

## RCL Notes

Rye Conservation Commission April 2023

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### **1701 Ocean Blvd**

A new 3d floor addition (in the footprint), new septic, removal of one asphalt driveway replaced with pervious pavers, partial pervious for second drive, removal of front concrete block wall and rear rotting fence, buffer plantings on east, north, and south side of property. Existing impervious coverage of 38.7% will be reduced to 26.4 %. Site walk was paused.

### **5 Cable Road**

Tear down and replace with coverage reduced from 46.4% to 37.5%. Entire structure will now be out of 50' buffer zone. Three capture basins for roof water, pervious pavers and native plantings are proposed. Site walk was paused.

### **1248 Ocean Blvd**

Vegetative buffer of at least 15 feet was installed as required. Requirements of Notice of Decision were seen as met.

### **800 Ocean Blvd (Breakers Condos)**

Repair of existing stone revetment, only partially completed in 2013, so a new permit was required. Expediated minimum impact permit signed by Chair.

### **10 Shoals View Drive**

ZBA had approved the RCC recommendation that trees stay. Owner would like to take them down during house construction. Although not the healthiest but sizable, new trees even more than the 10 required would not take up as much water from the pond causing water to potentially rise potentially affecting abutters. RCC agreed trees stay as originally decided or owners need to return to ZBA.

### **Whitehorse**

One of the residents is channeling water off his property onto the conservation land. There needs to be a solution to stop the water from creating a wetland area. They will be visiting the site with one of the building inspectors on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Member Truslow explained a foundation drain is discharging onto conservation land and eroding the trails.

### **Goss Farm**

The owners of the Carriage House Restaurant are going to be farming at the Goss Farm.

In cooperation with UNH Cooperative Extension service iNaturalist app will be used at Goss Farm for children and families to identify plants and wildlife with tutorial May 10 5-6PM at Rye Public Library and Goss Farm tour with app on May 13.

At the same time they are also planting four apple trees, six blueberry bushes, and a linden tree. The cost of that is being split with the Rye400 and they are doing the planting.

She also noted that the structural repairs are done on the barn.

### **Commission member candidates presented their backgrounds:**

- **Michael Brousseau, 20 Geremia Street:** Mr. Brousseau wrote a letter of interest in April of 2021 when RCC last had an opening. At that time, Danna Truslow also expressed interest in being on the Commission. RCC felt with all the water issues they deal with that a hydrogeologist was needed on the Commission. Mr. Brousseau has stayed in touch and has rewritten a letter asking to be considered again. He has been a senior leader with several biotechnology companies. He has administrative experience along with specific leadership skills directed toward building consensus to achieve goals. He has a personal interest in environmental issues, specifically those around water and water sustainability. Over the past two years, Mr. Brousseau has stayed in contact asking about RCC projects and has attended several site walks.

Mr. Brousseau stated that he has three children and a vested interest in the Town. He has always lived in a coastal town and on boats. He is interested in how things are encroaching and storms are increasing. He hopes his background in leadership and administration will be of help to the Commission.

- **Paula Mahoney, 32 Fairhill Avenue:** Ms. Mahoney would like to rejoin RCC. She was recruited by Jim Raynes. She worked on the multi-year Awcomin' Marsh project and the Town Forest management plan. She participated in acquisitions and easements. Site walks is one of her favorite parts of being on RCC.

Ms. Mahoney stated that she had to give up her position on RCC because of a job change and she wasn't able to offer all her time. She retired from her fulltime position in 2018 and now works for an oral surgeon three days per week. She has a lot of experience in meeting, planning and project management. Her love of the outdoors is strong and is one of the reasons she lives in Rye. Part of her retirement plan is to give back again and work on a committee. She would love to be a faithful member again. The opportunity to rejoin is important as part of her retirement plan.

- **Karen Oliver, 1159 Washington Road:** Ms. Oliver is an attorney and has been on the Commission for four years as an alternate. She researched drafted and filed an appeal on behalf of the RCC on a DES decision. The result was 12-acres gifted. She has access to the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds. She's RCC's designated author of magazine,

newsletter articles, and new homeowner letters. She has attended site walks, meetings, ZBA meetings, and worked on the Natural Resource Inventory.

Ms. Oliver commented that it took a while to get up to speed with RCC. She was glad to serve as an alternate because it helped to see the working of things without actually having to cast a vote, except when asked. She did a lot of work with the Southeast Land Trust before joining RCC. Ms. Oliver has really enjoyed being on the Commission. RCC's work is really important and she has a passion for it. She loves being able to solve problems and do what needs to be done to solve the problem. This is why she would like to move from an alternate to a full member.

- **Shawn Joyce, 270 Washington Road:** Mr. Joyce operates the New England Restaurant Advisors. He has a passion for wildlife and conservation. He has thirty years of work experience in strategic planning, management, finance, budgeting, valuation, real estate, and contract negotiations. He currently serves on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries advisory panel.

Mr. Joyce stated that he has a lot of experience being on boards other than the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries. He is a hunter and would probably be the only hunter on the Commission. He thinks hunters get a bad name in Rye and other places because it's felt they are not conservation minded; however, they are very conservation minded. He thinks he has the qualifications and experience to well serve the commission.

- **Ritchie White, 30 Lang Road:** Mr. White is on the NH Advisory Committee Honoring Fisheries. He is the coordinator of the Commercial Fishermen's Revolving Loan Fund. Mr. White has a good forestry background. He worked on the Town

Forest Trails Committee and the Dogs at Large Committee. He was also on Rye Conservation.

Mr. White noted that he has an extensive background in wildlife management. He was involved in the purchase of more than ten thousand acres for clients and himself over the years. He has negotiated with landowners and dealt with lawyers. He has also worked on doing inventory of the resources on the land. Mr. White also noted that he has completed well over one hundred forest management plans. He worked with UNH when they were first starting to do research on controlled burns. He worked on a 40- acre controlled burn on one of the properties that he managed. Mr. White served on the Rye Conservation Commission in the late 80's and early 90's. He left RCC when he went on the Atlantic State Fisheries Commission and NH Fish and Game Commission.

- **Joe Tucker, 960 Washington Road:** Mr. Tucker is a builder. He is on the board of directors for the Center for Wildlife. He has experience in beekeeping and manages a pollinator habitat area and a Christmas tree farm. He is a NH Fish and Game licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

Mr. Tucker commented that he had a very successful relationship with Frank Richardson from DES. He had a lot of admiration for Mr. Richardson, as he worked well with the concept that Conservation was trying to establish, while at the same time letting landowners utilize their land in a reasonable manner. Mr. Tucker worked on a couple of projects that Mr. Richardson had approved for creating a pond for wildlife. Mr. Tucker noted he's a general contractor and has worked with the Conservation Commission in the past, as well as DES for various approvals and permits.

**Commission voted to recommend to Select Board for 2 open seats:**

Karen Oliver (6-0-1) Karen Oliver alternate abstaining

Michael Brousseau (7-0)

There is also open alternate's seat available for consideration by RCC which could include the other candidates who were seeking a full member position.

**Update from the April 18<sup>th</sup> Site Walk:** Karen Oliver nominated Paula Mahoney to fill the one year membership position that is currently available. Mike Garvan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. *[Mr. Brousseau having decided to withdraw his name from consideration in the meantime.]*

**Town GIS**

Now updated with "missing" parcels. NH Granit update will come soon.

**Zoning Map Update**

Chair McFarland noted the zoning map that was distributed by the Planning Board is not accurate with RCC properties.

**Donation**

A donation of \$2,500 was received from David Junkins, who is the heir to 0 Pioneer Road. The donation was made for the purchase of additional land, removing invasive species, or building/maintaining trails on RCC property, as determined by the Commission as to where the funds will best be used. RCC agreed to use the funds for removal of invasive species at 0 Pioneer Road

**Brown Lane Farm- Potential New Wells**

Correspondence from Wright-Pierce was sent in regards to Brown Lane Farm and the plans for the potential wells. She would like all members to see the correspondence and discuss it before anything is started at the property. It was agreed that there should be a site walk at Brown Lane Farm and a full presentation.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Acquisition (2) per RSA 91-A:3, II (e)  
Legal from 9:35 PM to 9:59 PM**