

Rye Conservation Commission December Meetings

Rye Civic League Notes

Headlines

1. Conservation Commission asked by Selectmen to consider a cell tower overlay zone on a 15 acre lot at end of Recreation Road. A letter from the Recreation Commission was read stating they are unanimously against.
2. Trees on conservation land at a new house on Signature Drive (South Road) have been cut and continue to be cut despite a notice of violation. Consideration of charging the owners with trespassing. Signs delineating the conservation land were not in place.
3. Joint Conservation, Select and Planning Board site walk to be scheduled for Verizon Port Way cell tower application.
4. The CC plans to appeal a DES permit issued for 314 Brackett Road as the permit was issued before the CC could fully evaluate wetlands impact as on their first site walk the driveway was not adequately marked and the number of trees (51) to be cut in the buffer not known.
5. The CC voted to acquire 0.49 acres for \$10,000 (assessed value \$37,000) off Williams Street adjacent to the Parsons Creek area marsh.

Dec.12 Meeting

Draft Minutes [CLICK HERE](#)

Video Streaming including Pollinator Pathways Workshop [CLICK HERE](#)

Dec.17 Meeting

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Dec 12 Meeting

Present: Chair Sally King, Vice Chair Suzanne McFarland, Mike Garvan, Heather Reed, Susan Shepcaro, Jeffrey Gardner
Alternates: Dana Truslow and Karen Oliver

Pollinator Pathways Workshop

Encourage Pollinators one yard at a time

Rye encouraged to participate

Cell Tower Locations

Presentation by Selectman Roman on cell tower locations including on approx.. 15 acres at the end of Recreation Road with revenue to be split between Recreation and Conservation Commissions.

Later in the meeting: Correspondence from the Recreation Commission was read stating they are unanimously against a cell tower on the property.

WETLANDS

2230 Ocean Blvd. Tax Map 53 Lot 66

Owner: Joan and Harvey Bines

Landscaping plan, required planting plan 2015 for new construction

The required 2014 landscape plan was never implemented according to owners due to blocking views of neighbors, snow storage for plow, no usable patio space

A new plan was presented. The commission expressed concerns that the north border needed something to stabilize the corners and that the property was entirely in flood zone.

Engineer to meet with owners to discuss CC concerns and return for January meeting with revised plan

Tax Map 023 Lot 001, Verizon, Cell Tower, Port Way

Attorney Victor Manougian (McLane Middleton) Audra Klumb, NH Certified Wetland Scientist

50x50' compound is in the wetland buffer

Driveway is in the buffer

Site Walk to be Scheduled with CC, Select and Planning Boards

16 Richard Road, Tax Map 5.2 Lot 156 Owners: Rob and Lori Wright Remediation

Required plantings have not been done due to time of year. Property likely to be sold. Funds will be escrowed to insure plantings will be done.

Signature Drive South Road Development Tree Cutting

Multiple violations of cutting trees on conservation land noted with notice of violation issued but cutting continues by people at a newly built house. Grass has been put on the conservation land access point. Town attorney will be contacted about charging home owner with trespassing. A member proposed a charge of "timber trespassing" which can provide 10x the damages.

It was noted that conservation land boundary markings need to be posted. A site walk will be scheduled.

Editor's Note: posting of, respect for, and enforcement of boundaries of conservation lands adjacent to new developments is a continuing problem

314 Brackett Road, Map 019 Lot 136 Owner: Marc Grondahl

A driveway plan was presented at the Nov 14 meeting. During the Nov 20 site walk it was noted the project was not well marked. In the meantime it has received a DES permit which the CC may appeal and another site walk planned.

From December 17 meeting minutes:

Grondahl DES Appeal

There was an extensive discussion of the Grondahl property and potential appeal of DES permit. It appears in this case the owners went straight to DES without enough time for the CC to review. The timing was unusually short as the CC usually works quickly when they know someone needs a permit.

The appeal would be around the fact the CC was not given the opportunity to comment.

Separately the driveway was not marked as requested for the site walk and that as a result that site walk might be considered null and void. At the second site walk Dec 16 it was noted by a number of members that if the driveway as marked was in the proposed location it could be something they could not support.

A letter will be drafted referencing the number of trees to be cut. Another site walk will be needed.

Dec 17 Meeting

Members Present: Chair Sally King, Mike Garvan, Jeff Gardner, Susan Shepcaro, Jaci Grote, Heather Reed, Danna Truslow and Karen Oliver.

Public Hearing:

Acquisition of .48 acre, 0 Williams Street, Tax Map 17.4, Lot 026, owned by Robert P. Blake and Constance L. Blake.

Assessed at \$37,000 the purchase price is \$10,000. The property abuts the marsh and purchasing it will prevent someone from building there. There will be a public access easement across the property. All presented voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

250 Locke Road

The owners want a certificate of occupancy yet no planting has been done and the rain garden has a giant pile of sand in it. Owners have had enough time to complete. Issue will be discussed with the building inspector.