

July 2024



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Rye Civic News

VIDEO of July Highlights & Rye History Note [Click Here](#)

JUNE Highlights (video)

- 1) Portsmouth Development Authority (PDA) wants to commercialize Rye Harbor to create revenue. Rye does not have a voice on the PDA. [Video Recording](#) Public comments at the beginning. Study and proposals by Appledoor Marine Engineering discussed at 2:02 in the video.
- 2) Two Wallis Sands Beach closings due to e-coli. [Testing Information](#). Second started May 26th and next results not until July 2. Select Board demonstrates lack of understanding of Parson's Creek Watershed past information (see June 24th meeting notes #6).
- 3) Select Board accepts [Chiefs Walsh's report](#) on Speeding and that no actions are needed.
- 4) From the Community Power purchasing in the past year - Rye Community Power customers have saved around \$427K over Eversource pricing.
- 5) NH SOS will be funding new voting tabulators at \$3500 per machine. Rye needs two machines.
- 6) The new Community Engagement Committee met and the new Town Hall advisory group will be meeting soon.
- 7) Several residents and a member of the Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) spoke against the Select Boards appointments to the RCC at the last meeting. [Listen to the Public Comments](#) of the July 10th meeting.
- 8) Master Plan Steering Committee discussed these [draft definitions](#) of distinct Rye segments.
- 9) Rye Police Negotiating team won first place at a New England Competition. [More Information](#)
- 10) Department of Public Works Admin has created a DPW Newsletter [Click Here](#) to see the first one.

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

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

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

Town Employment Opportunities: [Click Here](#)

Heritage Commission	1 Member Vacancy
	2 Alternate Vacancies
Historic District Commission	3 Alternate Vacancies
Demolition Review Committee	1 Alternate Vacancy
Town Center Committee	2 Alternate Vacancies
Beach Committee	1 Member Vacancy
	2 Alternate Vacancies
Energy Committee	1 Member Vacancy

General Announcements

- 1) Town Assessing Department has new hours. Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am to 4pm [Click Here](#)
- 2) Want to work in Rye? New RWD Administrator Position: [Click Here](#)
- 3) Online Rye History Information from the Town Historian. [Click Here](#)
- 4) Rockingham County meetings can now be seen on Youtube. [Rockingham County Channel](#)
- 5) 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

[Beach Committee](#) July 1 - Site walk
[Conservation Commission Site Walk](#) - July 1
[Energy Committee](#) 3:30pm
 Rye Town Center Committee July 3rd - 5:30pm
[Heritage Commission](#) July 4th - 5:30pm
[Select Board](#) July 8th - 6:30pm
[The Master Plan Steering Committee](#) July 9th - 1:00p
 Historic District Commission July 10th
 Board of Adjustment July 10th - 7:00pm
[Conservation Commission](#) July 11th - 6:30pm
[Rules and Regulations Committee](#) July 15th - 9:00am

[Mosquito Control Commission](#) July 16th - 5:00pm
[Planning Board](#) July 16th - 6:00pm
[Recycling Education Committee](#) July 16th - 6:30pm
[Cemetery Trustees](#) July 18th - 1:00pm
[Select Board](#) July 22 - 6:30pm
 Rules and Regulations July 22nd 9pm
 Community Engagement Committee July 23rd 5:30pm
 Board of Adjustments July 24th 7pm



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 June 24th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available

- 1) Conservation Commission accepts Rye 400 donations that will go towards improved signage.
- 2) Town Moderator, past Town Moderator and Town Clerk discussed the plan to replace very aged voting tabulator's with the new State approved tabulators (sole sources distributor) and leveraging the \$3,500 per machine (so \$7K for the two machines). State money comes from the \$15M Help America Vote Act (HAVA).
- 3) As Rye does not have a Planner, Planning Board request to continue the support provided by Rockingham Planning Commission for another year for \$35K was signed.
- 4) Energy Committee requests approval to pursue funding for Solar Panels for the Recreation building as that is more likely to be approved than the larger cost required for the Safety Building.
- 5) Town Moderator communicated a request from our State Representatives that the Select Board request the Governor Veto House Bill 1569 that will eliminate voter affidavits that help residents vote when they don't bring supporting identification requirements. Select Board decided that action would be "political" and would not take action.

6) FB Environmental discussed date changes and other adjustments to the Funded Parsons Creek 2024 Watershed Based Plan Statement of Work. Modifications will need to be approved.

Editor's Note: During Discussions Select Board demonstrates lack of situational understanding;

....1) Member Wright - Insinuated that saying the watershed is oversaturated with leach fields is unsubstantiated. [Click Here](#) for December 2017 report that was presented to the Select Board that explains the situation. [READ KEY STATEMENT](#) Since that December 2017 presentation no Select Board has discussed these findings and what actions should be taken.

....2) Counter to member statements, Human E-coli has been confirmed **by both** Canine and DNA testing. Members McGrath and Epperson were both on the board last Spring when this was discussed. [Full Report](#) Read information on [Page 7 section 3](#)

....3) No results should be used from the Polychip testing as it was a failure. FB Environmental did not use its own sampling Best Practices and it has been shown this method DOES NOT work in Brackish water. While animals in the drainage system could be a factor, The Polychip animal results that just cleared the detection line should not be why actions are taken.

7) The Portsmouth Development Authority (PDA) spent \$250K for a proposal to commercialize Rye Harbor. Former Select Board member King had listened to the [Video](#) (listen to public comments and then again at 2:02) and was able to explain the situation. Rye failed in its attempt to obtain membership in the PDA last year.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

June 24th: Personnel and Acquisition

June 19th: Personnel

June 13th: Personnel

Select Board Meeting June 10th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not Available

- 1) Rye Conservation Commission and several members of the public spoke about how the Select Board appointed the two Conservation Commission members. [Watch Video](#)
- 2) Chief Walsh recognized the Deputy Blaisdell lead Seacoast Emergency Response team for its first place finish at the New England Negotiation team 1st Place. More Information
- 3) DPW Director Rucker presents the new DPW Newsletter. [Click Here](#).
- 4) Public Hearing to accept the \$80K donations needed to acquire the easements for the Spiwalk Properties at the end of Wallis Rd.
- 5) Public Hearing to accept the NHHOP Grant Phase II that will analyze options for modifying Rye ordinances that would enable Rye to meet NH Housing obligation goals.
- 6) Brief discussion of FB Environmental starting the update of the Parson's Creek Watershed Management plan and the monitoring plan.
- 7) In the final report on [Speed Limit Study](#), Chief Walsh states that Rye roads are correctly set. Residents argue that if some 35mph sections have higher densities than 30mph areas, they can't be correct. Select Board accepted the Final Report.
- 8) Article 33 that is to address communication process for land development was discussed. Some discussion about creating a working group, but no definitive actions taken.
- 9) Bidder for Perkins Rd. Culvert from Northern NH was substantially lower and references were checked. Bid was accepted. Municipal Fuel contracts agreed to for the different fuel types.
- 10) Long discussion on the Shark Monitors. Only a small sample of Great Whites have been tagged, so data only provides directional information about those sharks and if they are spending more time in that area. Detailed Portsmouth Herald article. [Click Here](#) Editor's Note: [Seal found dead on Rye Beach story June 28th](#)

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: June 12th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

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

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

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

Superintendents Rye Report for June [Click Here](#)

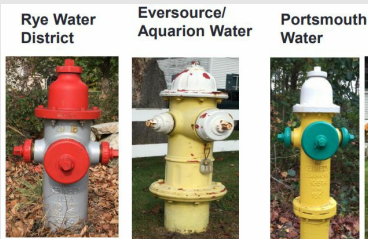
RES & RJH Principals Report: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Kindergarten students completed a third visit to Webster at Rye.
- 2) RES 2024-25 Enrollment estimated at 174 [Click Here](#)
- 3) RES Walkathon for NHSPCA raised \$2,500, much more than last year.
- 4) Approved move to new food service provider.

SAU 50 School Board Meeting:

June SAU 50 Sensations [Click Here](#)

- 1) SAU50 and Rye members visited Barrington Middle School to observe Fresh Picks for Cafe Services
- 2) There will be a SAU50/52 Innovation Conference July 18th and 19th [More Information](#)



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](#) 2023 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 Monthly Meeting: June 5th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

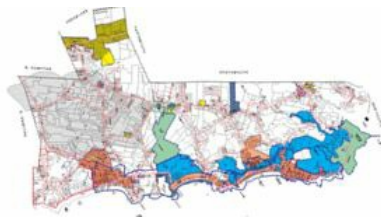
- 1) 2023 Water Quality Report was released [Click Here](#)
- 2) Tom Plau joined the meeting to communicate that the Energy Committee is available to assist with the energy needs of the Treatment Plant.
- 3) New meter installation is now the focus, now that flushing has been completed.
- 4) There are 250 properties that have not yet been identified under the Lead Service Line Grant.
- 5) The Town Attorney has not responded to the MOU for the Treatment plant.
- 6) New policy for the process of disputing Overcharges was approved.
- 7) Rye Water District meetings will now begin at 8:30am (was 9:00am)
- 8) Water District Administration Position has been posted: [Click Here](#)

Sewer Commission: June 18th

No video as the meetings are at the RBVD building

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Irregularities in Jenness Beach Pump 1 were from rags.
- 2) Sewer Mains were flushed on June 11th and wet wells at all three stations cleaned.
- 3) The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant had its initial project meeting..
- 4) Department continues to pursue Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) with the goal to indentify a clear path forward to minimize infiltration, inflow and exfiltration and maximize conveyance of wastewater to the WWTP.
- 5) EPA has limited technical assistance to help with Climate Change Sewer Vulnerability Assessment. Note Rye Sewer line travels through N. Hampton to the Hampton plant.
- 6) Status reports reviewed for the WWTP Improvements, Church Rd. Pump Station Generator, Jenness Beach Pump Station Pumps Replacement, and Sewer Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment.



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:

Long Range Planning Committee: June 19th Meeting

Draft Minutes: none

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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.

Hampton Example Phase II Final Report: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) The NHIOP Phase II Grant was accepted the first Planning Meeting was held with RPC.
- 2) Step 1 will have RPC develop a draft of Rye Regulations that could be changed and associated Infrastructure constraints. First draft will be presented at the July 31st meeting.
- 3) RPC just completed Phase II for Hampton and [this report](#) does a great job at what this Land Use Regulation Audit can look like.
- 4) The Public engagement in the SOW is more of a sharing of information and findings and not a "listening" process required to proceed.
- 5) The third part of this project is to prepare the Phase III NHIOP Grant.

Master Plan Steering Committee: June 2nd

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Listening Session (320 responses): [Summary Report](#)

Full listing of all pubic responses: [Click Here](#)

Proposed Timeline: [Click Here](#)

- 1) One member has stepped down and discussed who may be interested in replacing that person, so that the Planning Board can approve on June 18th.
- 2) Discussed resident correspondence that questioned how or if the 2021 Visioning work is being utilized in the current efforts. 2021 NRI was mentioned as a key insight driver. Resident January Storm information was suggested to be circulated (not in the meeting minutes)
- 3) Discussion of how the meeting minutes style is not great at sharing key points and emphasis that

residents can listen to the video. *Editor's Note: Civic League must listen to the video because, unlike other town meeting minutes, these minutes are inadequate to create RCN summaries.*

4) Rye Beach representative attended to make sure Rye Beach and its Master Plan is part of this discussion. There is a separate District Master Plan.

5) Master Plan Update reviewed and "[sections](#)" of Rye definitions discussed. [Click Here](#)

6) Hampton Master Plan will be reviewed and discussed at the July 9th meeting.

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](#)

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: June 10th meeting

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

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

2) Department Heads, Boards and Commissions have been provided the forms to submit requests for land use ordinances changes. Building Inspector discussion revealed this communication has room for improvement.

3) Discussion of how the Conservation Letters to ZBA become incorporated and impact to Occupancy Certificates from the Building Inspector.

4) Discussion of mixed use and how this impacts the buffer requirements.

Planning Board Meeting: June 18th

Draft Meeting minutes: not available

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

1) Long discussion on the "Communication Process" for getting the word out about openings and opportunities, saying that residents can watch videos or read minutes is not best practice.

2) Board approved the only applicant for the Master Plan Steering Committee, Joe Leverone, but even Planning Board members were unaware of the opening until receiving the meeting information.

3) Continued support from Rockingham Planning Committee was approved for another year at \$35K and will be moved to the Select Board to approve.

4) Master Plan Steering Committee segmentation of Rye was discussed. [Click Here](#)

Planning Board Agenda July 17th

Not yet posted.

Code of the Town of Rye

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: June 5th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#) (posted July 1st)

- 1) 140 Harbor Rd. Unanimously denied request for rehearing. [NOD Case13-2024](#)
- 2) 312 Wallis Rd. Voted unanimously to grant generator variance. [NOD Case 19-2024](#)
- 3) 4 Patriots Way Voted unanimously to grant two variances. [NOD Case 20-2024](#)
- 4) 5 Douglas Circle Unanimously granted the equitable waiver, but with four clarifying statements. [NOD Case 26 -2024](#)
- 5) 11 Hunterville Ave Unanimously granted three variances for an expansion of a non-conforming structure. [Case #21-2024](#)
- 6) 50 Brackett Rd. Voted unanimously to grant variance for a stone wall in the wetland buffer. [NOD Case 22 -2024](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: July 3rd

Agenda: [Is not posted](#)

- 1)



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: May 9th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Memo from Trustees to Town of Rye Trustees of the Trust Funds requesting distribution for reimbursement of expenses to repair fire sprinkler leak and necessary carpet cleaning.
- 2) Director Richmond reviewed; plan to reach out to other local libraries to purchase software to make the RPL website ADA compliant. Director Richmond to reach out to the Friends of the RPL to inquire about the Brown Fund Donation.
- 3) CPR training course for staff was canceled. Director Richmond to check-in with the Rye Fire Department to see about staff availability for training. Free feminine hygiene products installed in the bathroom. Friends of the RPL are investigating options for re-upholstering wing-back chairs. Discussed cooperation for programs with the Rye Recreation Department.
- 4) Mr. Marttila reported that the HVAC subcommittee (Victor Azzi, Joe Tucker, Howard Kalet) is ready to start work; an initial meeting to be held in the near future. Director Richmond presented draft clarification for the employee leave policy; Mr. Michael Moody to review.
- 5) Discussion of 2025-2030 CIP draft. Priorities are the HVAC system and new window installation. Director Richmond reviewed a draft agreement between Trustees and Select Board. Workshop is planned for June 26 at 8:30am to start the conversation regarding the next Strategic Plan.

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](#)

From the April 15th NHDOT links for Seawall work

[NH DOT Presentation](#): [North Map](#) [Central Map](#) [South Map](#) [Narrative](#) [Postcard](#)



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) June 13th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 20 Pioneer Rd plans on demolishing and rebuilding. A site walk was set for June 17th.
- 2) 1215 Ocean Blvd. Plans to replace existing shed with a larger one 27' from the wetlands.
- 3) 1734 Ocean Blvd. Plans for a fence in the tidal buffer do not need to be reviewed by the Commission.
- 4) 4 Washington Rd. is looking to expand driveway so cars don't have to back out onto Washington Rd. Site walk June 17th.
- 5) 159 West Rd. Demolishing existing barn and replacing with a larger footprint that will be 27' from the wetland. Ten trees would be removed.
- 6) 1585 Ocean Rd. Replacing the home that was burned down this year. Many variances will be required and a new build will need to be lifted.
- 7) 57 West Atlantic Ave. Demolish and replace building. No site walk as the commission is familiar with the property from the first proposal.
- 8) 1178 Ocean Blvd - Remove and replace deck and stairs - Site walk June 18th
- 9) 70 Causeway Rd. Demolish and replace home. NH DES Wetland permit will be required.
- 10) Rye 400 presented a \$5K Check for the RCC to be used for trail communication.
- 11) Fairhill March Project is still in the planning phases.
- 12) Member Odryna will attend the Master Plan Steering committee meetings.



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: June 10th

Draft Meeting Minutes: N/A

No video as the meetings are in the Wave room [Wave Club Flyer](#)

- 1) [Agenda](#)
- 2) Solar Panels discussion with Energy Commission.
- 3) Met RJH Principal Ann Gilbert
- 4) New Engineering design at Rec Area space and softball field.
- 5) Discussed Little League fence request

Granite State Track & Field: [Click Here](#) to Join the Rye team

Many activities:

2024 Pickleball Clinic Youth and Adult June/July: [Click Here](#)

Women's Golf Lessons: [Click Here](#)

Upcoming Recreation Program trips:

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

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

November 14th: The Sicilian Tenors "Downtown Abbey" [Click Here](#)

December 3rd. Kenny and Dolly [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: June 6th

Recorded Video [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Gazebo site discussed and approved payment for the granite
- 2) First Town Hall Committee was scheduled for June 13th
- 3) Agreed to not fund raise for a Native People acknowledgement marker until the Monument Park is completed.
- 4) RHC Website upgrade discussed. Graveyard information will be consolidated on one tab.

Demolition Review Committee: No June Meeting

No June Meeting

Historic District Commission Meeting: June 12th

Draft Minutes [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussion with DPW Director Rucker about shutters for Town Hall and the Annex. Tabled to the next meeting.
- 2) Neighborhood Heritage Districts were discussed and the next step is to have a member of the Stratham HDC speak with Rye.

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: no May Meeting

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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: June 4th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Update on Community Power. Rye have saved over \$427K over Eversource pricing in the first year.
- 2) New Rates are expected to be available later in June.
- 3) At July 8th meeting, Committee will discuss rates and the Discretionary adder (to be explained at the next Select Board meeting)
- 4) Offshore Wind update as several members attended the May 29th meeting. [Click Here](#) to see the NOA A site for the Gulf of Maine Wind Energy. [Additional Information Here](#)
- 4) Draft Solar Ordinance will be sent to the Planning Board (Rules and Regs).
- 5) Discussed pursuing the \$50K Grant for Solar Panels for the Recreation Building.
- 6) Rye Municipal Energy Use tracking has been updated. [Click Here](#)

Rye Recycling Education Committee: June 18th

Draft Minutes Not Available

Discussed:

- 1) Swap Shop update
- 2) "Total Garbage" book
- 3) upcoming conferences
- 4) social media posts
- 5) possible field trips

Telecommunication Infrastructure Committee: No 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: June 18th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft minutes: Not available



Beach Committee

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

Parking Assessment Study: [Click Here](#)

Beach Committee Meeting: June 3rd

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussed displeasure about the new Select Board process for appointments. There now can be Beach Committee Alternates.
- 2) Three people interested in participating with the Beach Committee introduced themselves.
- 3) Members each took responsibility to get the 4th Grade Beach posters around town.
- 4) Discussed concerns of surfers in the swim areas and about the speed of cars near at the beach. Committee members will share observations with the Select Board.
- 5) Selectman McGrath said that the Select Board is looking to develop a "special committee" to focus on coping with major storms.

Trustee of the Trust Funds Meeting: March 13th

Draft Minutes: [Not Available](#)

Recorded Video: [Not Available](#)

Agenda: [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): June 17th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

No Meeting minutes

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: June 11th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Not posted

- 1) Scott Marion will continue as Chair and Jeff Ross as Vice Chair.
- 2) Chief Cotreau explained two positions have been filled and they are hoping to close the third hire. Engine 3 may see cascading issues from the January storm salt damage.
- 3) While the past custodian did retire, a new person has been hired and is working out great for the Town Hall Buildings.
- 4) The difference in fuel rates is from buildings requiring different fuel. The outdoor Safety Building tank requires expensive fuel.
- 5) Rye will have three un-planned Special Education placements, that is students who need to travel to other schools. The School is planning on retaining \$450K and moving to the Special Education account.
- 6) The Special Education Reserve Fund only has \$208K and should have \$350K, so it should not be depleted now.
- 7) A working committee has been formed to make suggestions on improvements to the department narratives and how to engage the public.

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](#)

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

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

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

Municipal Records Committee : No meeting

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video:

Community Engagement Committee : June 25th

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

No agenda or members listing could be found.

Town Hall Advisory Committee : No meeting

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video:

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](#)

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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](#)

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

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 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 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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