

March Rye Conservation Commission
Rye Civic League Notes

March 11 Meeting Draft Minutes [CLICK HERE](#)

March 11 Meeting Video Streaming [CLICK HERE](#)

March 8 Natural Resources Inventory Comm. Video Streaming [CLICK HERE](#) (no minutes yet)

March 8 797 Ocean Site Walk Draft Minutes [CLICK HERE](#)

Highlights

1. Joe Goss will get a piece of granite at the Goss Farm that he insists is his after request by Chief Walsh to settle the matter.
2. CC officers elected: Suzanne McFarland, Chair; Sally King, Vice Chair; Mike Garvan, Clerk
3. Trail work at Whitehorse Farm CC lands well underway with 2 trails complete
4. Items in DES state budget: water quality and sea level rise re enactment not approved. Advocacy by Seacoast towns suggested.

WETLANDS

80 Locke Road, Tax Map 08, Lot 34 Owner: Brad and Kristine Marvin
Stoney Ridge Environmental – Justin Sherman

Replace a paved driveway with pervious asphalt. Add pervious patio and soak tub. Total permanent impact in tidal buffer 654 square feet. A site walk was scheduled

1617 Ocean Blvd., Tax Map 013, Lot 025 Owners: Gary and Maureen Wasserman
Stairs

Stairs in the wetland buffer. A site walk was scheduled.

152 Harbor Road, Tax Map 092, Lot 018 Owner: Peter Hamill Patio, retaining wall, tree

New pervious patios totally 1100 sq feet are proposed which would increase impervious coverage from 14.8% to 19.43%. Bluestone stairs and walkways will be replaced. A fence will be replaced and a Pergola installed. A rock bed to be replaced with a deck. A member commented the property looked like it was a lot in the middle of the marsh. A shed close to the marsh is also proposed which led to discussion about the CC seeking to reduce impacts and also what might be stored in it, fuel being a concern long term. A site walk was scheduled.

235 Parsons, Tax Map 19, Lot 104 Owner: Christine Carberry Generator 70' wetlands boundary

Buffer zone comes up against the house and locating generator is challenging. A quick site walk was scheduled.

PENDING SITE WALK REVIEWS

0 Fairhill, Tax Map 202, Lot 145

Proposed overgrowth cutting. The cutting needs to follow regulations for such work in the buffer. A site walk with the tree service will be scheduled after the tree service has a proposal.

Goss Farm fund raising discussion

Discussion of focus of “fund raising” for Goss Farm. It was the general sense that the Commission fund raising should be for community building and use of the farm projects and not more specific capital outlay type projects.

Trail Work at Whitehorse Farm

Completed red trail and yellow trail. Worked on start of orange and green trail. In part the trails cross private property and property owner at 20 Whitehorse has been very cordial

Fertilizer Best Management Practices (BMP)

Report on exploratory meeting with UNH Cooperative Extension about outreach options.

Planning Board Visioning

CC has received a list of 4-5 questions to be answered. Members will submit and the answers will be correlated.

Officers Nominated and Elected for 2021

Suzanne McFarland, Chair Sally King, Vice Chair Mike Garvan, Clerk

Granite at Goss Farm

Joe Goss showed up at the barn with Chief Walsh and wants a piece of granite that has “moved about” the property insisting it is his. Chief Walsh, although Mr. Goss has no legal right to it would really like the commission to give Mr. Goss the granite as according to the Vice Chair “it will make life easier”. The CC agreed to do so with removal under a timeline and under supervision of CC and Chef Walsh.

DES State Budget

A water quality and sea level rise re enactment project were not approved according to State Rep. and CC member Grote. She thinks CC and other Seacoast towns should speak up and advocate for these items

March 3d Site Walk 797 Ocean, Tax Map 231 Lot 8, Owners: Aaron Proulx and Jun Lee

Debris will be removed between a fence and retaining wall both of which are in the wetlands. The retaining wall will be improved and the fence replaced reducing wetland impact. The CC saw this part of the project as an improvement. A new 80 square foot deck over the existing driveway was not seen as having any additional wetland impact. Conditionally approved.