

Rye Conservation Commission
June 2022
Rye Civic League Notes

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Resident at 550 Washington Road continues to cut un authorized trails into conservation land

Culverts project to mitigate beaver dam activity at Brown Forest estimated at \$170K, grants sought.

Anonymous wetland violations complaints continue to arrive at the Conservation Commission with Building Inspector only considering signed complaints for enforcement actions.

Wetlands Lecture: The Conservation Commission has agreed to co-sponsor Prof. David Burdick talk with the Rye Civic League.

271 Harbor Road, Tax Map 08, Lot 50

Owner: Alissa Bournival Ross Engineering, Alex Ross
Demolish existing home, new construction

Proposal to demolish existing house and garage while moving garage, leach field away from the wetlands and buffers with a new AOS pre-treatment septic and storm water management plan and with a reduction of 300 sq ft of coverage. A site walk was scheduled.

0 Merrymeeting Lane, Tax Map 15, Lot 18

Owners: Denise and Craig Benson
Bedford Design. Undeveloped lot proposed new construction

Applicant returns with a new plan after being denied by the ZBA. While taxed as a single family lot, almost the entire lot is in the 100' Berry Brook wetland buffer but for the front setback. There is no "buildable" land on the lot.

In the new plan the garage width is reduced with building area now 2288 sf , the garage loads from the front and not the sides so fewer trees need to be cut, the advanced septic is in front, the driveway will be pervious, there will be roof water infiltration ditches, no generator, AC under the porches, and pervious driveway. There are homeowner covenants which may preclude a smaller foot print home. Atty has talked to the owners about Conservation possibly purchasing this sensitive lot with potentially owner financing if budget is an issue A site walk was scheduled.

2300 Ocean Blvd, Tax Map 6, Lot 53-1 Owner: Keri Ahn Trust
TF Moran, Corey Colwell
Demolish existing home, new construction

Rebuild on the berm on the ocean side of 1A, the 2nd house after Jenness State Beach to the South. Existing house has a footprint of about 1,300sf. and the proposed home is 1,971sf in footprint. As in the Rye Beach Village District 60% of lot must be open “green” space with pervious per say not a requirement, and this lot is mostly all gravel. The new house will move “open space” from 68% to 62%. A site walk was scheduled.

919 Ocean Blvd, Tax Map 20.2, Lot 92 Owner: Shawna and Mark Troy
Altus Engineering, Eric Weinrieb Demolition of home, new construction

New home smaller in footprint and lower than the existing which has no building envelope given location . New septic and new roof rain water capture system. Site is adjacent to a wetland and 1A and Fairhill Ave on the corner. A site walk was scheduled.

550 Washington Road

Resident at property has not followed through on prior issues (debris piles) and now has cut an access trail from the property through conservation land to access Town Forest trails. Not once but twice after prior trail was closed by Conservation.

Brown Forest Culverts

Engineers have scoped out the replacement of culverts affected by beavers at \$170K. Grants and other funds are being investigated to potentially do this work.

Wetlands Lecture

The Conservation Commission has agreed to co-sponsor Prof. David Burdick with the Rye Civic League. Prof. Burdick, a Rye resident, is a renowned wetlands scientist teaching coastal science and wetlands courses at UNH and author of several books on the subject.

“Anonymous” Complaints

The CC continues to struggle with how to handle complaints about potential wetland violations brought to them by the public. The prior Building Inspector reviewed anonymous complaints, the current BI will not without a signed complainant form (note NH DES also does not accept anonymous complaints) yet people bring them to the CC and a valid anonymous complaint with documentation was brought to them recently with the Chair signing the form and submitting which doesn’t seem to be the right approach or way to go to the CC as the CC is not enforcement. CC plans to speak to the Town Administrator.

150 Lafayette Road

A request to extend fencing in the buffer was received but no permit has been located as of yet.
Follow up with Building Department.