



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

**August Highlights (video)**

- 1) Select Board and Rye Recreation announce two Parsons Field Community Events
  - Saturday September 7th 3pm to 7m **Family Jamboree** [Flyer](#) [Eventbrite](#) Event information
  - Sunday September 8th Noon to 2pm **Community Picnic** [Flyer](#) [Eventbrite](#) Event information
- 2) State of NH has released a EEE warning. [Click Here](#)
- 3) Rye had multiple e-coli Beach closings [August 7th](#), [August 19th](#) and [August 26th](#). The entire seacoast was impacted August 19th, this could have been high storm water or another cause.
- 4) Several from town attended the August PDA meeting ([Video](#)). Action date is extended to June 2025. Statement for local support from Rye Harbor Business. [Click Here](#). [e-mail](#) this group to join their mailing list. Updated information [Click Here](#)
- 5) Select Board statement [Click Here](#) informing residents that large Political Signs are not compliant with [town zoning ordinances](#).
- 6) Master Plan Steering Committee making progress on draft documents. [Master Plan Outline](#), [Land Use Definitions](#) - Map - [Click Here](#), [Master Plan Recommendations](#) LRP Meeting discussed [article about Harpswell, Maine](#)
- 7) Budget Committee approved new [budget tab order](#), guide for [Department Narratives](#) and [information table](#).
- 8) What are the K-8 expectations for our annual investment (\$17.5M FY25) towards education our youth. See the [SAU 50 Strategic Planning Document](#)
- 9) Recreation Staff member Dennis Okyere, was provided [Recognition Certificate](#) for the role he played in Portsmouth when his Portsmouth neighbors' home caught fire.
- 10) Detailed presentation of the [Rye Sewer Asset Management Plan work](#) (100% grant funded). Editors Note: This is just a small slice of Rye's total assets (RWD, Drainage system, culverts, buildings...).
- 11) It is unclear how the 2024 update to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is progressing.

**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
Energy Committee	1 Member Vacancy

## General Announcements

- 1) RWD Voluntary Water Use Restrictions are still in place. [More Information](#)
- 2) "Rye Roots" Genealogy Research Group meets monthly. see [RHS website](#) for details
- 3) Rye Advocates for Historic Preservation [see new website](#) - Ryeadvocates.com in which the history of old houses can be searched by road.
- 4) Recycling Education Committee presents program on: **Food Waste Composting, Thursday September 26, 6:30 pm at the Rye Public Library**. Expert Paige Wilson from the NH Department of Environmental Services will talk about food waste composting and will reference the "Mr Fox" composting program at the Rye Transfer Station. Did you know that food waste makes up 24% of our trash?
- 5) Updated Rye Historic **Family Graveyard** committee report. [Click Here](#)
- 6) **Candidates Night October 24th 7pm RJH** for State Reps, State Senate and Executive Council
- 7) Online Rye History Information from the Town Historian. [Click Here](#)
- 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

The Master Plan Steering Committee Sep 3, 1:00pm  
Ballot Machine Testing Sep 3, 2:30pm  
Energy Committee Sep 3, 3:30pm  
Beach Committee Sep 3, 6:30pm  
Supervisors of the Check List Sep 4, 11:00am  
Ballot Counting Sep 4, 11:30am  
Rye Town Center Committee Sep 4, 5:30pm  
Board of Adjustment Sep 4, 7:00pm  
Heritage Commission Sep 5, 5:30pm  
Select Board Sep 9, 6:30pm  
Sewer Commission Sep 10, 8:00am  
Primary Election Sep 10, 8:00am to 7:00pm

**Begin Processing Absentee Ballots Sep 10, 10:00am**  
**Historic District Commission Sep 11, 5:30pm**  
Conservation Commission Sep 12, 6:30pm  
Mosquito Control Commission Sep 17, 5:00pm  
Planning Board Sep 17, 6:00pm  
Recycling Education Committee Sep 17, 6:30pm  
Cemetery Trustees Sep 19, 1:00pm  
Select Board Sep 23, 6:30pm  
Community Engagement Committee Sep 24, 5:30pm  
Board of Adjustment Sep 25, 7:00pm

### Political Party Primary September 10th 8am to 7pm Rye Elementary School

Rye spends approximately \$10K and uses approximately \$4800 of DPW and Police effort to host the Political Party primary election, so PARTICIPATE as you are paying for it. [Absentee Ballot Form](#)

**Sample Ballots:** [Democratic Party](#) [Republican Party](#)

**Candidates for Governor:** Links are to [Citizens Count](#)  
**Democratic:** [Cinde Warmington](#), [Joyce Craig](#), [Jon Kipper](#)

Republican: [Robert McClory](#), [Richard McMenamon II](#), [Chuck Morse](#), [Frank Staples](#), [Kelly Ayotte](#)

**Candidates for US Congress:** Links are to [Citizens Count](#)

Republican: [Walter McFarlane](#), [Hollie Noveletshy](#), [Russell Prescott](#), [Max Abramason](#), [Chris Bright](#), [Joseph Levasseur](#), [Andy Martin](#)

Democratic: [Kevin Rondeau](#), [Chris Pappas](#)



## 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 August 26th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: Not available (less than 5 days ago)

- 1) Chief Walsh was extremely appreciative of the community response and well wishes after his unplanned medical leave. Select Board acknowledged how the department stepped up in his absence.
- 2) Public Comment discussed the August 19th e-coli beach closures as the entirety of the coast was impacted, so not likely to be related to the Parson's Creek Watershed e-coli. See [Diagrams for August 19th](#). August 26th Wallis Sands was also closed. [Click Here](#)
- 3) 1 Cable Rd. Fireworks application was approved for September 6th Wedding. Detailed discussion of the general process for assuring debris is cleaned up after fireworks. Chiefs and Select Board will review the application form.
- 4) Parson's Field use was approved for the RJH X-Country Meeting on September 18th. Seacoast Century will be September 21st, Triathlon will be September 22nd at Wallis Sands. 7am to 10:30am
- 5) Select Board approved the substantially lower bidder for the new Public Safety Building Audio and Video upgrade. This is an approved 2024 Capital Expenditure and is the current vendor for the Town Hall Annex.
- 6) Rye will enter a five year agreement with the other five towns in the Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District. This locks in the rates for Waste Management accepting our garbage (does not include the hauling charges to the Rochester Landfill).
- 7) DPW Director discussed that In the foreseeable future NH and other states do not have sufficient landfill capacity.
- 8) Resident received guidance on what must be clear on properties owned by trusts to receive Beach Stickers.
- 9) [Select Board read a statement](#) informing residents that Political signs on private property need to be in compliance with Zoning Ordinances [Section 5-1](#) and if not, should be removed by October 1st.
- 10) Select Board approved resident Steven Borne to participate with the FB Environmental group for the Parson's Creek Watershed Management Plan update

## **Select Board Non Public Meetings**

August 26th: Personnel

August 13th: Acquisition

## **Select Board Meeting August 13th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rye Recreation's Staff Member Dennis Okyere was recognized by the Portsmouth Police and the Select Board for his actions when his Portsmouth neighbors home caught fire. [Recognition Certificate](#)
- 2) Public comment about the resident lawsuit in regards to Article 30 (speeding).
- 3) Town excepted \$2500 donation from the Junkins family for Conservation Commission work on their transferred property. The family also donated \$2500 last year.
- 4) Discussion of the signs to promote the two September Parsons Field events:  
Saturday September 7th 3pm to 7m Family Jamboree [Flyer Eventbrite Event](#) Information  
Sunday September 8th Noon to 2pm Community Picnic [Flyer Eventbrite Event](#) Information
- 5) Finance Director Job Description was discussed and approved, but not attached to the meeting minutes.



## 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: August 13th Summer Retreat**

Recorded Video: Was at the Safety Building Conference room

Draft Meeting Minutes: No minutes [Information packet](#)

April Facilities Report: [Click Here](#)

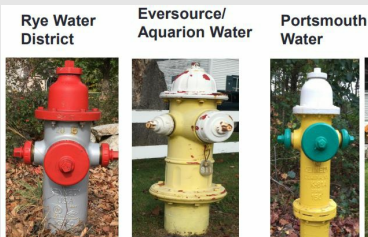
August SAU Technology Report: [Click Here](#)

2024-2024 Board Meeting Dates: [Click Here](#)

- 1) SAU 50 Portrait of a Learner was a main discussion of the meeting. FY25 School Budget is \$17.5M, where Town 2024 Budget is \$13.4M. This outlines what Rye expects for our biggest annual tax expenditure. [SAU 50 Strategic Planning Document](#)
- 2) SAU 50 Technology Report discussed [Click Here](#)
- 3) Rye School Financials provided as of June 30th. [Click Here](#)
- 4) New SAU 50 Special Education Parent Partnership Group [Click Here](#)

## **SAU 50 School Board Meeting: No July Meeting**

June SAU 50 Sensations [Click Here](#)



## 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](#)

## **RWD Monthly Meeting: August 7th**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

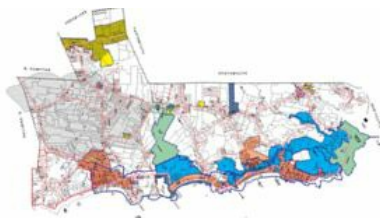
- 1) July saw a 25% increase in water pumped compared to last year.
- 2) Residents have been restricting water usage once the signs were posted.
- 3) Kamstrup meter upgrades are being installed in resident homes.
- 4) Discussed progress of the Central Water Treatment Plant Field Scale Pilot Study with Wright-Pierce.
- 5) Approved \$5K for Wright-Pierce to submit a NH State Revolving Fund application for the Lead Service Line Inventory projects. If approved the fund will cover 71% of this project.
- 6) Wright-Pierce noted Rye could apply for a \$50K Strategic Planning Grant to help offset well site investigation costs.
- 7) Wright-Pierce recommends to continue researching the water quality at the Brown property and possibly taking samples at neighbors properties.
- 8) The new Water Administrator position contract was approved by legal, so new hire may start soon.
- 9) Second RWD meeting August 20th, but no minutes available as of yet.

## **Sewer Commission: August 13th**

No video as the meetings are at the RBVD building

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Asset Management Program (AMP) mission statement and goals were discussed to make more comprehensive. Stakeholder group was also discussed.
- 2) Data collection from town for the 555 properties connected to Rye Sewer and the force main that goes to Hampton. Data is widely dispersed across pump stations, Engineering firms, & with Hampton.
- 3) There are three interconnected Sewer Projects, the Asset Management Program, Sewer Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment and I/I Assessment and Reduction (leaking system).
- 4) Further discussion required before Tablet software is determined for Asset Management Plan work.
- 5) AMP will include a Level of Service Workshop (get customer inputs).on 9/24 at 8am. RBVD Office.
- 6) AMP final presentation will be in October 2025.
- 7) 21 Vin Mar Court Sewer connection was approved after discussion and review.
- 8) Church Rd. Pump Generation RFP is progressing, site walk completed and bids due September 4th. Current generators would not work and an emergency generator was connected.
- 9) Telecom connectivity to Church Rd. Pump station has been inconsistent and discussing a different provider.



### **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: August 29th 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.

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

1) Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) discussed the [updated working draft](#). The version shared included accepted changes and "comments" shown were for discussion purposes. Committee did not see the full "red-lines" so it was difficult to review prior to the meeting (Draft received August 27th for the 9am 29th meeting).

2) This Phase II work presents the possible "Housing Strategies" that could create the opportunities for additional housing to be available in Rye. The September 17th Planning Board will need to confirm the "key findings" so that the Phase III grant can be completed by RPC by September 30th. If this is missed, it is unclear when State funding would be available again.

3) The August 29th draft has some re-ordering of content and members requested additional changes for "digestibility". RPC noted that while this document is mostly a tool for the Planning Board to use, so they are the target audience not the general public.

4) Draft will be shared with the Planning Board by September 11th and the overview presentation to the Planning Board will be at 5:30pm September 17th at RPL (note 1/2 hour earlier and 1st on the agenda).

5) Harpswell ME story referred to during the meeting. [Click Here](#)

### **Master Plan Steering Committee: August 6th**

Draft Minutes: Not Posted

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

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

Proposed Timeline: [Click Here](#)

1) Draft Documents:

- [Master Plan Outline](#)
- [Land Use Definitions](#) - Map - [Click Here](#)
- [Master Plan Recommendations](#) - should be discussed at Sept 3rd. 1pm meeting (no agenda)

2) Majority of the meeting was discussing "[Alternate Build out](#)" draft report (rotate on view). Two hypothetical situations were analyzed and how they would impact the possibilities of additional housing

### **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) Rockingham Planning Commission will be drafting updated TRC procedures for Rye.

### **Rules and Regulations: No August Meetings**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft meeting minutes: [Click Here](#) Note these are listed under Long Range Planning Minutes

1) July 29th meeting mostly focused on reducing the complexity of the proposed Solar Ordinance from the Energy Committee that were intended to help avoid issues other communities are having.

### **Planning Board Meeting: August 20th**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

1) Dania Seigle presented an update on Rockingham County Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) activities and projects impacting Rye. She also requested "direction" from the Planning Board on how the State can be assisting Rye with our priorities.

- 2) The Rye/New Castle Bridge is ranked as high priority, while the Parsons Rd/Marsh Road flooding did not get a ranking.
- 3) Discussion of the TAC group updating GIS data that could be used in the Speed Limit discussions in town.
- 4) There was a discussion about the TAP Grant project update as there has not been public discussion. Select Board Representative Epperson was not in attendance, so it is unclear of the project status.
- 5) Master Plan update- [Alternate Build Out scenarios](#) discussed. This draft presentation needs an executive summary of the key points that can be made.

## **Planning Board Agenda September 17th**

Not yet posted.

5:30pm Start for RPC NHHOP Grant Phase II overview to the Planning Board

### **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: August 7th and 14th**

August 7th Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#) August 14th Minutes: [Click Here](#)

August 7th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) August 14th Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 42 Washington Rd. Voted unanimously to grant variance for removal of parking area 53' from the wetlands. [NOD Case #23-2024](#)
- 2) 1585 Ocean Blvd. Voted unanimously to grant seven variances for demolishing non-conforming structure, removing trees in the wetland, property in the buffer and roof and cupola height. Also one special exception for drive and shed in the wetland buffer. [NOD Case #34a&b-2024](#)
- 3) 20 Pioneer Rd. Voted unanimously to grant four variances for dem of a 3 unit home, boundary set backs, in the wetland buffer and parking in the front buffer. [NOD Case #35-2024](#)
- 4) August 14th was dedicated to 14 Sagamore Rd. (Brit Bits), mixed use proposal.

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: September 4th**

Agenda: Is not posted online or town hall



### **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: Aug 2**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Fire Department is planning on CPR training for the staff.
- 2) Getting closer to completing the exterior painting.
- 3) Discussion of the survey as the first part of the Strategic plan update. Strategic Plan work shop will be August 20th and 8:30pm.
- 4) Developing the scope of work for the HVAC replacement.

## **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) Aug 8th and 13th (site walk)**

Draft Meeting Minutes: Aug 8th [Click Here](#) and Aug 13th [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: Aug 8th [Click Here](#)

RCL notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 78 Ocean Blvd. Lot is mostly pavement and grass. Site-walk set for 8-13.
- 2) 15 Vin Mar Court Pla is to demolish home, rebuild two stories with smaller footprint further from the wetland. Lot coverage reduced from 12.6% to 8.97%
- 3) 20 Pioneer Rd. Demolish existing 3 units. Owners did not support the site walk with an engineer. Most of the property is in the buffer. RCC could not make a recommendation.
- 4) 11 Washington Rd. Owner cutting trees. Low-lying wetland on the property, vegetation has been cleared. No wetland delineation and recommends a wetland scientist to determine if there is a delineation.
- 5) 476 Washington Rd. Tree service to improve access to Town Forest and access point.
- 6) NH DES is now asking for highly ranked wildlife habitats to include information on applications.

## **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: No Aug meeting**

Draft Meeting Minutes: N/A

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

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

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](#)

Rye Advocates Homepage: [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: Aug 1st and Aug 8th**

Recorded Video: Aug 1st [Click Here](#) and Aug 8th [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Aug 1st [Click Here](#) and Aug 8th [Click Here](#)

- 1) Gazebo base is now sitting on granite, thanks to Ben Homes and DPW Director Rucker. The granite invoice was approved at the August 8th meeting.
- 2) Town Hall Restoration Committee has started to meeting.
- 3) Rye Advocates were invited to tour 9 Dow Lane (1726), 546 Washington Rd. (1725) and 484 Brackett (1690).
- 4) Update from the Historic Family Graveyard Committee. [Click Here](#)

## **Demolition Review Committee: Aug 26th and 28th**

Draft Minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: Aug 26th [Click Here](#) Aug 28th [Click Here](#)

## **Historic District Commission Meeting: August 14th**

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) After discussion it was to accept the Beech River Mill proposal for the repair and reinstall of the Town Hall Shutters.
- 2) While Member Choate met with Rules and Regulations sub-committee, but the Master Plan Steering

Committee will be the ones to include developing Neighborhood Heritage Districts as a Master Plan action.

3) Discussion of the oversized shutters on the Town Hall Annex and how to best address this.

### **Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: August 7th**

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: None

- 1) Much discussion about the process and delays involved.
- 2) It may be four or five years until the TAP grant work could be completed.
- 3) Discussion of the understanding on use of Parson's Field.
- 4) Resident discusses concern over safety and speeding in Town Center. Also discussion of the long (time) bus runs and the pack up caused by back up of parents picking up RJH students.
- 5) Request that the next meeting have a detailed review of the project budget and past expenses.



### **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: No August Meeting**

Draft Meeting minutes:

### **Rye Recycling Education Committee: Aug 20th**

Draft Minutes [Click Here](#)

- 1) There will be a Composting event at the Library on September 26th at 6:30pm
- 2) Mr. Fox food composting bins are not full, we may not need as many bins, unless residents start composting more food.

### **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: Aug 20th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft minutes: not available.



## Beach Committee

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

### Beach Committee Meeting: Aug 5th

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Welcomes new members and alternates; Demi Dubois, Chuck Latvis, Coleen Penacho
- 2) NH Chapter Surfrider: Beach Committee voted to approve the invoice for shoulder season testing (\$300)
- 3) Committee discussion on Shoulder season testing at Wallis. It was agreed that testing location at the end of Wallis would be best, as it's mid-point at the beach. First test date is Sept 11.
- 4) Selectman McGrath gave an update to the Committee with regard to the work of the Community Engagement Committee (CEC). The intent of the CEC is to organize and condense the signs at the beach access points to list the rules of the beach. it was suggested that Beach Committee and CEC meet, once the ideas for the signs are organized. Selectman McGrath also reported that the Town Attorney has determined that the Town never had access to G Street.

### Trustee of the Trust Funds Meeting: No Aug Meeting

July Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

July Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussed macro financial environment. Markets remain optimistic that Federal Reserve will cut interest rates later this year.
- 2) Trust Fund account holdings were reviewed.

#### 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](#))

It is unclear what is happening with the CIP as there are no agendas or meetings.

#### Capital Improvement Plan Summary Table

Project List: [Click Here](#)

Full Project Summary: [Click Here](#)

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

## **Budget Committee Meetings: August 19th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Town Finance Department is moving to new software that will allow easier exporting of data and charts/graphs.
- 2) The 2025 Budget Books Tabs will now be arranged to match DRA reporting and help the flow or reviews and discussions. [Click Here](#)
- 3) Department Heads will be requested to use [this guide](#) in creating budget narratives that will be included in the Budget Books and be available for the public.
- 4) Budget Data will be summarized in the new [Summary Table](#) for each practical budget segment.
- 5) Department heads are only being asked to do what they can and to offer suggestions as the process evolves.
- 6) All Day Budget Workshop is planned for November 20th. The full calendar is not available yet.
- 7) Member Coutu would like to investigate opportunities and ideas for Health Care plans. Finance Director cautioned that salaries and benefits are key components for attracting and retaining employees in difficult labor Market. Board did not object to Member Coutu evaluating and producing possible suggestions.
- 8) Resident inquired why the School Budget numbers are not part of the Town Annual Report. The school produces a separate annual report. The resident came from Windham where both reports were provided in one document to residents and he would like to see Rye do the same.

### **2024 Budgets**

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](#)

### **2024 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](#)

## **Municipal Records Committee : July 23rd**

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

## **Community Engagement Committee : Aug 27th**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: Not Available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

## **Town Hall Restoration Advisory Committee : Aug 13th**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: not available

Recorded Video:

## 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](#)

## 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 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](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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