

Rye Civic League Notes

Rye CONSERVATION COMMISSION (RCC) Thursday, July 12, 2018

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1. NH DES has hired a new compliance officer to follow up on all permits issued on the Seacoast over the last four years.
2. An idea from the Dogs at Large Committee for temporary leash requirements on certain Town Forest trails will need to be discussed by all parties before any proposal is brought to the table.
3. The Commission continues to deal with wetland buffer clearing and filling/raising violations, after the fact. Native re-plantings are generally being required.

Location of properties and property details can be accessed on the Rye GIS system [Click Here](#). Enter address or map lot numbers to view.

1611 Ocean Blvd, Tax Map 012, Lot 027 Owner: Huff, Stevan
Roof deck

The owner would like to build a roof deck on the non-conforming structure. A site walk was scheduled.

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As the property is in the wetlands buffer the commission requested a 10' buffer of native plantings be installed and if so would have no objection to the variance requested for the deck.

261 Brackett Road, Tax Map 019, Lot 095

Vikki Howard

Trees and fill

Owners were notified via a Notice of Violation that they were doing work in the wetland buffer. Gardens needed to be replanted and some diseased trees (4) were removed. When the trees were removed, they found a concrete barrier and gravel placed by a previous owner to keep water out of the yard. No fill was placed but top soil was. They are proposing native plantings. A site walk was scheduled.

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The commission requested the owners replace the trees in kind and maintain the native plants around the pond. Owners stated they wanted to

add more native shrubs, apple trees, and a peach tree. They agreed to no further intrusions into the buffer.

77 Parsons Road, Tax Map 20.2, Lot 34

Owner: Arthene Gee, Jane

Planting plan, Atty Time Phoenix

Clearing was conducted in the wetland buffer and debris added to piles in the buffer. More work than expected was done by the landscaper and five mature pines were also taken out. Raised beds are now proposed closer to the house as well as native re-plantings. The commission's recommendations, based on the May 20th site walk were reviewed in context of the presented plan. Attorney Phoenix requested matter be tabled until he can draft a letter addressing the plan.

17 Brackett Road, Tax Map 022, Lot 071 Mark West

A wedding is planned and some land had receded. The owner wants to level a small corner for the wedding tent and in exchange for an area of native plantings to be added along the water. The backyard currently goes from grass right to the high-water line. A 16'-18' foot shrub buffer is proposed in exchange for re grading the lawn. A site walk was scheduled.

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Commission agreed to recommend approval of leveling the ground to install a party tent and a plan that (2) 200 foot areas with 20 native shrubs and other native vegetation will be planted along Berry Brook and that no mowing between shrubs of the native plantings will occur.

1146 Ocean Blvd, Tax Map 19.4, Lot 089

Owner: Katz, Jeffrey

Mark West

ZBA-RCC, planting plan

The owner says he did not receive the 2016 Commission site walk recommendations letter but that the key item was replacement of the septic for this property in the impaired Parsons Creek Watershed. The owner claimed mostly invasive species were taken out to put the new septic system and it appears the area was replanted with lawn not native plants. It appears the native planting recommendation was not on the ZBA Notice of Decision at the time. The owner agreed to more native plantings which will be added to an amended plan.

1237 Ocean Blvd, Tax Map 17.3, Lot 003 Owner: Scott, Judy

Trees down in marsh

DES thought the down trees were fine in the marsh. The owner would like to remove them. The commission agreed with the DES recommendation that if they are removed they be done so by hand and the stumps left.

Town Forest Mapping

It was decided it was premature to share the Town Forest map developed by Member Garvan with the Rockingham Planning Commission or a party seeking to publish trail maps as the map and potentially trail locations is a work in progress.

Town Forest

Temporary leash requirement idea from Dogs at Large Committee on portion of Green Trail and portion of Blue Trail to protect abutters was discussed. All parties (RCC, Rockingham Planning Commission, and Town Forester) will need to meet before any proposal is brought to the table.

Vice-Chair McFarland noted that NH DES has hired a compliance officer to follow up on all permits that have been issued in the seacoast over the past four years.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Acquisition (2) per RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Legal