

November 2024

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RCL Annual Meeting November 26th RPL 7pm..... [SURVEY](#)

NEW 2024 Citizen's Handbook [Click Here](#)
National Civic League RCL Story [Click Here](#) Fall 2023 update: [Click Here](#)



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

October Highlights (video)

- 1) Rye Recreation Parents pushed for Dennis Okyere to be a full time Recreation employee. [One parent statement](#). Select Board indicated this is being worked on.
- 2) Rye Pubic Library launched the [Survey due November 15th](#) for the RPL Strategic Planning process.
- 3) DPW and NH DOT provided an update to the TAP Grant (Town Center) work. [Presentation](#). [Recorded Video](#).
- 4) EPA updated the risks to Berry's Brook from the Coakley Landfill. [Report](#) Note that there is growing concern from Landfill's outgassing PFAS. [Article](#) Rye has the Breakfast Hill Landfill, Coakley Superfund site is close by and the Grove Rd. Dump (not the transfer station)
- 5) FEMA has provided \$224,482 to Rye for the January storms. [More Detail](#)
- 6) Parsons Creek Watershed Technical Advisory Committee had its first meeting. [Click Here](#) [Discussion slides](#)
- 7) School [Facility update](#) and [Technology Updates](#). SAU50 now having meetings with SAU52 "Area" meetings. Many Civic News readers looked at [RES and RJH testing data](#).
- 8) Our SAU50 is now holding quarterly meetings with SAU52 (PHS). [Overview](#)
- 9) Select Board discussed that the Saturday No Dogs on the Beach from 7pm to 9pm is not working and discussed bringing back the Dog Committee before actions are taken. [Recorded Video](#) starting at: 52:00
- 10) Rail Trail work in Rye has been completed. [Click Here](#)

General Announcements

- 1) Town Tax Setting Meeting **Monday, November 4th 10:30am** Town Hall [Agenda](#). Note this is for the budgets the town approved March 2024. Note, 2024 may not have a Capital Improvement Plan update.
- 2) **November 26th 7pm Annual Rye Civic League Meeting**. Rye Public Library. Complete the [Survey](#)
- 3) Annual Rye Holiday Parade **December 1st at 1pm**. Annual Tree lighting will be November 30th from 3pm to 5pm at Parson's Field. [Form to Participate](#) on the Parade. [Rules for Participants](#)

- 4) The Gazebo is completed, see [Picture](#) or visit it at Town Hall. [Read Story](#)
 - 5) Residents tracking the Offshore Wind developments. See the [NH Commission to Study Offshore Wind](#)
 - 6) "Rye Roots" Genealogy Research Group meets monthly. see [RHS website](#) for details
 - 7) Rye Advocates for Historic Preservation [see new website](#) - Ryeadvocates.com in which the history of old houses can be searched by road.
 - 8) Updated Rye Historic **Family Graveyard** committee report. [Click Here](#)
 - 9) Online Rye History Information from the Town Historian. [Click Here](#)
 - 10) 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](#)

November 5th State and Federal Election (see all Candidates)

Sample Ballot - [Click Here](#)

Constitutional Amendment Question: [Ballot Pedia](#)

Rye & Greenland Candidates Night: [Handout \(pictures and websites\)](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Executive Council: Starts at: 7:33

State Senate District 24: Starts at: 32:00

House Representatives District 38: Starts at: 1:02:00

House Representatives District 24: Starts at: 1:27:00

- [Executive Council](#) Jon Morgan, Janet Stevens
- [Governor](#) Joyce Craig, Kelly Ayotte, Stephen Villet
- [State Senate](#) Debra Altschiller, Patrick Abrami
- [NH State Representative](#) D24 (vote for two), Jaci Grote, Dennis Malloy, Marilyn Page, Kevin Szmyd, Lyn Leddy.
- [NH State Representative](#) D-38: Peggy Balboni, Janet Larson
- [County Attorney](#) (not on the ballot, Rockingham is now 4 years)
- [Sheriff](#) (not on the ballot, Rockingham is now 4 years)
- [Registry of Deeds](#) (not on the ballot, Rockingham is now 4 years)
- [County Commissioners](#) (not on the ballot, Rockingham is now 4 years)
- [County Treasure](#) (not on the ballot, Rockingham is now 4 years)

[Open Democracy](#) - Produced the Know Your Ballot images

Visit the RCL Table after you vote. Feel free to donate unused Halloween Candy.

Rye Civic League: Annual Meeting Tuesday November 26th 7pm Rye Public Library

What do you want to discuss about Rye? Please fill out our short survey here [Click Here](#)

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	2 Alternate Vacancies
Town Center Committee	2 Alternate Vacancies
Energy Committee	1 Member Vacancy
Land Use Informational Guide Advisory Committee	2 Member Vacancies
Rye Coastal Infrastructure Review Committee	5 Member Vacancies
Community Engagement Committee	1 Member Vacancy

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

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

Select Board Non-Public Session Nov. 1
10:30am
Rye Water District Nov. 4, 4:00pm
Beach Committee Nov. 4, 5:30pm
General Election Nov. 5, 8:00am to 7:00pm
Begin Processing Absentee Ballots Nov. 5,
10:00am
Energy Committee Nov. 5, 3:30pm
Rye Town Center Committee Nov. 6, 5:30pm
Board of Adjustment Nov. 6, 7:00pm
Select Board All Day Budget Work Session Nov.
7, 8:30am
Heritage Commission Nov. 7, 5:30pm
Veteran's Day - Town Offices Closed Nov. 11,
8:00am
Sewer Commission Nov. 12, 8:00am
The Master Plan Steering Committee Nov. 12,
1:00pm

Select Board Nov. 12, 6:30pm
Historic District Commission Nov. 13, 5:30pm
Conservation Commission Nov. 14, 6:30pm
Mosquito Control Commission Nov. 19, 5:00pm
Recycling Education Committee Nov. 19,
5:30pm
Planning Board Nov. 19, 6:00pm
Budget Committee All Day Work Session
Nov. 20, 8:30am
Rye Water District Nov. 21, 8:30am
Cemetery Trustees Nov. 21, 1:00pm
Select Board Nov. 25, 6:30pm
Community Engagement Committee Nov. 26,
5:30pm
Thanksgiving Holiday - Town Offices Closed
Nov. 28- 8:00am to Nov. 29, 4:30pm
Holiday Parade December 1- 1:00pm



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 October 29th

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

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

- 1) No official statement was made, but activities are in process to make Dennis Okyere a full time Recreation employee.
- 2) Rye Water introduced the new Administrator, Brian Goetz, who was working for the Portsmouth DPW.
- 3) An Energy Committee indefinite appointment drew attention of a resident and Select Board. The Select Board discovered this committee expired about seventeen years ago and members have just been appointed for indefinite terms. Select Board will address in a future meeting.
- 4) Land Use Information Guide appointment was tabled as the applicant was not at the meeting.
- 5) Former Select Board member Tom King was appointed to replace Jaci Grote who is stepping down as the second Rye Rockingham Planning Commissioner. Former Select Board member Phil Winslow is the other Rye Commissioner. [Click Here](#) to see what these commissioners do.
- 6) Approved the firm to complete the Engineering and Design work for the Recreation Buildings.

7) DPW Director Rucker gave an update on the Rails to Trails. [DPW Update DOT Completion letter](#), [Maintenance amendment](#)

8) The Saturday No Dogs on the beach from 7pm to 9pm, does not work and there was discussion of making this consistent and re-establishing the Dog Committee.

Select Board Non Public Meetings

October 29th: Personnel, Hiring, Acquisition

October 25th: Personnel

October 22nd: Personnel

October 17th: Reputation

October 16th: Personnel and Hiring

Select Board Meeting October 16th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

1) The Gazebo is completed. Picture

2) Resident presents data on budget. [Click Here](#).

3) Many residents with children in Rye Recreation made statements that they were embarrassed and upset when they learned that Recreation employee Dennis Okyere is not a full time employee. [Click Here](#) for letter read by former Select Board member Roman. There were also around 175 signatures on this [petition](#).

4) Resident (and Civic News co-editor & RCL President Steven Borne) expanded on comments from the last Select Board meeting about Rye budgets. [Click Here](#), in 2006 and previous years, total Debt payments were over \$1.4M, now it is around \$1M lower. Rising budgets have replaced that \$1M, according to analysis.

5) Discussion by the Community Engagement about raising funds by selling sponsorship for the Welcome to Rye and Informational signs they are developing.

6) The Heritage Committee approved to use \$1600 of budgeted funds plus \$5,100 from town contingency funds to begin design work for Town Hall.

7) Regional Association Review Committee (what we provide to non-profits who support Rye) presented their 2025 Recommendations. [Statement](#). [Worksheet](#)

8) Piscataqua Landscaping offered to "landscape" the Cable R/Central Rd. Island and place a recognition sign. Action to Administrator Scruton to develop a form for all Rye parcels where this would be applicable.

9) Rye has received \$224,482 from FEMA for work due to the January storms. [Click Here](#) for detail.

10) Long time Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) member Mae Bradshaw has stepped down. Select Board indicated they will discuss what to do about the lack of progress with the CIP update.

11) Election Budget funds will be used to replace the Election Equipment trailer as the rolling door does not stay up and it leaks.

12) DPW Director Rucker requested that \$60K that was not needed for the Safety Building video system be moved to paving Pine Street, Bernard Drive and Richard Rd when Perkins is repaved. Tabled by Select Board.

13) DPW Director Rucker said the Brush Dump hours should never have been expanded as the current ordinance says Tuesday and Saturday only.



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: October 23rd

Meeting Packet that is posted before the meeting: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Superintendents' Report: [October 2024](#)

Financial Report October Update: [Click Here](#)

Updated SAU Strategic Plan. [Click Here](#)

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

October Facilities Report: [Click Here](#)

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

2024-2025 Board Meeting Dates: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussion of the Area meetings between SAU50 and SAU52. There will be a discussion of the current Area agreement.
- 2) Updates on the facilities, including the new RES playground. RES Solar is in the final phases. The 1965 RJH Gym windows were replaced over the summer.
- 3) Schools had a Digital Citizenship workshop
- 4) Note: The Rye School testing results for proficiency in English, Math and Science were opened by around 90 people last month's Civic News, so additional discussion on this may be helpful. Testing results dashboard for English, Math and Science: [Click Here](#)

SAU 50 School Board Meeting: Sept 25th

No minutes can be found

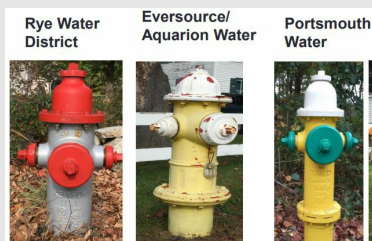
SAU50 Sensation Newsletter: [September 2024](#)

Updated SAU Strategic Plan. [Click Here](#)

1) Area agreement folder. [Click Here](#)

2) PHS 2024/2025 updates [Click Here](#)

3) What are the Secondary Advisory Area meetings [Click Here](#) There was a meeting on October 21st to discuss the Area agreement. Next Area meeting will be December 3rd, 5pm at PHS



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: October 1st, 2nd and 16th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Oct. 1st](#), [Oct. 2nd](#) and [Oct. 16th](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#) [October 2nd](#) [October 16th](#)

- 1) On Oct 1, the Rye Water District and Rye Conservation Commission held a joint meeting to discuss work at Brown Lane Farm in connection with the exploration for a new water source. [Click Here](#)
- 2) October 2nd meeting discussed the next steps for the Brown Lane Farm well exploration.
- 3) There are only 250 utility services lines out of the 1700 service lines that need to be checked for lead. Homeowners are responsible for the customer side lines. All 250 lines need to be dug up to be evaluated.
- 4) 240 water meters have been replaced so far this year. Leak detection testing only found one leak that

will be corrected.

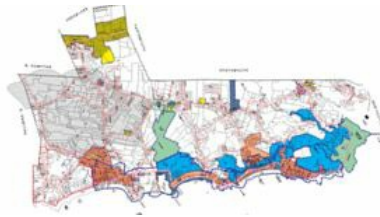
- 5) Discussion about the high costs of treating the Cedar Well or leaving it out.
- 6) 60 Sagamore Rd. office renovations are completed. There is now room for the new Administrator Brian Goetz.
- 7) Rye Hydrologist, Danna Truslow, volunteered to join the Parsons Creek Watershed Technical Advisory committee and keep the RWD informed.
- 8) Approved a letter of support for HR 7944 Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act.
- 9) For the identified 211 Services Lines to be checked for Lead, the SRF Loan program can be used for the investigation work (digging them up). Loan will be for \$700K with 71% forgiveness, there will need to be a March Warrant article.
- 10) Annual Rye Water District meeting will be March 22, 2025.

Sewer Commission: October 15th

No video as the meetings are at the RBVD building

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 65 Big Rock Rd. Revised Sewer connection plans accepted
- 2) 6 Oak Ave. Revised Sewer Plans accepted
- 3) 57 West Atlantic Ave. Connection conditionally approved.
- 4) 2300 Ocean Blvd. Connection plans approved
- 5) Church Rd. and Abenaqui Pump Station propane tanks were replaced
- 6) The remaining \$166,200 American Rescue Plan Acts fund will be used for the Jenness Beach pumps



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: October 29th

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) NHHOP Phase III grant has been submitted.
- 2) [October 15th draft](#) was reviewed
- 3) Updates will be reviewed before discussing again at the Nov. 19th Planning Board meeting.

Rye 2035 Rye Future Website: [Click Here](#)

Master Plan update page; [Click Here](#)

Build Out Analysis: [Click Here](#) Shows where homes could fit, but without an analysis of Rye supporting infrastructure.

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

Master Plan Steering Committee: No October Meeting

April 2024 Listening Session (320 responses): [Summary Report](#)

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

Proposed Timeline: [Click Here](#)

- 1) **Draft** Documents shared with the Planning Board

Draft Build Out Analysis with Alternative Scenario. [Click Here](#)

- [Master Plan Outline](#)
- [Land Use Definitions](#) - Map - [Click Here](#)
- [Master Plan Recommendations](#)

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: October 7th and 21st

Draft meeting minutes October 7th [Click Here](#) October 21st [Click Here](#)

Recorded video: October 7th [Click Here](#) October 21st: [Click Here](#)

Moved to October 15h Planning Board for Public Hearing

[LDR Amendment 2025-01](#) Change semi-rural to semi-rural/rural

[RZO Amendment 2025-01](#) Amends Section 190-2.10(6) change type reference

[RZO Amendment 2025-02](#) moves semi-rural to semi-rural/rural

[RZO Amendment 2025-03](#) Amends Appendix G, Section 5-E (M) per House Bill 296

Public Hearing November 19th [Click Here](#)

[LDR Amendment 2024-02](#) Amend Article IV for fees associated with the TRC

[LDR Amendment 2024-03](#) Amend Article VII Section 202-7.3 Construction Performance

Zoning Ordinances Under Discussion

[RZO 2025-04](#) Solar Ordinance

[RZO 2025-05](#) Wetlands Conservation District

[RZO 2025-06](#) Fences and Walls

[RZO 2025-07](#) Definition of Walls and Fences

Planning Board Meeting: October 15th

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

1) Ordinance changes discussed and approved (in Rules and Regs above)

2) 446 Central Rd. ADU approved 7-0 with seven conditions [NOD #06-2024](#)

3) 2 and 6 Airfield Drive Lot line adjustment (Approved 7-0) and waiver of Stormwater Management Plan (Approved 6-1) There are six conditions. [NOD #09-2024 Diagram](#)

4) 10 Eagle Rock Rd. and 17 Fairhill Ave. Lot Line adjustment Title Defect correction approved NOD #10-2024

5) 21 Huntvale Ave Driveway 100ft from Intersection. Waiver granted [NOD #08-2024 Diagram](#)

6) 20 Germia St. ADU approved 7-0 with five conditions [NOD #07-2024](#)

7) Moved to recommend Tom King to replace Jaci Grote as Rye's second Rockingham Planning Commissioner [Click Here](#) for what commissioners do.

Planning Board Agenda November 19th

Agenda [Click Here](#)

1) Public Hearing on LDR 2024-02 and LDR2024-03

2) 34 Fielding Way ADU conditional use permit

3) 14 Sagamore Rd. Major Non-Residential Site Development

4) NH HOP Grant Phase II discussion [Click Here](#)

- 5) Planning Board Rules and of Procedure Amendment
- 6) Conceptual consultation Seacoast Science Center
- 7) Zoning Ordinances and one LDR (see above)

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: October 2nd

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 895 Ocean Blvd. Generators in set backs unanimously approved [Case #44-2024](#)
- 2) 1228 Ocean Blvd. Unanimously to approve bulkhead in boundary and high tide (flood zone) [Case #36-2024](#)
- 3) 10 East Atlantic Ave. Unanimously approved demotion and new build. six variances and one condition. [Case #38-2024](#)
- 4) 15 Vinmar Court. Unanimously approved three variances and one condition for demolition of non-conforming structure in the wetlands. [Case #42-2024](#)
- 5) 21 Huntervale Ave. Unanimously approved 6 variances expansion of a non-conforming structure. NOD [Case #43-2024](#)

Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: November 6th

[Agenda](#)

- 1) 10 Hunters Run. Shed in side boundary
- 2) 10 Eagle Rock rd. and 17 Fairhill Ave. boundary adjustments
- 3) 32 Cable Rd. Apartments to condominiums
- 4) 11 Straws Point Construction in the wetlands
- 5) 871 Ocean Blvd. Garage and expansion of a non-conforming structure



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: October 15th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#) October 8th Budget Meeting: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: October 8th did not record [October 15th](#)

- 1) Strategic Plan is in Process. Please complete and share the Survey before November 15th

2) HVAC upgrade could cost \$250,000. Plan is for \$100K from the reserve fund and a \$150K warrant article.

3) October 8th Budget Meeting - nothing available in the minutes for the public to read. Video did not record.

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) October 1st and 10th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [October 1st](#) [October 10th](#)

Recorded Video: Oct. 1st [Click Here](#) [October 10th](#)

RCL notes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) RCC met with the Rye Water District to discuss a less impactful access route to the first test well.
- 2) Invasives control was conducted on 5 properties in 2024 with 5 more planned for 2023)Planning for 3)
- 3) Planning for the Fairhill Marsh low impact salt marsh restoration is underway by the Rockingham County Conservation District



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: October 7th

Draft Meeting Minutes: N/A [Agenda](#)

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

1) Discussion of RFP for the Engineering Design and the Softball field go to Select Board

Upcoming Recreation Program trips:

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: October 3rd, 22nd and 28th

Recorded Video: Oct. 3rd. [Click Here](#) Oct. 28th [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Oct. 3rd. Click Here](#) [Oct 22nd. Click Here](#) Oct. 28th [Click Here](#)

- 1) Met with Finance Director Bergeron to determine how the Heritage Committee can establish a Capital Reserve Fund. Director Bergeron to contact Stratham Town Administrator to determine what they did.
- 2) Town Hall shutter replacement fund raiser will be post Election.
- 3) Commission will move towards creating a Capital Reserve fund to save buildings similar to what Stratham has been able to do.
- 4) Approved the funding from the un-restricted fund to pay the Town Hall architect. Heritage is paying \$1600 and the balance from the Town funds.
- 5) Gazebo is complete. [See Picture](#)

Demolition Review Committee: October 24th

[Click Here](#) Minutes: Not available [Agenda](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 2242 Ocean Blvd.

Historic District Commission Meeting: October 9th

Draft Minutes: None posted [Agenda](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Rye Town Center Committee Meeting:

DOT Presentation Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

Slides from presentation: [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](#)



Rye Energy Committee Meeting: October 1st

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Voted to recommend Jay Mason fill open position on Rye Energy Commission
- 2) Community Power update: The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) will offer a 12-month fixed rate for non-residential (large customer) accounts.
- 3) CPCNH is now a REC aggregator, providing solar customers with an option to sell their renewable energy certificates (RECs) to CPCNH instead of other third parties.
- 4) Potential Warrant articles were discussed.
- 5) Offshore Wind Update:

Rye Recycling Education Committee: October 15th

Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video:

- 1) Held a composting event on Sept 26th. [Recorded Video](#)
- 2) New Swap Shop signs made
- 3) Discussed Mr. Fox and associated costs
- 4) Recycling contest (a 5th grader's idea) being considered.

Telecommunication Infrastructure Committee: No Meeting

No recent meetings



Mosquito

Mosquito Complaint Form: [Click Here](#)

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

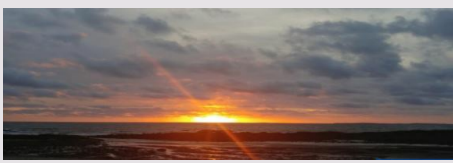
Dragon Mosquito Program Overview: [Click Here](#)

Mosquito Commission Meeting: October 16th

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) EEE update There have been five human cases of EEE, with 2 deaths. NH leads the nation in human EEE cases. In addition there have been cases of West Nile Virus and Jamestown Canyon Virus. None of the mosquitos trapped in Rye have tested positive.
- 2) 2025 Budget prep: expenditures for Dragon Mosquito Control have increased (labor, insecticides, dry ice) and ten greenhead traps were retired this season



Beach Committee

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

Beach Committee Meeting: October 7th

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Beach clean up on Oct 26th, along with Surfrider's Halloween themed event. Surfrider starts at Jenness Beach, Beach Committee will start at north end of Sawyer's
- 2) Reviewed water sampling results. Beach Committee is supporting water sampling during shoulder season for Sawyer's Beach. Sept 11th results were normal, Sep 26th were high. Next test dates are Oct 9 and 23.
- 3) Selectman McGrath mentioned there will likely be a warrant article to adjust the Saturday hours for dogs on the beach. Currently dogs aren't allowed on the beach between 7pm and 9 pm on Saturdays.

Trustee of the Trust Funds Meeting: Last Meeting September 9th

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: no video, meeting in Town Hall Annex

- 1) Approved the redemption of Franklin Templeton Fund for the Cemetery, with proceeds (~\$22k) to be invested in the Dalton Fund for Rye Cemetery.
- 2) Trust Fund account holdings were reviewed.
- 3) Review of Trust Fund accounts and holdings, noting a 16% YTD performance as of September 9th.

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): No September Meeting

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: No September meeting

See the 2025 Budget Schedule: [Click Here](#)

From the August Meeting:

a) The 2025 Budget Books Tabs will now be arranged to match DRA reporting and help the flow or reviews and discussions. [Click Here](#)

b) 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.

c) Budget Data will be summarized in the new [Summary Table](#) for each practical budget segment.

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 : October 22nd

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: Not Available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Town Hall Restoration Advisory Committee : October 31st

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: not available

Recorded Video:

Land Use Information Guide

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: Not five days

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1) Member Pfau met with Building Inspector Marsten to capture information on the process for applications.

2) Pattie Sullivan would like to join this committee, but the Select Board did not appoint her at the October 29th meeting because she was not in attendance.

Additional Town related Web Sites

Rye Historical Society: [Click Here](#)
Rye Police Home page: [Click Here](#)
Fire Department Facebook: [Click Here](#)
Rye Beach & Jenness Beach District Information: [Click Here](#)
NH's Citizen's Count: [Click Here](#)
Town Facebook page: [Click Here](#)
Rye Police Facebook Page: [Click Here](#)
Rye 400 page: [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 at www.ryecivicleague.org or by mail to Rye Civic League P.O. Box 971 Rye, NH 03870.

Get Involved:

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

who can assist with RCL tasks relating to the writing of the Civic News and other activities.

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

Contact Info

Rye Civic League: civicnews@ryecivicleague.org Steven Borne - President

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

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