

## February 2025

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### **January was Rye Civic League Membership month:**

THANK YOU FOR Everyone who did donate.

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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).

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

### **January Highlights (video)**

1) Here's what you missed if you weren't at the Town Deliberative meeting [Recorded Video](#) 9 hours.

Residents enjoyed the opportunity to socialize during the Civic League Sponsored Civic Fest (food donations from Common Roots and Seacoast Soups) despite the Select Board request to push through with no lunch break. Note meeting went to 5pm.

[Warrant Budget ....Green sheet](#) (2024 Actuals are from 10/31/24 and may still not be updated to that date). [MS-737 ....Default Budget](#)

Article 5: Harbor Rd. Bridge, \$975K went from a bond to cash from the un-assigned account balance

Article 6: \$789K went from 100% bond, to using \$230K from the Reserve fund and the balance bonded

Article 7: Tennis Court was not made to study, will stay on the ballot as is

Article 8: Corrected a math error on the sum

Article 13: Buying the Breakfast Hill Landfill price went from \$85K, down to \$1 and back to \$85K. Added wording so voters know it has known carcinogens. Budget Committee explained its 6 Opposed and 2 abstained votes.

Article 15: Corrected the wording as the land is not Conservation property.

Article 16: Corrected amount to \$35K (what was previously approved)

Article 17: Fixed the lease price error to \$15K as it is \$5K per year

Article 26: Select Board action to over-ride 2018 Warrant article that requires voter approval to buy and sell land/property remains with the voters was changed "to Study".

Article 27: Dogs banned all day changed "To Study"

Article 28: Removed the connections to Article 27, will now have consistent summer dog hours (No dogs all days 9am to 7pm during the summer).

Article 29: Making Conservation Commission elected changed "To Study"

Article 30: Select Board effort to required all Conservation purchases require an appraisal and be no more than 20% different, was changed "To Study".

Article 31: Petitioned Warrant Article to move to a 5 Member Select Board was modified to use the RSA specific language that could no longer be modified at the Deliberative Session.

2) Select Board, School Board and Budget Committee are the only competitive races for the March 11th. Note: Candidates night is March 6th 7pm RJH.

3) Budget Committee raised questions and insisted on more information to understand why the Select Board signed a \$85K Purchase and Sale agreement to buy the Breakfast Hill Landfill that is emitting carcinogens into the water system. As Rye is the landfill permit holder, the town benefit from owning the landfill was unclear. Budget Committee vote was 6 opposed to recommendation, 2 abstained.

4) Only one Budget Committee opposed fully bonding the \$789K for the Fire Engine. See analysis produced by Budget Committee Member Dumas. [Click Here.](#)

5) Annual Civic League [Budget](#) and [Warrant](#) (includes explanation of 2024 taxes). For video recording [Click Here](#) and for presentation Note these will be updated to reflect changes made at the Deliberative Meeting.

6) [NH RSA 32:15](#) prohibits district commissioners and Select Board members from being elected as at-large Budget Committee members. Scott Marion stepped down from the Budget Committee as he is also a Water Commissioner. Budget Committee member questioned why the Town/Town Counsel had not acted on this sooner.

7) Town is accepting the two Solar Panel Grants, one for \$79K for the Public Safety Building and the other \$46K for Recreation. Part of the Safety Building roof will be replaced first.

8) Suggestions and ideas from new Rye Water District (RWD) Administrator resulted in substantial 2024 RWD Savings, so 2025 Budget is lower, some warrants will be funded from un-assigned account balance and buying down the tax rate.

9) Planning Board along with members of the Master Plan Steering Committee held hours of sessions to discuss Planning Board and RWD comments. [See Draft](#). February 18th Planning Board will hear inputs from the Public.

10) Jenness Beach Village District did not present a budget to the Budget Committee.

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## **General Announcements**

**School Deliberative Meeting is Tuesday, February 4th 5:30pm RJH. [Warrants](#)**

1) Master Plan input workshop February 18th Town Hall 6pm. [Click Here](#) for the draft.

Public input is welcome, but speaking comments must be succinct (time limit). [E-mail](#) other inputs to the Planning Administrator.

2) Remember that there is Sand/Salt at the Transfer Station for residents.

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

4) Rye Advocates for Historic Preservation [see new website](#) - Ryeadvocates.com in which the history of old houses can be searched by road.

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

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

7) 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](#)

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## **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 -	1 Alternate Vacancy
Town Center Committee	2 Alternate Vacancies
Energy Committee –	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
Town Hall Restoration Advisory Committee	1 Member Vacancy

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## **Calendar of Upcoming Meetings**

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

Energy Committee Feb 4 - 3:30pm  
Rye Water District Feb 5 - 8:30am  
Rye Town Center Committee Feb 5 - 5:30pm  
Board of Adjustment Feb 5 - 7:00pm  
Heritage Commission Feb 6 - 5:30pm  
Select Board Feb 10 - 6:30pm  
Sewer Commission Meeting Feb 11 - 8:00am  
Historic District Commission Feb 12 - 5:30pm

Conservation Commission Feb 13 - 6:30pm  
Presidents Day - Town Office Closed Feb 17 - 8:00am  
Planning Board Feb 18 - 6:00pm  
Recycling Education Committee Feb 18 - 6:30pm  
Rye Water District Feb 19 - 8:30am  
Cemetery Trustees Feb 20 - 1:00pm  
Select Board Feb 24 - 6:30pm

**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](#)

## Budget Committee Meetings: January 9th, 15th, 16th, 23rd and 29th

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

Draft meeting Minutes: [Jan 9th](#), 15th, [16th](#), 23rd (not posted) and 29th (not posted)

Video Recording: Jan [9th](#), [15th](#), [16th](#), [23rd](#) and [29th](#)

### January 29th District Meeting

- 1) RBVD [Budget Treasurer Report](#) - Recommended
- 2) JBVD did not attend or present a budget
- 3) RWD Budget [Budget Warrant](#) Recommended
- 4) New Administrator Goetz has saved RWD several hundred thousand dollars from the 2024 budget. Savings will be used for buying down taxes and 2025 Warrant articles.
- 5) The Lead Pipe inspection bond is actually a revolving fund that will reimburse for the work as it is completed. Repayment is at the end with an expected 71% forgiveness.

### January 23rd Budget Committee Meeting.

- 1) Select Board did not produce a warrant article for the Town and Default budgets so an additional meeting was required.
- 2) Select Board still did not provide an updated budget summary for the committee.

### January 16th Town Budget Public Hearing and Budget Committee meeting:

- 1) Additional information on \$85K Breakfast Hill Rd. Landfill Purchase.  
Purchase and Sales Agreement: [Click Here](#)  
Select Board memo to Budget Committee: [Click Here](#)  
April 2024 letter from CMA about use cases: [Click Here](#)  
Vision Card: [Click Here](#)
- 2) Detailed discussion and public comment on the Landfill. It appeared the Town did not reach out to NH DES for guidance and support for this acquisition.
- 3) Discussion of \$120K for a Tennis Court. Was recommended 6-0 with one abstention.
- 4) The \$789K Bond for the Fire Engine was discussed with [the analysis](#) from Kate Dumas. Select Board Representative Wright stated that the Select Board would not modify the warrant.
- 5) Public Hearing opened on the Town Budget. There was no updated Green Sheet of the most current budget available to the Committee or the Public. There were known budget changes but no additional

updates to budgets provided by the Select Board.

6) Chair Ross gave an overview of the [Budget Overview presentation](#). Copies were provided and discussed. The Sewer Narrative link would be added. It was noted the numbers were from what was provided November 20th and it is known that changes had been made after that date.

7) While the Budget Committee provided the updates, Select Board member Wright instructed the presentation to be removed. Note: Budget Committee was not notified of this. [Presentation](#).

#### **January 15th School Budget Public Hearing & Budget Committee Meeting:**

1) School Budget presented by School Finance Director Penny. [Summary](#), [Pie Chart](#), School location [pie chart](#), [data table](#), per [pupil cost](#) trend, [student projections](#), [SAU 50 pie chart](#).

2) Discussion of a [petitioned warrant article](#) to discuss AP options for Rye students.

3) Documents made available were discussed

1985 Letter about the Breakfast Hill Landfill. [Click Here](#)

1985 pages from the Town Annual Report: [Click Here](#)

1985 Hydrological Report: [Click Here](#)

Town Report to NHDES from CMA for 2023: [Click Here](#)

March 2024 Landfill Closure Report – NHDES: [Click Here](#)

June 2024 NHDES report to Rye: [Click Here](#)

4) Member Borne, the only one to not support fully bonding the Fire Engine, attempted to give members one more chance to change their recommendations on the more expensive full bonding of the \$789K. See [updated analysis](#) from Member Dumas. No action taken.

#### **January 9th: Budget Committee meeting**

1) Chair Scott Marion resigned as Water Commissioner, as he can't also be serving as an at-large member of the Budget Committee. Budget Committee member questioned why the Town/Town Counsel had not advised/acted sooner.

2) Vice Chair Jeff Ross was nominated as Chair, but Select Board Representative Wright recommended Michael Coutu as Chair. A tied vote led to a long standstill until M. Coutu withdrew and Jeff Ross was voted Chair and Kate Dumas Vice Chair, Steven Borne remains clerk.

3) Public Comment included former Select Board Member Tom King clarifying how Municipal Financing is different from business financing and the key point is that each tax year contributes to the equipment needed to provide services. Many members of the public with children in Rye schools and others spoke in support of the School budget.

4) All School Warrants were recommended by the Budget Committee.

5) Long discussion about the \$85K proposal to purchase the Breakfast Hill Landfill and more information is needed.

6) Budget Committee did not have all the information about the Town's plans for fully bonding the \$789K for the Fire Engine. Only one member opposed spending more than is needed just for the sake of bonding.

7) All other discussed warrant articles were recommended unanimously.

## **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 January 27th**

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting notes: None

- 1) Public Hearing on moving the Select Board to five members. Current Select Board opposes it.
- 2) Approved Police Department using \$30,518 from the Caroline C. Levine Charitable Foundation for police equipment.
- 3) [\\$100K in funds](#) were transferred from the Library to the Town. The funds are from principal amount that was to be bequeathed to the Library on the passing of the last living beneficiary.
- 4) Quotes approved for replacing a portion of the Safety Building roof in preparation for installing Solar panels on the Safety Building.
- 5) Resident Borne pointed out that Article 16 should be \$35K, not \$45K.
- 6) Recreation Deputy Director Becca McGee has resigned. No discussion of the plan as there is still a hiring freeze.

### **Select Board Meeting January 21st Bond Public Hearings**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Harbor Road residents communicate that they have different preferences for the bridge. They would prefer something that makes pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer.
- 2) Select Board decision is to bond all of the \$789K for the Fire Engine and not use either of the two reserve funds.

### **Select Board Non Public Meetings**

January 27th: Personnel and Reputation

January 13th: Personnel and Acquisition

### **Select Board Meeting January 13th**

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

- 1) Town accepted \$79K and \$46K grants to install solar panels on the Safety Building and Recreation Buildings. Part of the Safety Building roof will be replaced first.
- 2) Discussion of the signs for the Community Engagement signs that will go up. [Draft Sign](#)
- 3) Assistant Town Clerk Lindsay Murphy was appointed to also be the Deputy Treasurer supporting Town Treasurer Susan Philbrick.

## Rye Schools

Meets 3rd Wednesday at RJH



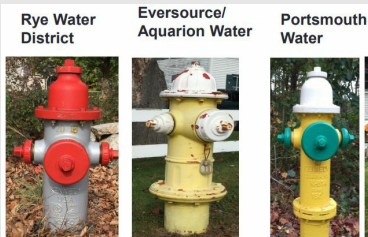
School Policies: [Click Here](#)  
 Rye 2024-25 Budget Details: [Summary](#)  
 Rye PTA: [Click Here](#)  
 Rye Education Foundation: [Click Here](#)  
 Citizen's Handbook information: [Click Here](#)  
 Introduction to PTA, REF and RCL: [Click Here](#)  
 Rye 2024-2025 School Calendar: [Click Here](#)  
 RJH Solar Panels tracking: [Click Here](#)

## **School Board Meeting: January 16th**

School Deliberative Meeting February 4th 5:30pm RJH  
[FY 26 MS-DSB](#), [2025 Warrant Articles](#), [Information for Deliberative Meeting](#)  
 Meeting Packet that is posted before the meeting: [Click Here](#)  
 Recorded Video: not posted  
 Draft Meeting Minutes: Not posted  
 SAU Sensation newsletter: from December [Click Here](#)  
 Superintendents' Report: December 2024 January not available  
 Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Report December: [Click Here](#)  
 SAU 50 Dashboard December 24: [Click Here](#) Note this is still a work in progress.  
 RES and RJH Principals updates: [Click Here](#)  
 Financial Report January Update: [Click Here](#)  
 Updated SAU Strategic Plan. [Click Here](#)  
 2024-2025 Board Meeting Dates: [Click Here](#)  
 1) No meeting minutes posted.

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

SAU 50 Strategic Plan: [Click Here](#)  
 Next SAU Joint meeting is March 26th Greenland 6:30pm  
 Next AREA meeting is March 4th 4pm at PHS  
 No minutes can be found [Agenda](#)  
 1) Area agreement folder. [Click Here](#)  
 2) PHS 2024/2025 updates [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](#)  
 2017 Infrastructure Report Card: [Click Here](#) ..... Imagine a day without water: [Click Here](#)  
 2023 Rye Civic League Water Presentation: [Click Here](#)

## **RWD Monthly Meeting: January 15th and 28th**

January 15th: [Draft Meeting minutes](#); Recorded video [Click Here](#)  
 January 28th: [Draft Meeting Minutes](#) Recorded Video; January 28th Bonding Public Hearing: Did not record  
 1) Portsmouth will lend Rye PFAS pilot testing equipment for PFOAs. RFP for Water Treatment plant was due January 17th. Next step is to interview the top firms.  
 2) Permitting process for West Road Well will take about two years and may require up to \$380K.

Warrant has a \$350K request.

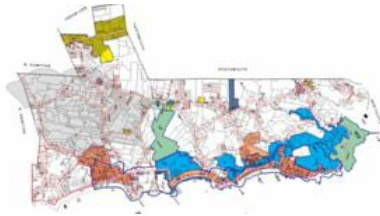
- 3) Seacoast Drinking Water Commission meets February 21st
- 4) RWD has provided comments to the Planning Board on the Master Plan draft.
- 5) Discussed the "Water has a Memory" exhibit at Strawberry Banke. [Click Here](#) Administrator Goetz will continue to be involved.
- 6) No February meetings as a quorum is not possible There will be work sessions
- 7) Finalized warrant for the 1-29 [District Budget Public Hearing](#).

## **Sewer Commission: January 14th**

No video as the meetings are at the RBVD building

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

- 1) 0 Jenness Ave. connection approved.
- 2) Two Jenness Beach pumps were replaced due to failures.
- 3) 65 Big Rock Road requires as-built updates to be submitted.
- 4) 6 Oak Avenue pressure test failed.
- 5) EPA Creating Resilient Water Utilities (CRWU) climate change risk assessment technical assistance will begin on January 22, 2025.



## **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 January meeting**

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Master Plan review discussion revealed that Rye was not awarded the Phase III funding.
- 2) NH HOP Phase II final draft was presented to the Planning Board on January 21st. [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 without an analysis of Rye's supporting infrastructure.

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

### **Master Plan Finalization Reviews: January 24th, 29th and 31st**

Recorded Video: Jan. [24th](#), [29th](#) and [31st](#)

Draft Meeting Minutes: None

December Draft of the Master Plan [Click Here](#)

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

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

Proposed Timeline: [Click Here](#)

- 1) Hours of discussions consolidated comments from Planning Board members and Rye Water District.
- 2) Plan is for a Public Workshop on February 18th 6pm Town Hall.

### **Other Information:**

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:**

1) There were a number of Land Use changes approved by the Planning Board. There is not a table of what was changed.

2) There are 22 pages of Ordinances changes that will be on the March 11th Ballot.

Article 03: [Click Here](#)

Article 04: [Click Here](#)

### **Planning Board Meeting: January 7th and 21st**

Draft Meeting minutes: Jan 7th [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: January 7th [Click Here](#) and 21st [Click Here](#)

1) 14 Sagamore Rd. Bits Brits site developers and Town Engineer Steve Hardy completed a lot of work to have all the questions addressed for the January 7th meeting.

2) Public Hearing on the remaining Zoning Ordinance and Land Development regulations. All moved forward to go on the warrant. What is now on the ballot: Article 03: [Click Here](#) Article 04: [Click Here](#)

3) Master Plan review. Member Borne provided twenty-two pages of comments. Other Members will build off of these and provide theirs to Chair Losik to consolidate.

4) 32 Cable Rd change of ownership from single ownership to a condominium. NH Court rulings made this complicated. Approved [Draft NOD](#)

5) Wentworth By the Sea Country Club reconfiguration of the pool area. [Diagrams Draft NOD](#)

6) Chair Losik consolidated members and RWD comments into a large spreadsheet organized by section. Given the hour it was not practical to start the section by section review

### **Planning Board Agenda: not yet posted for February 18th**

[Agenda](#)

#### **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: January 8th**

Draft Meeting Minutes: Not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment Agenda: Agenda not yet posted for February**





## 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: January 21st

Draft Meeting Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Video Recording: [Click Here](#)

1) DPW Director was present to hear input from the Trustees regarding the Town Center project. Trustees' concerns regard the configuration of the sidewalk in front of the Library Commons and communication of the Town Center project between interested parties (Town Center Committee, Historical Society, DPW, Public Library & the Beta Group).

2) An email from a Rye resident expressed concern about certain books and the rainbow flags in the children's section of the library. It was noted that books in the library will be addressed according to the library's stated [Material Selection Policy](#). And a decision was made for the Trustees to develop a policy on displays in the library.

## 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) January 9th and 13th**

Draft Meeting minutes: Note posted [Agenda](#)

Recorded video: [Click Here](#)

January 13th Site Walk Minutes: [Click Here](#)

RCL Notes: [Click Here](#)

### **Highlights**

- 1) 2170 Ocean Blvd. [Google Map](#). Seawall 1 ft. higher and replacement of the boardwalks with granite.
- 2) 598 Bracket Rd. [Google Map](#). Deck 11ft from wetland replaced with deck 11 ft from wetland and stairs 8ft from wetland buffer.
- 3) There was a Trails for People and Wildlife Workshop on January 3rd.



### **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: January 6th**

Meeting Minutes: not available

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

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

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

February Senior Luncheon: Thursday, February 13th noon to 2pm [More Information](#)

Canasha Card Group? Thursdays January 7, 14 and 28. Wednesday January 22nd. [More Information](#)

Adult Yoga & Meditation: [Click Here](#)

Adult Chair Yoga: [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: January 2nd**

Video: [Click Here](#)

Draft Meeting minutes: [Click Here](#)

1) From the December appeal, where 3,025 fliers were mailed out, the Commission has received 36 contributions in the amount of \$4,725. This amount is below last year, but on par with previous years prior to Rye400.

2) The Commission has a commitment of \$12,825 for the Town Hall shutters, with half of that being paid.

The donations will be put towards the shutters, which is short for the balance.

3) Tom Sedoric was appointed to be an alternate member on the Demolition Review Committee

4) Rye Advocates, at the next Select Board meeting, will present home awards to 484 Brackett Rd, 9 Dow Lane, and 546 Washington Rd

### **Demolition Review Committee: January 17th**

Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1) 36 Straw Point Rd: unanimous approval as not architecturally significant nor historically important, & demolition not a determinant to the neighborhood.

### **Historic District Commission Meeting: January 15th**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

### **Rye Town Center Committee Meeting: January 8th**

Draft Minutes: [Click Here](#)

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

1) Update on BETA Engineering Firm's progress for TAP project: The firm is working on road layout with the intent on not taking easements.

2) **BETA** has started looking into Lang Road intersection. It is noted that Police Chief Walsh is not in favor of the three-way stop and doesn't want to take away the two lanes for turning off Lang onto Washington. And there are some people that want Lang to be two lanes. BETA will be asked to come up with the best solution.



### **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: January 14th**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

### **Rye Recycling Education Committee: January 21st**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: not available

Recorded Video:

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

No recent meetings



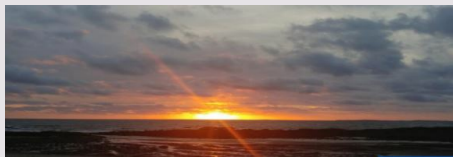
## Mosquito

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

### **Mosquito Commission Meeting: No January Meeting**

Recorded Video:

Draft minutes:



## Beach Committee

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

### **Beach Committee Meeting: No January Meeting**

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video:

### **Trustee of the Trust Funds Meeting: No January Meeting**

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video:

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

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

### **Community Engagement Committee : No January Meeting**

Agenda:

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video:

### **Town Hall Restoration Advisory Committee: No January Meeting**

Draft Minutes:

Recorded Video:

### **Land Use Information Guide Advisory Committee January 23rd**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

## **Coastal Infrastructure Review Committee: January 30th**

Agenda: [Click Here](#)

Draft Minutes: not available

Recorded Video: [Click Here](#)

## **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): None for 2024**

Select Board has a posted meeting January 8th at 9am [Agenda](#)

[Click Here](#) to see past CIP Related Warrant Articles.

- 1) The CIP met once this year and did not have any subsequent meetings.
- 2) CIP update from last year: 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan ([Click Here](#))

## **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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