

Rye Civic League Notes
Rye Conservation Commission July 2019

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Official Draft Minutes July 11, 2019 Meeting (not available at press time)

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Official Draft Minutes July 17, 2019 Site Walk [CLICK HERE](#)

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Highlights:

- **1090 Washington Road** Driftwood Equestrian (formerly Independence Farm). Multiple encroachments into the conservation easement have recently occurred without CC review . The July 11 site walk reviewed these and approved with some conditions: electrical permits, manure management plan, and no parking on the easement for new riding arena.

July 11, 2019 Site Walk Notes

1090 Washington Road, Driftwood Equestrian, Tax Map 6 Lot 28

RCC members present at site walk: Chair Sally King. Members: Heather Reed, Susan Shepcaro, Jaci Grote and Mike Garvan.

Present: Michael Donovan, Rye town attorney; Philip Lake attorney for Driftwood Equestrian; Alysson Siopes, David Tromp; Peter Powell, Rye Building Department; Lucy Braun and John Tredenick.

The purpose of the site walk was to discuss compliance with the conservation easement on the property. A number of changes to the property outside of the “building envelope” had been observed carried out without notifying the Conservation Commission (CC) as required by the easement. They include:

- A shed was moved into the envelope. As moving it back might impede an emergency exit of horses. CC decided it can remain and electricity can be installed as long as permits are obtained.
- A well was installed outside the building envelope. The CC decided it was useful and could remain as long as proper permits for electricity are obtained.
- A large manure pile was previously observed outside envelope. The situation has improved. The CC asked the owners for a manure management plan.
- A large pile of debris was pushed into the woods. The CC wants it chipped or burned.
- A 240 foot x 120 foot riding arena is being built for events where up to 50 horses may be present. The CC does not want to see parking of trucks and trailers in the conservation easement. Parking should only be in the building envelope.

- A 150 foot by 50 foot garlic garden is being created in the conservation easement and it was decided it was a permitted agricultural use.
- There were no objections to a temporary tent farm stand tent close to the edge of the easement.

July 17, 2019 Site Walk Notes

3:30 pm: 24 Robin Road, Tax Map 202 Lot 117, Owner: Allison Pellegrino

A large tree in the wetland buffer fell and was cut into sections and removed with mechanical equipment. Debris remain. It can be removed with mechanical equipment if ground is dry as the area is already disturbed otherwise, if wet, it must be removed by hand. The area to be reseeded with conservation seed mix.

4:00 pm: 23 Harborview Drive, Tax Map 026 Lot 004, Owner: Matthew & Kate Siler

The existing home will be torn down and rebuilt with slightly improved impervious coverage, further back from the creek, storm water management, and a new septic system. There will be some disturbance of the wetland buffer. The current lawn in the buffer extends to a stone wall near the water edge. Erosion was observed. The CC is requesting that the owners plant native plantings to a depth of an average 7 feet along the wall in a three year plan.

4:45 pm: 112 Perkins Road, Tax Map 052 Lot 177, Owners Melissa & Kevin Janvrin

Evaluation of a tear down and rebuild of a 50 foot x 30 foot home which is entirely in the wetland buffer. The driveway will be pervious and the roof storm water will be captured in a stone drip edge and a shed and concrete pad will be removed. Planting of blueberry bushes at the lawn edged was proposed and agreed to by CC.