

Rye Conservation Commission  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting  
Rye Civic Leagues Notes

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## **WETLANDS**

**797 Ocean Blvd, Tax Map 231, Lot 008** Owner: Aaron Proulx and Jun Lee

Removal/Rebuild fence, remove trash and debris, reinforce a retaining wall, add A/C condenser, move generator, add deck to front of the house.

Wetlands have not been recently delineated but will be when snow is gone with a survey. Concerns about how the retaining wall is dealt with and the area beyond it as it is possible everything on the other side is wetland and the house is in the buffer. It was agreed project appears to reduce impacts some. A site walk was scheduled.

## **PENDING SITE WALK REVIEWS**

### **200 Parsons Road**

Removing gravel driveway removes 41 yards of material which is significant part of the project. CC will go back in spring to look at back yard plantings and assesses what can be done in area where the gravel driveway has been removed.

### **0 Brackett Road, Tax Map 017, Lot 065**

Property owner was ordered by town to remove blasted rock brought from New Castle under penalty of a daily fine. Rocks removed. Property owners will come to a next meeting with their proposal

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Fertilizer**

Member Truslow sent a letter to members which she prepared for the Planning Board Technical Review Committee as the PB has been requiring no nitrogen or slow release nitrogen for projects in the Aquifer Protection Zone. It turns out that in addition to health concerns nitrogen is more an issue for salt water marshes while phosphorous is of greater concern for freshwater environments although on open fresh water areas nitrogen is also a concern. The soil condition is the vital thing to determine to see if nitrogen is even needed at all to fertilize.

It was agreed including by the PB Tech Advisory Committee that a public outreach and education session was a good idea.

### **Sea Glass Lane**

This concerns cleanup of saw dust piles in the conservation easement and has been an ongoing issue.

A representative of the homeowners association was on the Zoom call as he had not received a copy of the email from the original developer the CC received. The developer has received 2 proposals for removing the compacted saw dust. The situation will be assessed April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **16 Wentworth Road**

The property is located between the Saunders Point parking and the last house before the bridge to New Castle on the harbor side and sits below the road and is in the buffer to the harbor.

The footprint is proposed to increase 67% with a two car garage and blasting planned. This increase in footprint was said to be “pretty excessive”. The CC is not inclined to recommend the 2 car garage and limit blasting if any at all to what is required for two car parking and a safe turnaround and exit.

### **Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) update**

With the budget vote delayed and the consultant headed into the busiest time of year there is fear Rye may lose its place in line with the NRI, a statutory requirement and potential future funding opportunity be delayed until next year. Discussion on how to fund the retainer to get started: CC funds, a grant, etc...

It was agreed not to wait and fund initial \$2500 retainer from CC funds but before final vote and funding check with consultant if there is a way to withdraw if full amount is not budgeted by the town vote.

### **Discussion of how to manage follow up of conditions for plantings, other conditions, etc...**

There needs to be a system in place to follow up. The Building Inspector's office is too overwhelmed to go back and check on compliance to conditions. Further discussion will occur on how to manage this.

Steven Borne, a resident commented that the town as a whole has problem on follow up on granted conditions. He also suggested that money from the Grove Road cell tower payments be used to camouflage the next cell tower as the latest one was not required to be camouflaged.

The Grove Road payments are set up to go to the Fire Department and have purchased 2 ambulances via a warrant article and this was said not to be changeable.

Editor's Note: One might assume it might be by a new warrant article.