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## Rye Civic News

April 2024

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### March Highlights

1) **Town Election - 32% of residents** (estimated 1650 people of 5119 registered voters) approved all but Article #9. See [RCL Results](#) or [town posted sample](#). Article #9 was to raise a sum of \$160K for the Library Common project. [Read more information on Article](#).

*Editor's Note: 2.6% of registered voters attended the Town Deliberative Meeting.*

2) Rye Water District voters authorized the Commissioners to secure \$15.9M of funding for a **Water Treatment Plant** ([Presentation](#)). In addition to favorable rates, \$2M in loan forgiveness, no cancellation costs, some funds can be drawn at even lower rates to support planning and design efforts. Vote was 92 Yes, 9 No in a ballot vote. Tom Mack is the new Commissioner. Ralph Hickson stepped down after 18 years with RWD and 31 years of serving on Rye Boards and Commissions.

3) Select Board tabled agenda items for **reappointment of committees and commissions** as the recently elected Select Board Member Wright submitted proposed changes. A Select Board work session has been scheduled for **April 2nd 2:15pm Agenda**. [Current Policy Proposed Changes](#). Chair Epperson's [E-mail](#) he read from.

4) Demolition of **Brit Bits** (14 Sagamore Rd) being discussed with Conservation [see RCL Notes](#) - reduced from 9 to 4 units) and ZBA. Conceptual ideas were reviewed with the Planning Board this past summer.

5) Six properties still have not complied with the 2016 **Parsons Creek Watershed** septic Pump Out Ordinance having "never reported" their septic pumped out (down from nine in 2023). There are 634 properties in compliance, but thirty-two properties are in violation of the ordinance for not regularly reporting, as required. See which (with images) have never reported as well as the full report including the number of new septic systems installed [More Information](#). SOW for updating the [Management Plan in 2024](#)

6) Rye has forty (40) NH DES open permits for Seawall work. DPW Director Rucker and the Police and Fire Chiefs are working to streamline the process as activity may stretch into Beach Season. **NH DOT is updating Rye Residents on April 15th 6:30pm RJH** [More Information](#)

7) The Master Plan Steering Committee was disappointed that only fifty (50) people signed in at the February 15th event and that only about 300 people completed the online survey. This is only 6.8% of registered voters. A new Master Plan with an implementation plan is what will drive what **happens or does not happen** in Rye.

8) [Articles 27 to 33](#) all passed but none were on the March 25th Select Board Agenda as they do require Select Board action.

**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:	4 Alternate Vacancies 3/26/2024
Recycling Education Committee:	2 Member Vacancies 3/26/2024
Demolition Review Committee:	1 Alternate Vacancy
Planning Board:	2 Alternate Vacancies 3/26/2024
Town Center Committee:	1 Member and 2 Alternate Vacancies
<b>NEW</b> Town Hall Restoration Advisory Committee:	7 Member Vacancies
Conservation Commission:	1 Member Vacancy - 3/26/2024
Beach Committee:	1 Member and 1 Alternate 3/26/2024
<b>NEW</b> Rye Community Engagement Committee:	.4 Member Vacancies 3/27/2024

## General Announcements

- 1) [April 15th NH DOT](#) is hosting a discussion on the **Rt. 1A Seawalls** 6:30pm RJH
- 2) NH DOT is looking for Input as part for the [Pubic Involvement Process](#). They would like to hear from you April 1st to May 15th to complete. [DOT Website](#) Rye has also been asked to provide in puts on NH Stream crossing priorities. [More Information](#).
- 3) 14 Sagamore Rd. Brit Bits demolition and multiuse building goes to the ZBA on April 3rd [Agenda #9](#)
- 4) Annual Mosquito Control Program starts April 8th. [More Information](#)
- 5) Beach Committee **Beach Clean Up**. April 26th Sawyers Beach 10am
- 6) This Spring the Free House at 237 Locke Rd will be dismantled by a NH contractor and will be reassembled later in another location. The Rye Advocates, who did the publicity for the house, are glad it is being saved and will rise again.
- 7) New Rye "Friends" group to be started to take care of Rye Graveyards [More Information](#)
- 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

[Conservation Commission Site Walk](#) Apr 1 - 12:00pm  
[Beach Committee](#) Apr 1 - 5:30pm  
[Recreation Commission](#) Apr 1 - 6:00pm  
[Select Board](#) Apr 2 - 1:00pm  
[Rye Town Center Committee](#) Apr 3 - 5:30pm  
[Board of Adjustment](#) Apr 3 - 7:00pm  
[Heritage Commission](#) Apr 4 - 5:30pm  
[Select Board](#) Apr 8 - 6:30pm  
[Sewer Commission](#) Apr 9 - 8:00am  
[The Master Plan Steering Committee](#) Apr 9 - 1:00pm

[Historic District Commission](#) Apr 10 - 5:30pm  
[Conservation Commission](#) Apr 11 - 6:30pm  
[NH Department of Transportation Community Informational Meeting](#) Apr 15 - 6:30pm  
[Mosquito Control Commission](#) Apr 16 - 5:00pm  
[Planning Board](#) Apr 16 - 6:00pm  
[Recycling Education Committee](#) Apr 16 - 6:30pm  
[Cemetery Trustees](#) Apr 18 - 1:00pm  
[Select Board](#) Apr 22 - 6:30pm  
[Rye Town Center Committee](#) May 1 - 5:30pm  
[Board of Adjustment](#) May 1 - 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 March 25th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) Per tradition, Select Board member Epperson in his third year will be the Chair and Member McGrath in his second year will be Vice Chair.
- 2) There were only two qualifying bids for the Recreation Turf Management and Mowing RFP. Seaside Landscaping was accepted.
- 3) July 4th Fireworks will be on Sunday June 30th at Parsons Field.
- 4) Prior to the meeting, new Select Board Member Wright had the Town Administrator share his [proposed changes Click Here](#) to the [2017 Policy](#) for Select Board Committee, Boards and Commission appointments.
- 5) Select Board Chair Epperson advocated that the volunteers whose appointments were on the Agenda should get reviewed as they were owed due process. Chair Epperson read from his e-mail. [Click Here for e-mail.](#)
- 6) Board members McGrath and Wright voted against the Chair and tabled appointments on the agenda. The Town Administrator suggested a legal review. Select Board will discuss **April 2nd at 2:15pm** [Agenda.](#)
- 7) Select Board Member McGrath will lead his suggested "Community Engagement Committee" that will focus on new residents and visitors. Consolidating beach signs, adding Canadian French and Spanish was discussed along with a dedicated landing page on the Town Website.
- 8) Select Board accepted the "Prints" donated by Select Board McGrath with a stated value of \$950.
- 9) Select Board approved single sourcing the [two new Police Cruisers](#) that were included in the 2024 Capital Outlays. Costs are higher than estimated and will include extended warranties to help when these vehicles are retired to other town departments.
- 10) DPW Director Rucker reported that the NHDOT has already approved 40 permits to repair oceanside private property due to recent storms. Along with the Police and Fire Chief's a new process for approving and communicating all this work is being proposed to avoid waiting for Select Board meetings. Repairs may slide into the Beach season which had previously been avoided when possible.
- 11) Director Rucker indicated that the next seasonal high tides will be April 8th to 10th.
- 12) While there is some reporting for NHDOT and FEMA it was raised that Rye should start to capture total costs for the State, Town and Residents from climate change.

**Editor's Note:** From the March 14th Ballot [these Articles](#) directing the Select Board were not on the Agenda: Article 27: Study the appointment of the Town Treasurer, Article 28: to Study the effects of discontinuing the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Article 29: To study the appointment, rather than the election of a Tax Collector, Article 30: Implement a plan to assure all road speed limits are compliant with State law (urban/rural definition), Article 31: Plans for publishing Civil litigation, Article 32: Correct the boundaries of Cemetery, RCC and Town Forest. Article 33: Prepare an information guide for land use.

## **Select Board Non Public Meetings**

March 11th: Reputation and Legal Advice  
March 21st: Acquisition  
March 26th: Acquisition  
March 28th: Acquisition

## **Select Board Meeting March 11th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Town Moderator Bob Eaton was acknowledged for his tenor as Moderator since 2008.
- 2) Town Administrator and Finance Director explain to a resident why the Select Board can't project the tax rate impact from the Budget (appropriated) similar to a fixed amount of a warrant article. Editor's Note: Those who wish to understand more should see the [RCL Budget Presentation](#) and the [December information](#). If there is still need for better understanding please [e-mail](#) the Civic League and we will do our best to answer your questions.
- 3) Parsons Field Application from Ignite Ministries was not approved as the logistics over July 4th weekend would overburden the town.
- 4) Select Board approved a request for Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) to for replacing the aging and out of support Town Fueling Station at the Transfer Station.
- 5) After serving Rye for 34 years Fireman John Cots is retiring from fulltime duty.
- 6) Discussion of the Surfrider Foundation and how they cover the costs of testing Rye Beaches as there is not State or Town funding for full year testing. Beach Committee is looking for volunteers to help.



### **Rye Schools**

Meets 3rd Wednesday at RJH

School Policies: [Click Here](#)

Rye 2024-25 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](#)

Rye 2024-2025 School Calendar: [Click Here](#)

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

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

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

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

January Facilities Report: [Click Here](#) (worth reading)

January Technology Report: [Click Here](#) (worth reading)

Superintendents Rye Report for March: [Click Here](#)

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

Special Education Report: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rye has 65 students in Special Education. Using the 377 for K-8 students that is 17%.
- 2) School Board must complete the NH DOE FY 2025 General Assurances [Click Here](#)
- 3) The process for finding a new Assistant Superintendent has started.
- 4) Laura Beldon joins the Rye School Board following the March town election.
- 5) Matt Curtin named School Board Chairperson, Katherine Errecart named Vice Chairperson and Susan Ross is named Secretary.
- 6) SAU50 is creating a shared position with Portsmouth High School to liaison with the case managers and coordinators and sit on the IEP (Individualized Education Plan) team to be a partner and represent each SAU 50 student. This change has no budgetary impact.
- 7) Doris Gianforte (5th grade), Audrey Garcia (5th grade), Phoebe Bischoff (3rd grade) and Elizabeth Barrett (Elementary School Art) will be retiring at the end of the 2023/24 school year.
- 8) The next Rye School Board meeting is Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 5:30 PM at Rye Junior High School

## **SAU 50 School Board Meeting:**

March SAU 50 Sensations [Click Here](#)

- 1) SAU Board approves new 3-year bus contract with First Student
- 2) SAU staff nominations for 2024/24 school year were unanimously approved
- 3) Portrait of a Learner and Strategic Plan development continue - initial draft of the SAU Strategic Plan will be shared at the next SAU50 joint board meeting on May 22nd.
- 4) The three finalists for the open Assistant Superintendent position will be announced on April 1, 2024. The SAU received 21 total applicants and interviewed 7 candidates for selecting the finalists.
- 5) The next SAU Joint Board meeting is May 22, 2024, 6:30 PM at New Castle (MHT)



## 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](#)

**2024 RWD Rate Increase:** [Click Here](#) ..... 2017 RCL Water in Rye Information: [Click Here](#)  
RWD 101 Information: [Click Here](#) ..... 2022 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](#)  
2023 Rye Civic League Water Presentation: [Click Here](#)

## RWD Annual Meeting: March 23rd

Draft Meeting minutes: not available

Warrant and Budget: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Commissioner and Current Chair Ralph Hickson stepped down after 18 years as a commissioner and a total of 31 years serving on Rye Boards and Commissions.
- 2) Hydrologist Tom Mack was elected the new commissioner. Lindsey Murphy was elected as Clerk.
- 3) The \$15.9M Bond article was approved 92 to 9 in a secret ballot vote. \$2M of these loans will be forgiven (we don't have to pay that part back) when the payments start after completion (2027 or 2028).
- 4) From the public, there were many questions about the costs, estimates and the rate structure to repay the debt related to the Water Treatment Plant.

*Editors Note: It was not stated at the meeting that Eversource, the Aquarion Water owner, is looking to sell Aquarion water [Click Here](#).*

- 5) Article 4 for \$30K for the Storage Tanks Maintenance was approved.

*Editors Note: Over \$200K of Federal Relief funds were originally targeted for the RWD Tanks, but funds were shifted to cover the higher than anticipated Town Hall Annex work.*

- 6) \$2,190,304 Budget was approved. Discussions over the rate structure and percentages coming from tax rate, annual charge and incremental usage fees.

## RWD Water Treatment Plant Information Session March 18th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Wright-Pierce Presentation: [Click Here](#)

- 1) RWD Commissioners and Wright-Pierce provided an overview and then answered questions for more than 1.5 hours. NH-DES was also present and responded to questions.
- 2) The loans can be drawn at a lower rate for the design and development stages.
- 3) RWD is not obligated to complete the project and there are no cancellation costs.
- 4) RWD will be completing a new rate study so it is premature to calculate costs per dwelling. RWD expects there to be two more full time employees and other incremental operating costs.
- 5) Removal of the filtering medium from the Water Treatment Plant is required and can be costly.

## RWD Monthly Meeting: March 13th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

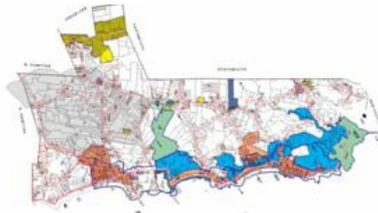
- 1) Pumping totals are down about four million gallons from this time last year
- 2) Additional resources may be needed to complete the Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) Grant. Researching old tax records is time consuming.
- 3) Training for Spring Flushing has been completed with flushing starting in early April.

## **Sewer Commission: March 12th**

No video as the meetings are at the RBVD building

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Town of Hampton has a staff shortage and is incurring additional costs associated with using contractors.
- 2) Director Arthur has completed two of six sessions of the EPA Resilience Training for Water Utilities. Recall Rye is responsible for the sewer line running along Rt. 1A to Hampton.
- 3) A customer has a running toilet. Aquarian provided an abatement and the Sewer Commissioner followed suit.



## **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: March 5th**

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) February 15th Community Forum for Master Plan input only had about 60 people with only 50 people signing in. Members were disappointed with the turnout.
- 2) Meeting minutes report about 150 online responses. March 19th Planning Board meeting update indicated that there are now around 300 online responses.
- 3) Inputs maybe available for the April meeting
- 4) Discussion around requirements for effective facilitation and how there can be good and effective focus groups.

## **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 Analysis is: [Click Here](#)

Formatted State guidance for Master Plans [Click Here](#)

## **Technical Review Committee (TRC) Meeting:**

1) RCC will be drafting updated TRC procedures for Rye.

## **Rules and Regulations:**

1) Pat Losik will Chair, with Don Cavallaro. John Shaw is now an alternate.

## **Planning Board Meeting: March 19th**

Draft Meeting minutes: not available

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Pat Losik will continue as Chair, with Jay Lord as Vice-Chair.
- 2) John Shaw and Kevin Brandon are new Alternates, joining Bill McLeod
- 3) Chair Losik recommended Peter Moynahan to Chair the Master Steering Committee and after guidance from the Town Attorney, new Select Board member Rob Wright will remain on this Committee.
- 4) ADU application for 80 Central Rd. was approved. [Click Here](#) for draft NOD and diagram
- 5) Re-appointment of Dania Seigle for the TAC was on the agenda, but John Moynahan submitted his name prior to the meeting. This was tabled as it was not clear who appoints for this role or if the assertions made by John Moynahan are accurate.
- 6) The Master Plan Survey may have received around 300 responses above the in person event on February 15th. Next meeting is April 9th.

## **Planning Board Agenda March 19th**

Not yet posted.

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

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## **Zoning Board of Adjustments:**

Meets 1st Wednesday

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

Town of Rye Code Book: [Click Here](#)

Rye Beach Village District Zoning is independent of the Rye ZBA. [Click Here](#)

GIS Information: [Click Here](#)

**NH Zoning Atlas**

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes: March 6th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: Not available as of 3/31/24 nor Notice(s) of Decision

[NH RSA 676:3](#) *Editor's Note: Added bold/underline*

*II. Whenever a local land use board votes to approve or disapprove an application or deny a motion for rehearing, the minutes of the meeting at which such vote is taken, including the written decision containing the reasons therefor and all conditions of approval, shall be placed on file in the board's office and **shall be made available for public inspection within 5 business days of such vote** Boards in towns that do not have an office of the board that has regular business hours shall file copies of their decisions with the town clerk.*

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: April 3rd**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 0 Jenness Beach Rd. Rehearing not open to public comments
- 2) 30 Straws Point Rd. New Septic system, generator and retaining wall
- 3) 117 Washington Rd. Demolish and replace shed
- 4) 750 Long John Rd. Expanding a non-conforming structure

- 5) 152 Harbor Rd. Administrative appeal on Building Inspector letter
- 6) 2242 Ocean Blvd. Patio expansion in the wetland buffer
- 7) 2231 Ocean Blvd. Addition and deck
- 8) 1085 Old Ocean Blvd Septic System
- 9) 14 Sagamore Rd. Mixed use development replacing Brits Bits

**Jenness Beach Village District Annual Meeting: March 23rd**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)



**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: March 28th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

- 1) JoAnn Hodgdon is the new Chair, Victor Azzi Vice Chair, Michael Moody Treasurer, and July Tucker Secretary
- 2) Former Select Board member Tom King made a statement commending the great work of former LBOT member Jeff Ross over the years and called out his role with the Library Common.

**Natural Resource Inventory December 2021**

Full Report: [Click Here](#)      [Executive Summary.](#)      [Habitat section](#)      [all Maps](#)  
 Map 1 [Base-line](#)      Map 6 [Sea level rise.](#)      Map 11 [Soil limitations](#)  
 Map 2 [Watershed Boundaries.](#)      Map 7 [Water Quality.](#)      Map 12 [Farm lands](#)  
 Map 3 [Groundwater](#)      Map 8 [Forest Resources.](#)      Map 13 [Scenic Resources](#)  
 Map 4 [FEMA Flood 100 & 500](#)      Map 9 [Wildlife action.](#)      Map 14 [Conserved Land](#)  
 Map 5 [Floodwater storage.](#)      Map 10 [Productive Forest soils.](#)      Map 15 [Unfragmented Land](#)  
[2023 Rockingham Planning Commission Regional Housing Needs](#)



**Conservation Commission**

Meets third Thursday of the month  
 Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)

Engaging with CC Process: [Click Here](#)  
 Application Checklist for ZBA: [Click Here](#)  
 Maps of Rye Conservation Maps: [Click Here](#)  
 Conservation Parcels: [Click Here](#)  
 GRANIT Conservation Properties: [Click Here](#)  
 Goss Farm Information: [Click Here](#)  
 Land Conservation for Wetlands: [Click Here](#)  
 Town Forest Management Plan: [Click Here](#)  
 Town Forest Map: [Click Here](#)  
 Town Forest trails: [Click Here](#)

## **Conservation Commission (CC) March 14th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

RCL Meeting notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Proposed redevelopment of "Brit Bits" property on 14 Sagamore is reduced in size from 9 to 4 residential units (plus office building), is further from wetlands than current, cuts fewer trees than previously proposed and has less impervious surfaces.
- 2) Rye Conservation Commission 2024 Officers: Susan Schepcaro; Chair Mike Garavan, Vice Chair
- 3) Commission formally voted to not develop a parking lot a 0 Pioneer Road "leaving open the possibility to do so in the future if any circumstance changes, particularly if the owner of 3 Brackett Road denied access to the Junkins Family Conservation Land through 3 Brackett Road."
- 4) New rules for hunting tree stands based on new state law
- 5) 1085 Ocean Blvd. Replacing septic system
- 6) 2242 Ocean Blvd. Demolishing and replacing building
- 7) 39 Parsons Rd. Replace shed with garage and additional living space.



### **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: March 4th and 21st**

Draft Minutes: Not available

Agenda: Mar 4 [Click Here](#) and Mar 21 [Click Here](#)

- 1) Travel with Rye Recreation [Click Here](#) Britain and Switzerland/Austria and Bavaria
- 2) Additional Staff is needed: [Click Here](#)
- 3) The Wave Club is open [Click Here](#)
- 4) New Rye Recreation Desk is open [Click Here](#)

Youth, Adult and Senior programs and activities

### **Upcoming Recreation Program trips:**

April 25: The Beach Boys Tribute [Click Here](#)

July 16th Jimmy Buffett Tribute [Click Here](#)

September 19th: Happy 2 Gather [Click Here](#)

November 13th: The Sicillian Tenors [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: March 7th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Heritage has restricted funds that are earmarked for the Town Hall Stairs, Town signs and other improvements.
- 2) The Gazebo restoration work has started. Final location has yet to be determined.
- 3) Members are due for re-appointment and are willing to continue to serve. Supporting letter from the Chair provided for the Select Board March 25th meeting.
- 4) 237 Locke Rd. has had lots of publicity, but not takers. Investigating if the home could be moved to a Town Owned Parcel.
- 5) Historic Gravesite Subcommittee needs to research and organize information.
- 6) Discussion of building a Capital Reserve Fund for future significant expenses
- 7) Discussed engaging the Planning Board with the concept of Neighborhood Historic Districts.

## **Demolition Review Committee: March 5th**

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 665-667 Wallis Rd: Application was reviewed, foundation and garage staying. Committee approved that the house at 665-667 Wallis Road is not architecturally important nor historically significant.

## **Historic District Commission Meeting: March 13th and 20th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: Mar 13 [Click Here](#) and Mar 20 [Click Here](#)

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

Recorded Video: [not available](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [not available](#)

Agenda: [Click Here](#)



### **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: March 5th**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Community Power Update New rates went that into effect in February were discussed.
- 2) There was discussion of community power programs having the option to add a discretionary reserve to their rates, which could be used for local energy projects or efficiency programs. It was suggested that rules and a process were needed to ensure funds are used as intended, such as for energy-related projects. It was agreed to seek clarification from Henry Herndon of CPCNH about their existing agreement's capabilities.
- 3) Community solar and the potential acquisition of the Breakfast Hill landfill for a solar array was discussed. A stipulation of the sale would be that the town accept full liability for any potential

contamination from the landfill. If the town does not agree to the purchase, the property manager will entertain offers from solar developers. A motion was unanimously approved that REC will recommend the Select Board not purchase the Breakfast Hill landfill due to concerns about liability and development delays.

4) The committee agreed to present this recommendation to the Select Board at their next meeting after the March election which would be on March 25th.

### **Rye Recycling Education Committee: March 19th**

Draft Minutes [Click Here](#)

- 1) Looking at the cost differences between Turnkey Landfill vs. WIN Waste
- 2) WIN Waste is Waste to Energy and Rye Resident Lydia Tilsley presented to the committee
- 3) Looking into a Clothing and Toy swap
- 4) Investigating changing Swap Shop hours to 10am to 3pm. Discussing a visit to the Lee Swap Shop.
- 5) Member Herlihy continues to work with RJH on potential programs
- 6) Looking into how to get Recycling bins at State Parks next summer.

### **Telecommunication Infrastructure Committee: No March Meeting**

No recent meetings



**Mosquito**

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



### **Mosquito Commission Meeting: No March Meeting**

No Meeting

- 1) Mosquito Control Program begins on April 8th. [Click Here](#)



**Beach Committee**

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



### **Beach Committee Meeting: March 4th**

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Beach Clean up April 26th at 10 am Sawyers Beach
- 2) The Beach Committee has one seat open for a full member and also one alternate open seat.
- 3) Chris Grippo, NH Chapter Surfrider Foundation, met with the Beach Committee. The Foundation was founded forty years ago by a group of surfers who were interested in protecting the beaches. The goal of the organization is to make sure the coastline is available to everyone for recreation by being clean, well put together, well presented, and safe.
- 4) Mr. Grippo gave a slide presentation on the work of the Surfrider Foundation; specifically, the water

quality monitoring and public notification program overseen by the Blue Water Task Force within the Foundation. The testing is typically done during the shoulder season, as NH DES takes over the testing during the primary beach season. The Task Force welcomes volunteers to help with the testing and will train those who are interested in volunteering. There are fees related to the program to cover the costs related to the testing and collection bottle supplies. The Surfrider Foundation does fundraising throughout the year and also accepts donations to help cover these costs. The Foundation tests at five beaches throughout the year with two of them being in Rye; Sawyer's Beach, and Jenness State Beach. There was some discussion about the possibility of adding Pirates Cove (Wallis Sands Extension) to the testing list, based upon the availability of funding by the Beach Committee and through direct donations.

## **Trustee of the Trust Funds Meeting: March 13th**

Draft Minutes: [Not Available](#)  
 Recorded Video: [Not Available](#)  
 Agenda: [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](#)

### **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):**

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

**Capital Improvement Plan Summary Table**

Project List: [Click Here](#)

Full Project Summary: [Click Here](#)

Summary page (includes below table): [Click Here](#)

## **Budget Committee Meetings:**

Town Budget Detail: [Click Here](#)

Post-Deliberative Town "green sheet": [Click Here](#)

School Change summary: [Click Here](#)

School Pie Chart: [Click Here](#)

School Warrant: [Click Here](#)

Rye Water District: Budget: [Click Here Pie Chart](#)

Rye Beach Village Budget District: [Budget Treasurers Report](#)

Jenness Beach Village District Budget: [Click Here](#)

**Town Operating Budget Department Narratives in the Budget Book:**

Full time Animal Control Officer: [Click Here](#) ..... Fire & Rescue Equipment: [Click Here](#)

Beach Committee: [Click Here](#)..... Life Guard Pay increase: [Click Here](#)

Building Dept: [Click Here](#)..... Building & Grounds: [Click here](#)

Conservation Commission: [Click Here](#)..... Library: [Click Here](#)

Emergency Management: [Click Here](#) ..... Mosquito [Click Here](#)

Police Dept: [Click Here](#) ..... Planning Dept: [Click Here](#)

Recreation: [Click Here](#)..... Regional Association: [Click Here](#)

Town Clerk: [Click Here](#)..... Zoning Board. [Click Here](#)

**ABOUT THE RYE CIVIC LEAGUE**

**About the Rye Civic League and the Civic News**

The Rye Civic League was founded in 1968 by Frances Holway, Joan LaFrance and Marjorie Miller, disbanded in 1992 and revived in 2009. The RCL is a voluntary association that educates and motivates people to act as informed citizens of Rye.

To receive Town News go to the [Rye Civic League Website](#) and enter your name and email.

All articles are written by the RCL editors and contributors. Questions or comments? Ideas for news articles? Contact the RCL at [civicnews@ryecivicleague.org](mailto:civicnews@ryecivicleague.org)

**Rye Town Handbook from the Rye Civic League:**

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

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

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

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

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

The Civic News is free and distributed to over 1,400 people. Many people read the Civic News. Some people support it.

To support the Civic League and keep the Civic News going, become a member with a contribution of \$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(c)(3) organization

[Click Here](#) to make an online membership donation via Paypal including via a credit card.

[Click Here](#) to read the invitation and complete the membership form

Membership and donations can be made by credit card via our Paypal link at [www.ryecivicleague.org](http://www.ryecivicleague.org) or by mail to Rye Civic League P.O. Box 971 Rye, NH 03870.

**Get Involved:**

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

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

## Contact Info

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

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

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