

## December 2024

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

### November Highlights (video)

- 1) Rye Tax Rates set at \$8.66, \$1,050,500 from un-assigned fund balance used to buy down taxes from \$8.98. [Meeting Minutes](#). See [RCL information](#) on what drives this tax rate and the higher December bill, see slides 8 to 13 and 21
- 2) Approximately 4,400 residents voted in the November election. [How Rye voted](#).
- 3) New [Pease Development Authority Rye Harbor RFP](#) has been released. Plan is to commercialize the harbor to drive incremental revenue.
- 4) 2025 Budget Meetings (See Select Board and Budget Committee sections below). [Town Summary](#) information (numbers not all updated). [School Summary](#)
- 5) Select Board and Town Clerk's office are at a standstill regarding making the Assistant Town Clerk Full Time again and hours of operation. See November 15th Select Board section below. [Video](#).
- 6) After Nov. 15th Select Board meeting, Select Board informed Department Heads that there is now a "Hiring Freeze" in place.
- 7) Bitts Brits has been demolished, plans are for three condominium units and a commercial building. [See Lot Diagram](#). Planning Board Sidewalk December 3rd at noon is the next step.
- 8) Police Chief Walsh informed the Select Board that all must get engaged to lower speeding. A teenager was driving 100mph on Ocean Blvd. Motor vehicle fatalities have increased in 2024.
- 9) [RFP for Water Treatment](#) plant has been released. Site-walk and questions December 10th at 10am. Note: Town of Rye is the responsible party for the PFOAs at the Grove Rd. dump, uphill and not that far from the main RWD Garland Well.
- 10) The Finance Director has resigned and moved, but is supporting the "Budget Process" remotely. Select Board is looking at contracting MRI. Note, Town Assessing Department is now outsourced to Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI).
- 11) RES and RJH are in the US World Report top NH Schools [Seacoastonline story](#)
- 12) Bracket Rd Historical sign was vandalized, please contact Rye Police with any information.

### General Announcements

- 1) Upcoming Budget Meetings

Dec. 4th: School Budget 6:30pm RJH

Dec. 5th and 12th: Unfinished business 6:30pm Town Hall

January 15th: Public Hearing School Budget 6:30pm RJH

January 16th: Public Hearing Town Budget 6:30pm Town Hall

2) Planning Board Public Hearings are the only opportunity for residents to engage on Land Development and Zoning Ordinances. Land Development Regulations were approved at the Oct. 15th and November 19th.

**December 17th 6pm RPL: Public Hearings** on changes to Zoning and Land Use Ordinances.

[Notice](#)

[RZO 2025-04](#) Solar Ordinances

[RZO 2025-05](#) Wetlands Conservation District 190-3.1

[RZO 2025-08](#) Signs

3) Hunting Season goes until December 8th, it is recommended to wear bright orange anywhere near woods.

4) Filling for running for Town Positions starts in early January, so now is the time to ask questions and consider. [Town Elected Positions](#)

5) "Rye Roots" Genealogy Research Group meets monthly. see [RHS website](#) for details

6) Rye Advocates for Historic Preservation [see new website](#) - Ryeadvocates.com

in which the history of old houses can be searched by road.

7) Updated Rye Historic **Family Graveyard** committee report. [Click Here](#)

8) Online Rye History Information from the Town Historian. [Click Here](#)

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](#)

### **Rye Civic League: Annual Meeting Tuesday November 26th**

[Click Here for Presentation](#) Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Moving forward please plan on joining the RCL the last Wednesday of the month, 7pm RPL

RCL Discussed:

- 1) Town Spending and your tax bill
- 2) How to get involved on Rye government
- 3) Rye Housing and Master Plan update

### **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 Member Vacancies
Demolition Review Committee -	2 Alternate Vacancies
Town Center Committee -	2 Alternate Vacancies
Energy Committee –	7 Member Vacancies, 2 Alternate Vacancies
Land Use Informational Guide Advisory Committee - –	1 Member Vacancy
Rye Coastal Infrastructure Review Committee –	1 Member Vacancy
Community Engagement Committee –	1 Member Vacancy
CIP Committee –	1 Member Vacancy
Town Hall Restoration Advisory Committee –	1 Member Vacancy

### **Calendar of Upcoming Meetings**

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

[Heritage Commission](#) Dec 2, 5:00pm  
[Beach Committee](#) Dec 2, 5:30pm

[The Master Plan Steering Committee](#) Dec 10, 1:00pm

[Recreation Commission](#) Dec 2, 6:00pm  
[Planning Board Site Walk](#) Dec 3, 12:00pm  
[Conservation Commission](#) Dec 3, 2:00pm  
[Energy Committee](#) Dec 3, 3:30pm  
[Historic District Commission](#) Dec 3, 5:30pm  
[Rye Water District](#) Dec 4, 8:30am  
[Trustees of Trust Funds](#) Dec 4, 4:00pm  
[Rye Town Center Committee](#) Dec 4, 5:30pm  
[Budget Committee](#) Dec 4, 6:30pm  
[Board of Adjustment](#) Dec 4, 7:00pm  
[Budget Committee](#) Dec 5, 6:30pm  
[Select Board](#) Dec 9, 6:30pm  
[Sewer Commission](#) Dec 10, 8:00am

[Historic District Commission](#) Dec 11, 5:30pm  
[Budget Committee](#) Dec 12, 6:30pm  
[Conservation Commission](#) Dec 12, 6:30pm  
[Mosquito Control Commission](#) Dec 17, 5:00pm  
[Planning Board](#) Dec 17, 6:00pm  
[Rye Water District](#) Dec 18, 8:30am  
[Community Engagement Committee](#) Dec 18, 5:30pm  
[Cemetery Trustees](#) Dec 19, 1:00pm  
[Select Board](#) Dec 23, 6:30pm  
[Christmas Day - Town Offices Closed](#) Dec 25, 8:00am  
[New Year's Day Town Offices Closed](#) January 1, 2025 - 8:00am

**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): None for 2025

- 1) The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) committee is appointed by the Select Board
- 2) The CIP met once in this year and did not have any subsequent meetings.
- 3) Planning Administrator did request Department heads to complete the paper based CIP project forms.
- 4) CIP update from last year: 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan ([Click Here](#))

### Select Board All Day Budget Workshop November 7th

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) See Department Head Narratives below.
- 2) Select Board requested all departments to keep increases below 3%.
- 3) All department budget amounts were recommended with the Town Clerk and Regional associations tabled.

### Budget Committee Meetings: November 20th All Day Workshop

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

Department Summary consolidation: [Click Here](#) (note these was created before changes during the meeting).

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Secretary's Notes](#) [Secretary Summary](#)

**Note:** Discussions and actions were hampered because the "Actuals to 10/31" were not current in the Budget Books.

- 1) Sewer Dept. Director Arthur explained the "Vacation Buy Back" line that sporadic departments show. Employees with excess vacation time, can request to exchange this for cash now. Across all departments there is \$19,255 in these line items.

- 2) Fire Chief explained that the "Ambulance" is the primary vehicle used as the Primary Vehicle for inspections and other reasons for Staff to be out of the station. If a call is received, it takes too long to get back to the station to get the Ambulance.
- 3) Retention and recruiting challenges has the Chief moving one Pier Diem employee to Full time.
- 4) While the Salt Shed has 2 to 3 storms of salt and can hold about 4 storms, it would not be "topped Off" with the remaining 2024 budget, so the 2025 balance could be reduced.
- 5) Planning Department Printing line item was reduced by \$3000. Later in the meeting the \$30,000 to support possible Master Plan Implementation support was moved from Capital Outlay to Contracted Services.
- 6) The Town Clerk Department budget that included the Assistant Position to become Full Time was approved. Note, the Select Board is not obligated to change this employment status.
- 7) Recreation Background checks where moved to the Revolving Funds as this checks are for people providing programs.
- 8) No change to the Energy Committee as Funding for the Safety and Recreation Building solar panels should be a warrant article.
- 9) The Finance Director who has left, so a Contract Services line item was created for temporary services.
- 10) The Town is no longer employing an Assessor, but contracting out to MRI Services.
- 11) \$15K was added to the Legal Fees as it was thought this may not be sufficient for the year.
- 12) Committee approved the Regional Association contributions presented by the Select Board's committee who vetted and made the recommendations. The Select Board had tabled its recommendations.
- 13) For the second year, Committee did not support Member Borne's motion to stop paying \$500 a year to adjust the Congregational Church Clock for daylight savings time.

## **Budget Narratives from Departments & School**

**Police Department:** [Migration Software](#), [Animal Control Officer](#), [Parking Enforcement](#) Summary, [Ticket Chart](#), [Parking Narrative](#), [Outside Detail](#), [Cruisers](#), [Police Department Narrative](#), [Budget Request report](#), [Emergency Management Request](#), [Emergency Management Narrative](#)

**Fire Department:** [Budget Submission](#), [Staffing Narrative](#), [Update to Staffing Needs Assessment](#), [Ambulance](#), [Lifeguard Narrative](#)

**Safety Building:** [Narrative](#)

**Public Works:** [Department Narrative](#), [Personnel](#), [DPW Narrative](#), [Sewer](#)

**Building Department:** [Narrative](#) [Master Plan Implementation support](#)

**Commissions and Committees:** [Recreation](#), [Library](#), [Beach Committee](#), [Energy](#), [Solar Panel ROI](#), [Heritage](#), [Conservation](#), [Regional Association detail](#)

**School:** [Summary](#), [By Activity](#), [By School](#), [per Student](#), [SAU50](#)



## **Select Board**

Meetings are 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.  
Public Comments: At the beginning of meeting. 5 minute limit.  
Consent Agenda: Select Board will not discuss these topics unless a topic is pulled off the consent agenda. Remaining Consent agenda items are voted for in a single vote.  
Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)

Town Organizational Chart:.....[Click Here](#)  
Organizational Flow Diagram: [Click Here](#)  
Town Facebook Page:..... [Click Here](#)

## **Select Board Meeting November 25th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)



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

- 1) Residents are advised to wear bright orange near woods through December 8th.
- 2) Land Use Information Guide committee update is recommending a consolidated Application checklist, similar to what the Building Inspector has proposed. Rye should emulate neighboring towns who utilize a "single point person" to help Building Permit requesters understand all that is required.
- 3) Land Use Information Committee requested to present recommendations with a finalized checklist.
- 4) At the request of Select Board Chair Epperson the Town Attorney produced a long building application process guide, that while informative is not very digestible.
- 5) Energy Committee charter needs to be resubmitted again with the term of three years, but that the charter will renew unless Select Board takes action to end the committee charter. The Rye Recycling Committee charter can be issued by the Energy Committee.
- 6) Rye renewed the agreement with NH DRED Parks and Recreation for the Rye Police to enforce laws on State property in Rye.
- 7) Goss Rd subdivision was accepted as a Town Road.
- 8) Beach Wall repair equipment will be parked on Wallis Rd. Extension, but all material should be stored at the property.
- 9) PDA has an aggressive time line for an [RFP to develop Rye Harbor](#). Rye currently has no PDA standing to oppose this effort to create revenue.
- 10) Select Board updated recommendations accepting all changes made by the Budget Committee.

## **Select Board Meeting November 15th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussion of the Town Clerk request to move the assistant to Full Time.
  - Town Clerk and Assistant must be Town Residents (limits applicants)
  - State requires high volume of training
  - Tradition/practice has the elected Town Clerk step down prior to March election and promotes the current Deputy, who will run for office. Assistant is then moved to Deputy.
  - Town Clerk stated that she will officially retire January 2026
  - 10+ years ago, Assistant was made Full Time with the Clerk opening the office some Saturday mornings, but as the State system were not accessible, this did not work and position moved back to part time.
  - Attempts to have two part-time assistants did not work (limited applicant pool)
- 2) Select Board did not accept the Town Clerk proposal for expanded hours.
- 3) Most Seacoast area Town Clerks offices close on Friday afternoons as many out of State people traveling North get off of I-95 for State permits. This creates work with no benefit for Rye.
- 4) Select Board tabled voting on the department budget and left it to the Budget Committee
- 5) Select Board then went into non-public and then informed all Departments that there is now a Hiring Freeze in place.

## **Select Board Non Public Meetings**

November 15th: Personnel

November 25th: Personnel

## **Select Board Meeting November 12th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Chief Walsh points out the high NH Highway deaths and many involving youth. Rye youth was driving 100 mph on Ocean Blvd. Police Dept. will be intensifying efforts to deter speeding in town.
- 2) Softball Field at Rye Recreation bids discussed as there were differences and it should be built to last without flooding. Local contractor was awarded the work.
- 3) Energy Committee who has been operating with out an active "charge". Discussion tabled for the next

meeting around the term of appointments.

- 4) DPW Director Rucker will continue to utilize the Emergency process that helped expediate the high volume of Beach Wall repair from the Winter storms.
- 5) Wentworth By the Sea Country Club asking for an exemption to allow lawn maintenance to begin at 6am. Moved to the Police Chief.
- 6) All Capital Outlay approved. [Click Here](#) for summary from the Budget Book.

## **Select Board Meeting November 4th Tax Rate Setting**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Rye approved Town and School budgets and must accept the Rockingham County budget contribution that increased to \$34,752,428, a substantial increase from 2023's \$31,887,167
- 2) Incorporating revenues, this would result in tax rate of \$8.98, an 11.8% increase over the \$8.03 from 2023.
- 3) Select Board agreed to use \$1,050,500 from the Un-assigned account balance to buy the 2024 tax rate down to \$8.66.

Note: See [Tax and Spending information](#) from RCL Annual Meeting. [Click Here](#) (slides 8-13 and 21)



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

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

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

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

Recorded Video: Not posted

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Superintendents' Report: [November 2024](#)

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

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

October Facilities Report: [Click Here](#)

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

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

- 1) Public Hearing held to utilize funds from the Wedgewood Farms Expendable Trust. No public discussion. Amount is \$2K.
- 2) Energy Committee informed the Board of a program to install Battery Storage at the Schools to help store excess power from the Solar Panels. This can reduce "Peak Charges" for electricity.
- 3) Update on 8th Grade Math program utilizing Khan Academy.
- 4) Superintendent updates on the Math collaboration with PHS with a focus on math curriculum and student placement.
- 5) The Parent Partnership Group for Special Education is slowly building. The group will be offering a Dyslexia/Special Learning Disability workshop in January.
- 6) 2025/2026 Budget will be \$18,622,015, a 3.8% increase.
- 7) [Seacoastonline story](#) with RJH and RES in the top NH Schools

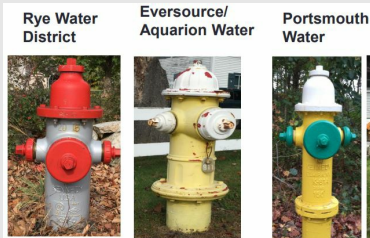
## **SAU 50 School Board Meeting: November 6th**

No minutes can be found [Agenda](#)

SAU50 Sensation Newsletter: [October 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: November 4th and 21st

Draft Meeting minutes: [Nov. 4th](#), [Nov. 21st](#)

Recorded Video: Nov. 4th none [Nov. 21st](#)

- 1) Water Treatment Facility Design Request for Proposals released. [Notice](#), [RFP Document](#) - Due January 17, 2025. Pre-bid Site meeting will be December 10th at 10am
- 2) The high zone pumping totals are the highest in the last four years. New developments are believed to be the contributor.
- 3) Letters have gone out to the 211 unknown service lines as part of the lead lines inspection. [See Image](#). These residents are picking up water bottles to have their water tested.
- 4) Brown Farm Lane Property well testing is progressing. Determination to move forward or not by the end of the year.
- 5) Annual Rye Water District meeting will be March 22, 2025.

## Sewer Commission: November 12th

No video as the meetings are at the RBVD building

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Pump station work continued, Generator replacement was in process. Abenaqui Pump station has been painted. Jenness Beach Pump station pumps are scheduled for delivery on November 27th.
- 2) NHDES Wastewater Engineering Services Bureau now has a Financial Analyst to help municipalities.
- 3) Alternate GIS system was evaluated, decision to stay with Arc GIS.
- 4) 2193 Ocean Blvd. granted a one time abatement, pending installation of a secondary meter.
- 5) 12 Surf Lane received an abatement and will have a secondary meter installed
- 6) 2595 Ocean Blvd received a one time abatement and will install a secondary meter.
- 7) 30 Surf Lane received a one time abatement pending repair of irrigation system and installation of a secondary meter.
- 8) Accepted the low bid for paving Church Rd. Pump station.

## 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: No November meeting**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) NHHOP Phase III grant has been submitted.
- 2) NH HOP Phase II final draft should be received and reviewed prior to the December 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's supporting infrastructure.

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

### **Master Plan Steering Committee: November 12th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Non available [Agenda](#)

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

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

Proposed Timeline: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Reviewed and commented the current draft.
- 2) Next review scheduled for the December 10th meeting.
- 3) Master Plan Steering Committee is set to sunset in December, then the Planning Board will need to have Public Hearings before accepting the final Master Plan rewrite.
- 4) **Draft** Documents shared with the Planning Board in October

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: November 14th and 26th**

Draft meeting minutes: None available

Recorded video: [November 14th](#) and [November 26th](#)

**December 17th Public Hearings (note proposed Ordinances can't be changed at the Deliberative meeting)**



[RZO 2025-04](#) Solar Ordinances

[RZO 2025-05](#) Wetlands Conservation District 190-3.1

[RZO 2025-08](#) Signs

### **To be discussed at the December 17th Planning Board meeting**

[RZO 2025-06](#) Amend 190-5.10 Fences and walls

[RZO 2025-07](#) Amend Definition of Structure

RZO 2025-09 Addition of use districts **Not Posted**

RZO 2025-10 Add definitions of structures **Not Posted**

RZO 2025-11 Amend 190-6.1 Nonconforming lots **Not Posted**

RZO 2025-12: Amend parking calculations **Not Posted**

LDR 2025-01 - Amend Retaining Wall **Not Posted**

LDR 2025-02 Outdoor Lighting **Not Posted**

### **Planning Board Meeting November 19th**

Approved [LDR 2024-02 Article IV](#)

Approved [LDR 2024-03 202-7.3](#) Inspection of Construction

### **Approved at October 15h Planning Board for Public Hearing**

[LDR Amendment 2024-01](#) 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

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

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

- 1) See Land Development Regulations approved (above)
- 2) 34 Fielding Way Approved ADU with conditions to be completed [Lot diagram](#), [Draft NOD](#)
- 3) 14 Sagamore Rd. (demolished Brits Bits). Major mix use site development, with three residential units and commercial space. Site Walk December 3rd noon. [Site Diagram](#), [lot diagram](#), [residential units](#), [commercial building](#)
- 4) Rules of Procedures modified to include the Technical Review Committee.
- 5) 295 Lafayette Rd. (Benchmark expansion) Voluntary Lot merger approved 5-1
- 6) See above Rules and Regulation changes and Master Plan information above.

## **Planning Board Agenda December 17th**

Agenda None

- 1) See above Ordinance changes
- 2) 14 Sagamore Rd. Major Development

### **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: November 6th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

**Note: Notice of Decisions do not list the variances or conditions.**

- 1) 10 Eagle Rock Rd and 17 Fairhill Ave. Lot line adjustments approved 5-0. [NOD #45-2024](#)
- 2) 32 Cable Rd. condominium conversion continued. [See Criteria](#)
- 3) 11 Straws Point Approved 5-0 [NOD #47-2024](#) Note, Variances are not listed on the NOD (notice of decision). This is a demolition of two homes and construction in the coastal wetland buffer and with several other variances. In the Coastal Overlay and Wetland Conservation zones, there may also be suggested conditions.
- 4) 871 Ocean Blvd. Approved 5-0 multiple variances for garage and generator within the setbacks and wetlands, in Coastal Overlay and Wetlands Conservation. [NOD #48-2024](#)

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

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 10 Hunters Run. Shed inside boundary
- 2) 32 Cable Rd. Special Exception for the six condo units. Received other variances the previous meeting
- 3) 18 Tower Ave. Fence 6' 6"
- 4) 30 Straws Point Two dwellings on one lot, tree cutting, surface alterations



## **Rye Library**

Library Strategic Plan page: [Click Here](#)

Library Usage Statistics: [Click Here](#)

Friends of RPL: [Click Here](#)

RPL Facebook page: [Click Here](#)

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

Sign up for Monthly Newsletter: [Click Here](#)

## **Library Board of Trustees (LBOT) Meeting: November 7th & 12th**

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

Video Recording: [November 7th](#) and [November 12th](#)

- 1) Kindle use has dropped, with increases in Hoopla and Libby. LBOT agreed to cancel Kindle.
- 2) HVAC Capital Reserve warrant article to be submitted to Becky Bergeron and Janice Ireland
- 3) Library survey, Over 200 surveys have been returned to date. Closing date of survey is Nov. 30th.

## **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.](#)

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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.](#)

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## 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) November 14th**

November 14 Meeting Agenda [CLICK HERE](#)

November 14 Meeting Minutes (not available 11/30)

Video Streaming November 14 Meeting [CLICK HERE](#)

November 18 Site Walk Minutes [CLICK HERE](#)



## Rye Recreation

First Monday of the month

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

Program Flyers: [Click Here](#)

Online Registration page: [Click Here](#)

Recreation 2011 Master Plan: [Click Here](#)

### **Recreation Commission Meeting: November 4th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: not available

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

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

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

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: November 7th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) The Commission discussed possible nominees for the Louise Tallman Award for the work they have done to help preserve Rye's heritage.
- 2) The Commission reviewed the draft flier submitted by Treasurer White for the annual fundraising project which will be for shutters in 2024.

### **Demolition Review Committee: November 12th & 21st**

Draft Minutes: Nov 12th [Click Here](#) and Nov 21st: Not available

Agenda: Nov 12th [Click Here](#) and Nov 21st [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: Nov 21st [Click Here](#)

#### **Nov 12th**

- 1) Review application for demolition at 2242 Ocean Boulevard after site walk on Nov 6. Committee voted that the house was not architecturally significant nor historically important and that the demolition would not be a detriment to the neighborhood.
- 2) 1090 Washington Road. AYB 1785. Committee approved that a site walk was needed.

### **Historic District Commission Meeting: November 13th**

Draft Minutes: Not available

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

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

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Discussed public meeting regarding TAP Grant, which is geared toward pedestrian and bicycle safety for a designated distance of ~1950 ft along Washington Rd. Many residents are interested in the two intersections, Central & Washington at one end, and at the other Wallis & Washington, and how they will meld into the project currently underway, and which are beyond scope of current TAP project.



### **Energy & Recycling**

Rye Energy Reports: [Click Here](#)

Recycling Brochure: [Click Here](#)

Food Compost Program: [Click Here](#)

Zero Waste Presentation: [Click Here](#)

Community Power Information: [Click Here](#)

**Transfer Station Video: [Click Here](#)**

RJH Solar Panel Tracking: [Click Here](#)

Rye Community Power: [Click Here](#)

### **Rye Energy Committee Meeting: November 19th**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

### **Rye Recycling Education Committee: November 13th**

Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video:

- 1) New Swap Shop signs made and put up
- 2) Grants through Solid Waste for Infrastructure and the Municipal Association are due by December

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

No recent meetings



**BUG THEM BEFORE THEY BUG YOU!**  
Here's how to get ahead of the bugs that bite.  
**Just find the nesting sites!**

### **Mosquito**


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

## **Mosquito Commission Meeting: November 19th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 2025 RFP (request for proposal) for mosquito services was sent out to potential vendors. Three bids were received and will be reviewed by the commission.
- 2) The Select Board voted to recommend the proposed mosquito control budget for 2025 that was presented by the Commission.
- 3) There are some concerns from residents about the tick spraying and the chemicals that are used for treatment. Chair Sanborn pointed out that Dragon uses non-toxic chemicals, so it should not be an issue for animals or humans. He agreed to discuss this further at an upcoming meeting.



### **Beach Committee**

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

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

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Beach clean up on Oct 26th had a good turnout, and was held alongside with Surfrider. Next year will consider setting up closer to Surfrider as they had a band this year and a lot of people gathered there.
- 2) Water Sample Shoulder Season a. Pirate's/Wallis continues thru Nov, with sampling Nov. 6 and 20; b. Testing at Sawyers is ongoing and continues year-round; c. Potential to add May date at Pirate's/Wallis depending upon budget
- 3) Potential Warrant Article – Consistent hours for dogs on beach as dogs are currently not allowed on town beaches after 7 pm on Saturdays, unlike other days.

## **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.

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

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

### **Community Engagement Committee : November 26th**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: Not Available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

### **Town Hall Restoration Advisory Committee: November 6th**

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video:

### **Land Use Information Guide Advisory Committee Nov. 20th**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: not available

Recorded Video: not available

1) Agreed to put forward recommendations at the Nov. 25th Select Board.

- Consolidated Application Checklist (similar to other communities)
- Single "gatekeeper" person to inform what is required (similar to other communities)
- Monitor process

2) Post meeting, the Select Board shared a long guide Chair Epperson requested the Town Attorney create. [Click Here](#)

### **Coastal Infrastructure Review Committee: November 18th**

Agenda: Not sure where this would be

Draft Minutes: not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

### **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](#)

Video about Rye PTA, Rye Education Foundation and the Civic League: [Click Here](#)

Town Facebook page: [Click Here](#)

Rye Police Facebook Page: [Click Here](#)

Rye 400 page: [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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