

Rye Conservation Commission  
August Rye Civic League Notes

Draft Official Minutes August 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting [CLICK HERE](#)

Video Streaming August 12<sup>th</sup> No Recording Available

Draft Official Minutes August 4<sup>th</sup> Site Walks [CLICK HERE](#)

Highlights

The Conservation Commission authorized spending not more than \$15,000 for a new well at the Goss Farm to improve water supply and pressure as well as a new line to supply the community gardens (\$1560 + trenching)

Having completed their ZBA Notice of Decision conditions for native buffer plantings two properties were recommended for their certificate of occupancy. Previously temporary prior to completion certificates had been issued with conditions sometimes not followed through on.

Conversion of 261-279 Pioneer to condo ownership: “obvious” wetland violations have been observed, such as sheds in the buffer and potentially parking as well. The ZBA has been written that the conversion should not occur until the wetlands are delineated, signs put in and violations cited correctly prior to conversion.

Grass clippings are being dumped on the recreation field behind the playground in a possible wetland buffer. A wetland delineation will be done.

August 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**30 LaMer, Tax Map 013, Lot 044** Owner: Charles and Lindsay Beynon. Structure in the wetlands buffer

A notice of violation was issued by the Building Inspector for a play structure/ swing set now occupying 545 sq feet in the wetland buffer. In 2017 relief was granted to build the dwelling partially in the buffer and partially (but not by averages) in the setback of abutters. A site walk was scheduled.

**705 Brackett Road, Tax Map 017, Lot 34-2**

Owner: Joel Feid. Deck expansion discussion

A 156 sq foot deck expansion into the wetland buffer is requested. The CC will recommend that the ZBA approve.

**261-279 Pioneer** condo conversion

As part of the conversion condo, condo documents state that there are storage sheds as part of the units which are seen to be in the wetland buffer. The CC has already written the ZBA that wetland violations have occurred. It is unclear if the sheds ever got permits in the first place and the CC does not want to codify or grandfather any illegal structures in the wetland buffer. There is also potential relief needed for parking spaces in the buffer. A member believes wetland relief is needed and the BI or wetland scientist should be involved in determining the issues of wetlands and the structures. The Chair will speak to the BI about the application.

### **Goss Farm Well**

The Goss Farm “desperately” needs pressurized water supply and a second line for the community gardens. The CC voted to authorize Epping Well to install a new well, constant pressure pump and pressure tank for a cost which cannot exceed \$15,000. More than that amount would require an RFP process.

It was also decided to go ahead with the second water line to the community gardens for \$1560 (Rye Water District) plus trenching.

### **Duck Blind in marsh off Pioneer Road**

Abutters are distraught about a large steel duck blind in the marsh. If stakes are driven in it may be under DES jurisdiction and DES has been contacted and will look at the situation.

### **21 Vin Mar Court**

RCC is an abutter to a proposal at the ZBA for two residences on a single lot by building an attached “in-laws” apartment but larger than an in laws apartment but attached due to being a sensitive area. Both “houses” would be sold together and one would become a rental unit. While the proposal meets setbacks it is surrounded by wetlands. A member commented this proposal sets a “terrible precedent” due to having 2 residences on a single lot and in a sensitive area. Apparently the CC was also not notified of the application with the applicant attorney saying it was Town of Rye land while the tax records show it as Conservation Commission land, managed for the town by the CC.

### **25 Minute NON-PUBLIC SESSION (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Legal**

#### August 4<sup>th</sup> Site Walk Highlights

55 Harbor Road and 797 Ocean Blvd were visited and both were deemed to have met ZBA Notice of Decisions conditions; namely native plantings 5’ deep and other conditions and the CC recommends the properties received their Certificates of Occupancy