

Rye Conservation Commission Sept Meeting  
RCL Notes

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**Highlights**

Goss Farm Well project complicated by: RWD concerns about its potential water quality, the need to check with easement holder

Resident surfaces 2020 hunting issues off Random onto her property from CC lands. 5 out of town hunters in a “deer push” intercepted by Fish and Game. Requests bow hunting only.

CC discusses recent ZBA cases as to wetland’s relief where their recommendations were not followed or relief was not required, a case where a recommendation for a special exception was not required, a case with applicant claiming none was needed, a case where the Building Inspector’s denial was appealed and granted

**152 Harbor Road**, Tax Map 9.2, Lot 18 Owner: Peter Hamill Eric Weinrieb, Altus Engineering

New decks and permeable patios as well as a small shed are proposed. A native plants buffer is planned. Entire lot is in the wetland buffer. Building coverage will go from 8.6% to 9.7% (15% allowed as shed and deck are counted as building coverage). A site walk is planned.

**1 Clark Road**, Tax Map 019, Lot 090 Owner: Chris and Melissa Snow

Expand front entryway. The building inspector had denied due to a pond being 85’ from the front of the house so relief is required. A site walk was scheduled.

**381 Sagamore Update**

A member visited the site to see how the drywell was functioning during heavy rains. It replaced a pipe draining to the wetlands. The drywell was observed to be functioning well in difficult conditions and may be an example for other properties where water drains off the property onto others’.

**Hunting Issues** (Random Road, Whitehorse/Airfield CC properties)

A resident asked if the CC would consider bow hunting only on the properties. Last year 5 hunters (guns) from out of town were intercepted by Fish and Game after doing a “deer push” onto to her property past her posted signs to near her deck.

The CC will research the easements and also look at D Map, an app that tells hunters where deer are overpopulated which the town has to apply for, and which hunters use to find such areas.

### **Brown Farm Lane Beaver Issues**

A member met with Lou Shelley who has done work with beavers to discuss the issue. He said a pedestrian bridge will not stop the beavers. Removing the culvert may cause flooding downstream. The member will look into a “beaver deceiver” at the suggestion of Shelley. It was noted that the issues were initially caused by the placement of an undersized culvert, without a permit.

### ZBA Updates

Condo conversion on **Pioneer**. The 600 sq foot minimum (assume for a dwelling unit) has been deemed unconstitutional as well as apparently the 90% minimum common area requirement. As there is nothing in the application that asks for wetland relief technically there may be no CC review. It was stated by a member that as there appear to be changes to the pavement and it is in the buffer there likely needs to be relief from wetland rules. The ZBA did say they wanted to hear from the CC and the CC will want to hear what involvement the paving, septic, and shed will have with the buffer.

**1627 Ocean** at ZBA. The appeal of the Building Inspector denial of a permit to demolish and rebuild was granted. He had said that relief was required as the new building would not be in the same location as the prior. The CC had requested it be moved further back from the wetlands which the owners had agreed to. A member would like to ask the ZBA why relief would not be needed even on the footprint as the new building is still in the wetland buffer.

**705 Brackett** at ZBA. The CC had written that a special exception was required for a playset in the backyard, in the buffer. This was not addressed by the ZBA and Acting Chair will follow up with the BI as it was clear from the discussion the BI does not have the power to give a permit for the playset in the buffer.

### Goss Farm Well

The Rye Water District has expressed concern about the potential quality from the well that was approved by the CC at not to exceed \$15K: back flow prevention to the RWD system, brackish, contaminants, etc). It was said water is for watering not drinking. RWD water likely will get yet costlier with potential future treatments and use of well will not be year round. More study and consideration will be done, including discussing location given barn envelope with Rockingham Conservation District easement holder on the property,

There was a NON-PUBLIC SESSION (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Acquisition lasting 22 minutes.