Blvd Site Walk: Dec 4, 3:00pm
Select Board: Dec 4, 5:30pm
Technical Review Committee Meeting: Dec 5, 9:00am
The Master Plan Steering Committee: Dec 5, 1:00pm
Energy Committee: Dec 5, 3:00pm
Select Board: Dec 5, 5:30pm

Heritage Commission: Dec 7, 5:30pm
Budget Committee: Dec 7, 6:30pm
Select Board: Dec 11, 6:30pm
Historic District Commission: Dec 13, 5:30pm
Budget Committee: Dec 14, 6:30pm
Conservation Commission: Dec 14, 6:30pm
Beach Committee: Dec 18, 5:30pm
Mosquito Control Commission: Dec 19, 5:00pm
Planning Board: Dec 19, 6:00pm
Recycling Education Committee: Dec 19, 6:30pm

Demolition Review Committee Site Walk: Dec 6,

4:00pm

Rye Town Center Committee: Dec 6, 5:30pm

Budget Committee: Dec 6, 6:30pm

Board of Adjustment: Dec 6, 7:00pm

Christmas Day - Town Offices Closed: Dec 25,

8:00am to 4:30pm

Select Board: Dec 26, 6:30pm

Master Plan Steering Committee: January 2, 1:00pm

Board of Adjustment: January 3, 7:00pm



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 November 27th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) Public Hearing to increase town fees. Police and Fire Details, Dog License fees and Historic District Commission were all approved.
- 2) Recreation Master Plan presentation. Current Master Plan is from 2011. First phase is for a Softball Field and getting new offices and bathrooms built.
- 3) FB Engineering quote to testing Berry's Brook foam for PFAS. Local lab can evaluate, so testing a column of water would be about \$2100. Discussion of NH DES or Coakley to fund and to include in 2024 Budget. State Rep. Grote will communicate with the State groups.
- 4) Beach Public Access 10 year update will be updated with photos by the DPW. Signage and pictures will be included.
- 5) Town Historian role discussed and what other Historians do in other towns. Adding a mentor responsibility for the next Historian, Applications can be submitted, Alex Herlihy has been acting as the Town Historian since the Historical Society began using it.
- 6) Committee discussed about town "[Rye Community Engagement Committee](#)", to be discussed at the next Select Board meeting.
- 7) Perkins Rd. Sidewalk is in progress. One section was halted as a safety concern is discussed. Maybe possible to put plantings in the safety zone that don't impact site lines.
- 8) Town investigating temporary locations for the Rye 400 Monument and the Founders monument that is dig safe. There will be a Public Hearing to accept the gift.
- 9) TAP Grant is working with the firm on final scope and fee for the work. The committee must conduct business as a public body which is cumbersome. The committee will disband so that the Town Administrator and DPW director can lead the efforts.
- 10) There is a Rye Recreation donation fund with \$6K that the Town is unclear what is for and what it can be used for. Select Board will put the Recreation Design work including to replace modular units and bathrooms (\$75K) and vehicle (\$40K) to be capital outlays and the \$75K for the softball field to be a warrant article.
- 11) Conservation requesting the survey work of Town Forest work that did not complete in 2023 for \$4050. If there is a 2023 contract in place those funds can be incumbered. The "0" Pioneer work will not be under contract by year end, so this \$42K will be needed in 2024.
- 12) Perpetual warrant articles were discussed and approved. \$200K for DPW equipment. \$200K for Fire & Ambulance fund.

Select Board Meeting November 13th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was presented to Select Board [Click Here](#). While State RSA requires it to be discussed in a Public Hearing, the document was not available to the public before or during the Public Hearing. [Summary Table](#) Update on [2023 projects](#)
- 2) CIP contains a wealth of information worth reading and has new 2023 project summary table and 2024 Plan summary table [Click Here](#) Top 2024 items are DPW \$3.35M, RWD \$1.6M, School \$653K, Town Buildings \$334K
- 3) Tax Rate setting meeting. Select Board decided that a fair tax increase would be 15%, not the 23% it would be if \$1,827,336 was not used from the un-assigned account balance to pay down the tax rate. Town Tax rate will be 8.03%, with RWD at 0.54, JBVD at 0.15 and RBVD at 0.29. NH DRA must first approve this.
- 4) From November 2022 to November 2023 the un-assigned fund balance increased by over \$1.5M.
- 5) Discussion of the [Transfer station re-fueling system](#) could cost \$1.4M in 2024 to be replaced, It is not leaking but is no longer supportable. Note: The Transfer Station is in the Garland Well (primary well) [Aquifer protection area](#).
- 6) Engineering firm for the TAP Grant was approved, to help the Rye Town Center changes planned.
- 7) The Telecom Infrastructure Committee members and charge were approved along with \$1500 to get the coverage maps updated.
- 8) Residents promoting the "Founders Monument" are removing the Indigenous People and Land Acknowledgement from the back side. Monuments can't be made permanent until the TAP grant is finalized.
- 9) Town is looking at installing a dedicated hub and spoke Fiber Optic network for cybersecurity.

Select Board Meeting November 9th Capital Spending Review

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) Police Dept. is looking to update the 2006 building Video recording system in a phased approach and only replacing what needs to be. \$90K
- 2) Recreation Building designs to replace modulars, bathrooms and space for 2025 construction. Master Plan came after the due dates for CIP, but moving offices is the first step.
- 3) Lighting and safety for Recreation was discussed
- 4) Replacing the Transfers Station Grove Rd. fence. Select Board advocates for installing something that will last as long as possible.
- 5) Funding paving condition video survey of roads (\$25K). Has been completed twice before. Produces a paving condition index. Select Board would like to see some public education around this.
- 6) Perkins Rd./1A intersection safety modifications, paving, painting and signs. \$5,500
- 7) MS4 Reporting and Tasks \$40K and suggests a Capital Reserve Fund (start with \$25K) as regulations are most likely to increase.
- 8) Sawyers Beach seawall maintenance 10 year wetlands permit extension engineering work. \$7K
- 9) Paving Hotbox for using real asphalt to repair roads and not temporary cold patches. \$50K (demonstration unit). Can only be used when asphalt plants are open (not the winter). \$35K was spent on South Rd. repairs this past year.
- 10) Town is pushing to replace laptops every three years, moving away from Desktops PCs and moving Trust Fund computer and software off of MS-DOS. Adding an additional server. Ten new systems. Town owns fifty to sixty PCs. \$35,280
- 11) Discussion of Town Hall Annex shutters.

Select Board Meeting November 7th Capital Outlay Workshop

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) New Deputy Police and Fire Chiefs need additional vehicles. Production and spare parts makes it difficult to have operational vehicles. Discussion of all town vehicles and possible strategy.

- 2) New Dispatch software is needed to be consistent with the County service.
- 3) Recreation is looking to convert space for a Softball Field.
- 4) Recreation vehicle is no longer operational and they are looking for a four door F150 truck to move equipment for events and activities. \$40K
- 5) Recreation Master Plan is completed, but not available to the public yet.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

November 13th: Hiring, Reputation
November 27th: Personnel and Legal

Select Board Meeting: November 2nd Budget Workshop

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussions focused on operations only. Capital spending was discussed in dedicated meetings.
- 2) Police looking to move Animal Control Officer to full time. Current person is also cross training to provide back-up for other Police tasks.
- 3) Proposing to increase Life Guard pay to be competitive as Beaches were under-staffed.
- 4) Building Inspector is looking to add a Part Time building inspector to keep up with the increasing effort for building requests and on-going monitoring.
- 5) Town will be getting new voting machines as the current machines' support is expiring.



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: November 15th

Recorded Video: not available

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

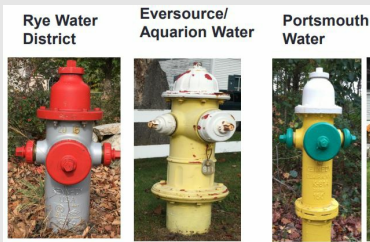
Full meeting information packet (available prior to meetings): [Click Here](#)

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

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

- 1) Board approves (5-0) FY25 Budget of \$17,854,947 which is a 3.76% increase over last year.
- 2) Board approves (5-0) new 3-year collective bargaining agreement with Rye Educational Support Personnel Association (RESPA). The total increase over the 3-year period is just over \$223K.
- 3) Paraprofessional substitute daily rate increased to \$125/day to address pay disparity with neighboring districts.
- 4) Rye 400 Fundraiser at Atlantic Grill raises over \$30K for the new Rye Elementary Playground slated for construction next Spring.
- 5) Rye Junior High School staff met with Portsmouth Junior High School staff to create greater alignment among incoming PHS ninth graders. Early emphasis will be on Social Studies and Math.
- 6) The Rye School Board and Town Budget Committee will meet jointly on December 6th at 6:30P at Rye Junior High School.
- 7) The next Rye School Board meeting is on December 13th at 5:30P at Rye Junior High School.

SAU 50 School Board Meeting:



Rye Water District and Sewer

RWD: meets 1st Wednesday of the month 9am at 60

Sagamore Rd. [Water Suppliers](#)

Rye Water Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)

Sewer: Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month

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

Portsmouth June 2022 Presentation: [Click Here](#)

2021 RWD Rate Increase: [Click Here](#) 2017 RCL Water in Rye Information: [Click Here](#)

RWD 101 Information: [Click Here](#) 2021 RWD Quality Report: [Click Here](#)

PFAS Testing updates page: [Click Here](#) Conservation Tips: [Click Here](#)

[Ground and Surface Water Protection](#) How to read your meter: [Click Here](#)

2017 Infrastructure Report Card: [Click Here](#) Imagine a day without water: [Click Here](#)

RWD Monthly Meeting: November 1st

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

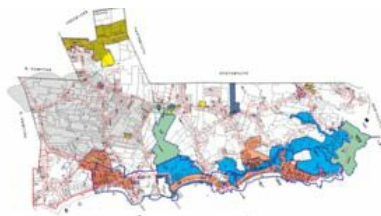
- 1) Vendor presented utility rate management software.
- 2) Fall flushing was completed with a minimal of brown water complaints.
- 3) Winterizing Hydrants and inspections is the next set of maintenance tasks. Also backflow testing and lead and copper samples. E. Coli testing was also completed with all negative results.
- 4) Several leaks were identified and repaired. 973 Ocean Blvd was called out.
- 5) CIP questioned the Water Treatment funding strategy and it is not determined at this time.
- 6) Aquarion letter to Select Board was reviewed and assumptions of numbers were questioned. Example is Aquarion not including the Hydrant costs.
- 7) The Select Board have [sent a letter to RWD](#) about the Water Treatment Funding.

Sewer Commission: November 14th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

No recording at the RBVD Building

- 1) Photos of Sewer service connections at 22 Richard Rd and 6 Richard Rd were reviewed. Sewer service at 89 Cable Rd was capped in preparation for demolition.
- 2) A draft engineering services request to further evaluate a new Church Rd. Pump station generator was reviewed. It was determined that a generator company would also be consulted.
- 3) The building permits for new roofs at all three pump stations were issued on October 31, 2023
- 4) The warrant for collection of Sewer Operation and Maintenance Cost from Adams Mobile Home Park was signed, dated 14Nov23 and indicated \$15,091.77 to be collected.
- 5) 2024 Sewer Budget: draft budget \$528,484 for 2024 compared to \$425,648 for 2023



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 November 7th

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Draft Existing Conditions of the Master Plan were discussed and are not currently available for public to review. Discussion of making it available after the December 7th meeting
- 2) Public input session will be February 15th at the RJH.

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. However this would have helped with the 2203 Ocean Blvd. There will be a Site-walk on [December 4th](#) and the TRC will be [December 5th](#).

Rules and Regulations Meeting: November 8th & 14th

Recorded Videos: [November 8th](#) and [November 14th](#)

Draft Meeting [Nov. 8th](#). Agenda: [Nov. 14th](#)

- 1) The Planning Board sub-committee discussed Tiny Houses, Detached ADU and updating the "Change of Use" language and determined not to move forward with these topics this year.
- 2) Land Development Regulations will have a Public Hearing on December 19th. These do not get voted on in March, so know is the Public opportunity to comment.

[LDR-2024-01](#) Add Section 202-5.5 RES: Hearings on HOA per House Bill 42

[LDR 2024-02](#): Amend Driveway regulations Appendix E 5-E

[LDR 2024-03](#): Amend surtey per Senate Bill 78

- 3) See [RZO 2024-01](#) Two Dwellings on a lot and [RZO 2024-02](#) Amend definition

Planning Board Meeting: November 21st

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

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 665-6671 Wallis Rd. had a minor changed to the conditions wording. [30 Conditions in NOD](#)
- 2) 2203 Ocean Blvd (Common Roots Building). The Major Site development that will rebuild the two Condo units on the left (Facing the building) will be separated from the complete structure, so that only these two units will need to meet FEMA Floodplain requirements. After much discussion this project should have a Technical Review before being discussed at another Planning Board meeting.
- 3) 5 Douglas Circle - Attached Dwelling Unit approved 5-0
- 4) Land Development Regulations changes (see above as they are not posted on the town website yet), will have a Public Hearing at the December 19th Planning Board meeting.
- 5) February 15th will be the Master Plan Public session. Build Out Analysis is finalized. [Click Here](#)
- 6) NH Housing Needs Assessment Phase I is finalized. [Click Here](#).

October Notice of Decisions

- 1) 666-667 Wallis Rd. Major site development adding a 3rd residence to the property. Approved 5-0 [NOD #12-2023](#). Eight Waivers and 29 Conditions.
- 2) 795 Lafayette Rd. Benchmark Assisted Living expansion approval was extended to July 25, 2025 [NOD21-2021](#) extension

Planning Board Agenda December 19th

Not yet posted.
LDR Public Hearing

Code of the Town of Rye

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM
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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: November 1st

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) 88 Alehson Approved 5-0 for new stairs and steps. [NOD #52-2023](#)
- 2) 60 Wentworth Rd. (WBTSCC) 2'x3' foot 100ft extension to the retaining wall which will be a total of 708 linear feet in the Wetlands Buffer approved 5.0 with adherence to the Rye Conservation Commission Requirements [Click Here](#) and posting of two "Environmentally Sensitive Area Do Not Disturb" signs [NOD #53-2023](#)
- 3) 1220 Ocean Blvd Approved 5-0 for multiple dwellings on a lot and either driveway option [NOD #54 2023](#)
- 4) 741 Ocean Blvd. Approved 5-0 sign in the side boundary [NOD #56-2023](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: December 6th

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 472 Wallis Rd
- 2) 117 Washington Rd
- 3) 125 Wentworth Rd
- 4) 14 Sagamore Rd
- 5) 45 Perkins Rd
- 6) 2203 Ocean Blvd

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: November 14th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Draft addendum to overtime policy that aims to clarify "time-and-a-half" rate for employees presented
- 2) Discussion on aging HVAC system that will need to be addressed within next 3 yrs
- 3) Discussion on Capital Improvement Projects, includes interior painting/carpets, windows/insulation, repaving, and replacing the roof.

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: November 9th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

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

1) On the agenda were:

114 Harbor Rd: Heatpump in the wetland buffer

267 Brackett Rd. Addition in the wetland buffer

1743 Ocean Blvd. New Septic in the wetland buffer

14 Sagamore Rd. "Brits Bits" demolish and build mix use

Connect to Protect Workshop: October 24th

Video - Did not work

Presentation Slides: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) Full R/JH 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: November 6th

No draft meeting minutes [Agenda](#)

- 1) Master Plan - next steps
- 2) Basketball and Ski Programs

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: November 2nd and 14th

Recorded Video: Nov. 2nd and [Nov. 14th](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Nov 2nd [Click Here](#), Nov 14th not available

- 1) Vote to accept bid on gazebo reconstruction.
- 2) Vote on recipient of Tallman historic preservation award.
- 3) Continued discussion of Pulpit Rock Tower and Town Hall restoration.
- 4) Vote to go ahead with fundraising flier.

Demolition Review: November 9th

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

November 27th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 691 Brackett Rd D. Choate commented that the barn can't be saved. While it is architecturally significant and historically important it is beyond salvation; however, the owner agreed to repurpose as many elements as possible such as doors, granite pillars, etc. and agreed to contact Steve Bedard of Bedard Preservation to remove windows and other items of note once the demo permit is received.
- 2) 717 Washington: - Shed/Garage E. Sanborn moved that it was not architecturally significant nor historically important, and F. Lagana 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Historic District Commission Meeting: November 8th - Site Walk

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not Available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Site Walk – 580 Washington Road, for the Rye400 monument application and 555 Washington Road for the Founding Families monument application

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: November 1st

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Vice-Chair Coffey met with the Select Board to ask them to reduce the number of members on the Committee, in order to have a quorum at the meetings. The Committee has been reduced down to six members, plus a representative from the Select Board, so the Committee has a quorum with four members.
- 2) Monument proposals: there are two proposals going to Historic District Commission for review: 1) in Town Center to honor the volunteering and celebrations that were part of Rye400. The monument will be a granite rock with bronze plaque and the proposed location is the front lawn of the Church, which is town property; 2) a monument honoring the founding families of Rye, proposed location in front of Police Station.

TAP Grant Committee Meeting: November 9th

Recorded Video Nov 9th: [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: November 7th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

No recorded video:

- 1) The Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) is required to provide monthly reports to its Members. A draft of this report was shared, which shows the total revenues, costs, savings, and community benefit for CPCNH and each of the operating Community Power programs.
- 2) Net metering was discussed, where customers receive credit from utilities for the excess generation that their solar array produces. CPCNH is working to "see" the excess generation so that they can properly credit customers. Rye Energy Committee will request that CPCNH provides a webinar about this topic so that more people can understand more about net metering.
- 3) The School Board approved the updated Power Purchase Agreement for the solar installation on Rye Elementary School. The price of panels has come down by 7% and the panels have been upgraded from 405 kW to 450 kW since the original proposal.
- 4) Committee approved the 2024 budget of \$1500

Rye Recycling Education Committee: November 21st

Draft meeting minutes: Not available

Recorded video: Not available

- 1) Discuss swap shop repairs
- 2) Report on improvement volunteers have made in Swap shop
- 3) Plan initiative at RJH to promote recycling education
- 4) Discuss Rye public education relating to recycling success stories in US

Telecommunication Infrastructure Committee: November 22nd

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: not available

Video: not available was only on Zoom

- 1) \$1500 was approved to be used in 2023 for the consultant to update the coverage maps to the current frequencies (5G).
- 2) N. Hampton tower will help with that edge of Rye.
- 3) Three additional towers are needed, near Breakfast Hill Rd. i one location. Around the Elementary School and the Recreation/Cemetery property is where the others can go. An additional location may be needed by the Rt 1A Rye/N. Hampton line.
- 4) With the updated maps the committee can engage operators and cell tower companies for a town-wide plan.



Mosquito

Mosquito Complaint Form: [Click Here](#)

2020 Mosquito Control Notice: [Click Here](#)

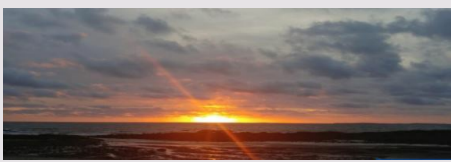
Dragon Mosquito Program Overview: [Click Here](#)

Mosquito Commission Meeting: November 14th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: not available



Beach Committee

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

Beach Committee Meeting: November 20th

Draft meeting minutes: not available

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1) Voluntary water sampling procedures/transport to UNH Jackson Estuarine Lab:

In addition to supporting "Shoulder Season" water sampling at Sawyer through volunteers from the NH Chapter of Surfrider, the Beach Committee plans to add another area. The Committee has been concerned about high bacteria closing beaches, most notable at Wallis Sands. The plan is for volunteers from the Beach Committee to be trained on the procedures for taking water samples from the ocean during the "Shoulder season" and transporting the samples to the UNH Jackson Estuarine Lab.

2) Suggestions to DPW for consolidating signs and labeling dog waste containers"

The Committee discussed ideas for signs that welcome beachgoers and outline the rules. The Committee also discussed ways to clearly mark dog waste containers so beachgoers do not use these for trash.

3) Update on G-Street Beach Access and Update on Map:

The Committee continues to review beach access points and share information with the Select Board.

5) December 18, 2023 Meeting:

There will be no Beach Committee Meeting on this date.

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 2024-2029: [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): Select Board meeting

Recorded Video: November 13th not available

Recorded Video: November 7th: [Click Here](#)

2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan ([Click Here](#))

Capital Improvement Plan Summary Table

Department	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2024-2029 Total
Town Buildings	\$ 334,695	\$ 850,890	\$ 220,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,405,585
DPW	\$ 3,349,000	\$ 775,000	\$ 1,545,000	\$ 675,000	\$ 975,000	\$ 625,000	\$ 7,944,000
Police	\$ 157,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 482,000
Fire & Rescue	\$ 38,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 152,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 132,000	\$ 1,062,000
Conservation	\$ 42,489	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,042,489
Library	\$ -	\$ 217,800	\$ 57,546	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 320,346
Recreation Dept	\$ 190,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 140,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 330,000
Sewer Dept	\$ 152,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 152,000
School Dept	\$ 653,000	\$ 440,000	\$ 470,000	\$ 425,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 2,488,000
Water District	\$ 1,570,000	\$ 950,000	\$ 16,950,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,470,000
Cemetery Total	\$ 60,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000

Budget Committee Meetings: November 15th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: Not available

- 1) Budget Committee review approved all budgets with the exception of reducing two DPW line items. One for Solid Waste Disposal and the other for potential contractor funding.
- 2) Town Operations Budget from the "[Draft Greensheet](#)" showed Town Operations up 8.57% (\$1.05M)
- 3) [Initial School Budget](#) is showing up 3.83% (\$645K)

Budget Calendar: [Click Here](#)

School Calendar: [Click Here](#)

Monthly view: [Click Here](#)

Trustee of the Trust Funds Meeting: November 22nd

Draft Minutes: not posted

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

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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