

Rye Conservation Commission May 2023
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May 11 Conservation Commission Meeting

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Draft Minutes (not posted as of May 27, notes transcribed from video stream)

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Highlights

- Wentworth by the Sea Country Club withdrew their project for more parking (in wetland buffer).
- Abeniqui Country Club: seeking to construct two platform tennis courts, new parking lot, and small building with bathrooms. 17,000 square foot impact as nearby pond (man-made) is jurisdictional. Due to scale and federal and state regulations, project will require mitigation either in Rye, if mitigation project approved or elsewhere in the watershed.

60 Wentworth Road (Wentworth by the Sea Country Club), Project completely withdrawn

Variances: §190-2.3.C(2) and §190-5.0.C: Parking, §190-3.I.H.2.(a), (g): 75' Wetland Buffer
Parking area – revised

440 Sagamore Road, Tax Map 18, Lot 51 [Map Location](#)

Owner: Susan and Anthony Farmer

Mission Wetlands, Northam Survey LLC, Woodworth Builders

Variances: §190-3.1.H(1)(2): Wetland Buffer

Renovate existing barn into habitable space, extend rear deck 10', construct workshop + 1-car single story garage with extended driveway, replace pool deck with pervious pavers

CC will need a more precise evaluation of soils for storm water management and applicant is working on a solution for boulders in the buffer.

5 Sea Road, Tax Map 2, Lot 19, Rye Beach Village District [Map Location](#)

Patio/sitting wall/fireplace, hot tub revision – previously approved in 2017.

Commission OK with this already approved project now to be completed.

731 Central Road, Tax Map 5, Lot 1, Rye Beach Village District

Owner: Abeniqui Country Club

Altus Engineering, Gove Environmental Services, James Verra & Associates

Construct two platform tennis courts, new parking lot, and small building with bathrooms (pumped to existing sanitary system). Storm water management plan. 17,000 square foot impact as nearby pond (man-made) wetland is jurisdictional and will require mitigation through CC, if there are a town project/grant request that is suitable and high value in Rye. Mitigation funds limited to watershed but not necessarily to Rye.

Hunting Blinds/Tree Stands

“New” blind in Seavey Creek Bailey Brook needs to be removed as well as one in Cedar Run / Raynes. Notices are posted by CC on each. Must be removed by Jan 31st of each year per state law. CC will remove if not removed by blind owners.

Rye Water District

Brown Farm ground water exploration. Vernal pool identification and flagging has been completed. Draft submission to NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) who helped fund acquisition.

Discussion of impacts of potential future well infrastructure on the land and on the abutter who sold the easement to preserve the land. Protective well head radius abutter homes/properties (several) need to be brought into the loop, and have not as of yet by Water District, as radius could impact their property uses.

Commission wants information on impact and restoration around exploratory wells and track/trail, and if water is found for the full project.

Rye Recreation

Boundaries between Rec and Conservation land has been surveyed and staked out.

Continuing issues on adjacent Conservation lands with dumping of grass clippings and “burned” grass maybe by some chemical dumping.