

RCL Notes
Rye Conservation Commission
August 2019

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August Highlights

1. Ray's Seafood. As part of project to replace septic which will go under the parking lot a storm water management plan to help keep run off out of the marsh will be implemented
2. Driftwood Equestrian. Site walk discussed future potential paddocks in the fields, training days event parking, employee housing, and an annual maintenance plan
3. Burke Pond Dam at the Abeniqui is in bad shape and reducing pressure on it has caused beavers to build a 100' long dam further back causing flooding behind and a potential downstream flood hazard if the beaver dam breaches and impacts the dam. Work on the dam is proposed for early fall.

August 8 Meeting

Ray's Seafood – owner Andy Widen

1677 Ocean Boulevard, Tax Map 013, Lot 12, 13, 14

Bruce Scamman – engineer

Newer proposal – Scourlok for berm, plantings

A new septic will be installed under most of the parking lot.

The town asked that no direct run off go into the marsh as previously. A storm water management system will be implemented. A Scourlok bank stabilization system(large fabric containers filled with soil and rock below to stabilize and filter water) will be installed, 10 feet of pavement will be removed, a 5' vegetative buffer planted, and a drainage structure with no rip rap and no direct outlet to the marsh installed.

The commission agreed no additional site walk was required.

161 Harbor Road, Tax Map 9.2, Lot023

Owner:Plans state Jalbert Residence

Ambit Engineering – Steve Riker Tidal docking structure

A new 4' x 20' tidal docking structure is proposed for house under construction with winter removable float and gangway. A site walk was scheduled.

175 Harbor Road, Tax Map 9.2, Lot 022

Owner: Valley Family Trst, Bruce and Nancy Valley Trustees

Applicant: Moorings at Rye Harbor Homeowners' Association
Ambit Engineering: Steve Riker
Tidal docking structure replacement

Replacement of a dock damaged by an off moorings fishing boat. Proposed replacement pier is the same a 6' x90'. Proposed gangway and float are to be 2' longer than previous to get boats closer to mean water mark. Project is subject to Army Corps of Engineers review. A site walk was scheduled.

200 Parsons Road, Tax Map 5.3, Lot 70

Owner: Paul Bacon
Alex Ross
Attorney Phoenix

The house is on a steep slope and has a new septic system. The owner would like to install a landscape wall and fix a retaining wall. A site walk was scheduled.

2250 Ocean Boulevard, Tax Map 5.3, Lot 70

Owner James Holland
Alex Ross
Ambit Engineering – Plan of 2016
Attorney Phoenix

According to the Acting Chair what was approved on 2016 plans is not what was built. The driveway expanded, a patio added, a concrete walkway deleted and a small wood deck added with the net result according to the engineer of a "bit less" impervious surface. The house itself was built according to the original plan.

The building inspector also noted a retaining wall, stone patio and enlarged patio all not on approved plans as well as an outdoor shower. In speaking to a neighbor, Acting Chair Farland found out the added patio may be 1' from the neighbor's property line. A site walk was scheduled.

824 Ocean Boulevard, Tax Map 231, Lot 029-001, Breakers condos

Owner: Sally Sheehan
Shannon TMS Architects

Raze existing house, new house on same footprint on stilts. Stairs increase due to raised height. House will be raised to comply with potential future FEMA requirements. It is currently in the AO zone and will be raised to VE zone height. A site walk was scheduled.

Monitoring RCC Easements

A draft document for a monitoring process for RCC Easements was submitted for review.

Town Forest Management Plan

The RCC is insisting that a wildlife management section needs to be included in the Town Forest Management Plan as it was in the 2003 Plan, updated and “if not more”. The forester working on the plan will seek assistance in completing this.

Burke Pond Dam at Abeniqui Country Club

Due to the poor condition of the dam pressure on the dam has been lowered which has caused beavers to build a 100’ long 18” dam further back “thousands or millions of gallons of water” into nature conservancy land according to the Abeniqui This may cause a potential flood hazard if the beaver dam breaches in a storm downstream at the Burke Dam. Work on the stone dam is being evaluated for later this year.

Member Truslow suggested that the engineers also look at removing the dam to re-establish the natural stream flow.

Site Walk Tuesday August 6, 2019 **Driftwood Equestrian, 1090 Washington Road**

August 6th Site Walk Official Draft Minutes [CLICK HERE](#)

Future Potential Paddocks in the Fields

Initial discussion was of changes since the 1998, and in the future, to the agricultural uses of the “open fields”. The owners would like to have flexibility for future potential owners (although current owners have no plans now) for increased paddocks in the fields. Wording to the effect of not precluding proposing new paddocks to the West was discussed to allow future owners to ask the commission to allow such new paddocks.

Parking during Training Days

There was discussion of parking during “training days” when trailers and vehicles would be on the property. A full site plan of existing and proposed (arena) with a parking plan was requested so the commission could determine what the impact of training days was. It was agreed there will be no training days until there is an approved parking plan.

It was agreed Atty Donovan will work on a memorandum of understanding based on the site walk discussions.

Discussion of Employee Housing

The approved employee apartment was reviewed and approved by the Building Inspector this year.

There was discussion of the camper on the property. The owners will have it removed by November 1st when it goes to Florida. It was determined camper as a living space was a town ordinance issue, not allowed currently.

Yearly Maintenance Plan

There was discussion of the request by the building inspector for a yearly maintenance and projects plan for the property. The owners submitted a sample plan which the commission will review at a later meeting.