

Rye Conservation Commission Nov 14th Meeting

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Public Hearings to discuss 2 acquisitions totaling about 3.5 acres: 51 West Road, 0 Williams ST.

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RCL Notes

0 Brackett Road, Tax Map 019 Lot 136

Owner: Marc Grondahl

Attorney Jonathan Havey

Wetlands crossing for a driveway on land without a structure

Approximately 1856 square feet will be impacted by a driveway to reach the buildable portion of the lot
A site walk was scheduled

16 Richard Road (0 Richard Road), Tax map 5.2 Lot 156 Owner: East Field Holdings, LLC

Jones and Beach Engineers

Building department, buffer restoration plan

A new plantings plan was accepted. Plantings will be reviewed before a Certificate of Occupancy is issued,

4 Washington Road, Tax map 013 lot 00 Owner: Jay Mason and Jacqueline Doherty 0.23 acre, tear down, rebuild

The wetlands setback runs through the middle of the property. The impervious area would be 1,560 square feet, which is 16.7% of the 92X65 overall lot size. The home would be in the wetland buffer and the CC will have to review.

RJH Baseball Field Planning Committee Lang field near the Rye Elementary School Fence

There is no regulation size field for 6, 7, and 8th graders. Lange Field was designed for soccer. The plan is to strip in the base paths and have a removable pitcher's mound. The Junior High field is not big enough thus Lange Field at the RES. The reason for coming to the CC is that brush (noted as mostly invasive by a member) would need to be cleared in the wetland buffer and a fence added. A site walk was scheduled.

1313 -1315 Ocean Blvd.

Recommendations from the CC in the property's Notice of Decision were not carried out per the Building Inspector. The issue is an additional mow line between the marsh grass and planting beds. The native plantings were supposed to go right to the marsh without a mow line and CC agreed this should stand.

PENDING SITE WALKS

250 Locke Road. While a CO has been issued several months ago, the recommended plantings have not been installed. The file will be reviewed and a site walk scheduled.

1611 Ocean Blvd. Plantings need to be done by June 30 with plan approved by CC. A site walk was scheduled.

“Natasha Goyette, 750 Brackett Road, presented a plan of a proposed wetland buffer garden on the north side of her property. She is planning to use Red Dogwoods from her front yard, which are currently between five to six feet tall. She estimated the depth of the garden to be from five to ten feet. She would like to start the project in the spring.

Member Grote asked Ms. Goyette to place stakes where the trees will be going in and the Commission will take a look at it.”

Town Forest Management Plan

Member Specaro (the member assigned to monitor the area with Member Garvan) stated it was a good plan with the wildlife biologist’s report (funded by the CC) now included. Member Oliver asked how goals/recommendations as in the prior plan will be followed up on.

The prior plan called for some Silviculture or judicious removal of trees but residents complained when the machines came to clear and they were withdrawn due to the protests.

The new plan calls for first goals of protecting soils and spaces with bog bridges, re-routing of trails and making sure borders are clear and that there are “no problems with abutters”. All of this is a huge amount of work over the next couple of years. Public information was highlighted as important as the plan is implemented.

Trail Gate Party

Trail Gate Party was deemed a success with 10 people in attendance. Discussion of next Trail Gate Parties at Town Forest in the spring with a potential one at West Road and a snowshoe event at the Rye Airfield property,

A member observed that she recently saw kids riding ATV on the Airfield property. Discussion of chaining it off and most likely more signage.

New Mapping by Rockingham Planning Commission

Member Grote attended a meeting where new maps of every town were presented showing the Town’s water bodies, water and sewer lines and conservation parcels. They also show the Wellhead Protection area and the location of the wells. The CC reviewed the maps.

