

January 2025

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RCL Warrants & Budgets – Jan. 30th 7pm RPL

Town Deliberative Meeting & Civic Fest Feb. 1st 9am RJH

January is Rye Civic League Membership month:

While the monthly Civic News is free, the Rye Civic League does have annual operations costs. If you have not recently donated, please consider making a [CONTRIBUTION](#). We suggest \$12 annually (\$1 a month), but most are much more generous (and appreciative of all that the Civic League volunteers do - [you too could be one](#) of the volunteers).

TIME TO BE AN ENGAGED RYE CITIZEN

ELECTED POSITIONS

Filing Period is January 23rd to January 31st. Town Hall Annex for Town and SAU 50 Greenland Office Schools Positions.. [Click Here](#) for openings
Questions about what is involved? [E-mail](#) the Civic League and we can help.

ANNUAL Civic League Budget & Warrant Presentation and Discussion

Townhall Streams: [Click Here](#) Zoom Link: [Click Here](#)
Thursday, January 30th 7:00pm at the Rye Public Library

From Taxes to Budgets the RCL provides explanations and trends
Background information is presented on Warrant Articles.

Some topics: Spending articles, Dogs, buying Breakfast Hill Landfill, Changing the Select Board and Conservation Commission, Tennis Courts and more.

Note: Budget Committee provided a [Budget Presentation](#) at the Jan. 16th Public Hearing. This and the section below have the narratives from departments.

Town Deliberative Meeting: Saturday, February 1st 9:00am Rye Junior High School

This is your chance to hear from fellow residents.
Ask direct questions to the Select Board and Department Heads
Those in attendance can modify the wording of what will be on the March 11th ballot.

RYE CIVIC FEST February 1st RJH (lunch break)

At the Deliberative Meeting Lunch break come and meet with your local government leaders and other Rye Groups in the RJH Cafeteria.
Food Provided by **Seacoast Soups**, **Common Roots** and your Rye Civic League. The Tomato soup is Gluten and lactose free.

School Deliberative Meeting: Wed, February 5th 6:30pm Rye Junior High School

Come and ask the School Board questions about the budget and warrant articles.
Wording on warrants can be modified by those in attendance.

Candidates Night: March 6th 7pm Rye Junior High School

Come and ask direct questions to candidates on the Town and School ballots

Town & School Voting: Tuesday, March 11th 8am to 7pm Rye Elementary School

Town Absentee ballot form: [Click Here](#)

Elected Positions with Expiring Terms

Additional positions may be available if people resign early.

Filing period to run is now until Friday, January 31st

- Select Board - 1 3 year term
- Cemetery Trustee - 1 3 year term
- Library Trustee - 1 3 year term
- Trustee of the Trust Funds - 1 3 year term
- Budget Committee: 2 3 year terms
- Planning Board: 2 3 year terms
- Board of Adjustment (ZBA): 1 3 Year Term
- Sewer Commission: 1 3 year term
- School Board: 2 3 year terms
- School District Clerk 1 3 year term
- School District Treasurer 1 3 year term

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
Beach Committee -	1 Alternate Vacancy
CIP Committee –	1 Member Vacancy

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](#), [Motorcycle](#)
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](#)

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](#)

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

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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