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SPECIAL TOWN DELIBERATIVE SESSION WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH 4:30PM RYE JUNIOR HIGH SHOOOL

Plus: Rye Civic Leage Survey on Town Voting

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The all volunteer Rye Civic League provides the Civic News & MORE!!!

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Rye Civic League Town Voting Survey

What can be done to get more residents voting in the March Town elections and participating in Deliberative sessions? In general, March voters are only about 1/3 of the people who vote in the November Federal and State Elections.

Please help inform the Rye Civic League by completing this Survey: [CLICK HERE](#)

When completed the Civic League will share the results and have an open Public Discussion about possible actions.

The Special Deliberative Meeting is for four (4) Warrants

Full text is below: Town Posting of warrant [Click Here](#)

Article 1: Designate Goss Farm Barn as a wildlife free barn

Article 2: Adopt a proposed Bird Ordinance (text and ordinance link below)

Article 3: Change method of electing the Conservation Commission

Article 4: Keep trails open on Town land.

If the meeting starts at 4:30pm - What about dinner?

Rye Civic League and Common Roots are
providing sandwiches in the Cafeteria after the Deliberative Session.

Feel free to bring a side dish or deserts to share with your friends and neighbors.

We hope you will join us and socialize once the Deliberative Session ends.

What happens at a Deliberative Session?

- First, the moderator reads the rules of the Deliberative Session.
- Then, she introduces each of the Warrant Articles
- After each introduction, the lead petitioner speaks first on the warrant article.
- Then residents can move to make changes to the article or speak in general about the article.
Note: Changes have to be provided in writing. If changes do not delete the article in its entirety and the original topic remains in the article, those in attendance vote to approve or not changes to the wording.
- Each amendment to an article must be completed before other changes are considered.
- If the question is called. Those in attendance vote to allow the discussion to end or can vote against the article being called, which allows discussion to continue.
- When the articles is called and voted to end discussion, the final wording is what will be voted on September 8th.
Note: Restricting Reconsideration. The moderator will most likely prompt for a motion to restrict reconsideration of each article. If this passes, then the Deliberative Session is prevented from returning to that article for additional discussion.

Town posting of the Article: [Click Here](#)

Article 1 Goss Farm Barn to be Wildlife Free

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote: to designate the Goss Farm Barn as a wildlife-free municipal building in perpetuity for public use, educational programs, agricultural interpretation, community activities, and preservation of Town property; authorize the prevention of the nesting, roosting, habitation or occupancy of wildlife within the Goss Farm Barn; authorize Town officials to take all lawful and necessary measures to prevent wildlife entry and reoccupation of the building; and authorize the use of professionally recommended exclusion, deterrence, removal, and wildlife-management practices, consistent with all applicable Federal and State laws, in order to preserve the barn as a safe, sanitary, publicly accessible facility for current and future generations? This vote shall supersede any enacted Town ordinances, policies resolutions or votes inconsistent with this vote. (Majority vote required.)

Artilce 2 Bird Conservation Ordinance

Ordinance Wording

Article 2. To see if the Town shall vote to adopt the proposed Bird Conservation Ordinance establishing criteria and requirements to protect birds and bird habitat in the care, protection, preservation, and use of Town-owned lands and structures. (Majority vote required.)

A copy of said Bird Conservation Ordinance is available for inspection at the Rye Town Offices during regular business hours.

Article 3 Method of Electing Conservation Commission

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to change the method of selecting Conservation Commission members from appointed to elected, as provided in RSA 36-A:3, II(a), whereby all conservation commission positions shall be filled for one, two, and three-year terms commencing at the next regular town election (2027 Town Meeting), the terms of one-third of the conservation commission members shall expire each year, and successors shall be elected for terms of three years each. (Majority vote required.)

Article 4 Keep Trails on Town Land open

Article 4. Shall the Town adopt the following resolution: To keep the trails on Town land open, in perpetuity, as were in place prior to the Rye Conservation Commission vote on April 30, 2026, to decommission said trails? The exception being that the Cedar Run “Red” trail that is located partially on private land shall be rerouted off of said private land so as to be located on Town land and which shall thus be retained via this new route. (Majority vote required.)

Membership Opportunities

About Us

An Invitation to membership in the Rye Civic League

The Civic News is free and distributed to over 1,600 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

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...
- Knowledge that you are participating in raising citizen awareness of, and promoting participation in Rye's important civic affairs.

Become a member or renew!!!!

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

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 Us

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Rye Civic News



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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