

Rye Conservation Commission October 2024  
RCL Notes

October 1 Joint Meeting with Rye Water District Draft Minutes [CLICK HERE](#)

Oct 10 Rye Conservation Commission Draft Minutes [CLICK HERE](#)

Video Streaming Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting [CLICK HERE](#)

October 15 Site Walks Draft Minutes [CLICK HERE](#)

Highlights

1. RCC met with the Rye Water District to discuss less impactful access route to the first test well.
2. Invasives control was conducted on 5 properties in 2024 with 5 more planned for 2025
3. Planning for the Fairhill Marsh low impact salt marsh restoration is underway by the Rockingham County Conservation District

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The RWD is planning to do exploratory drilling on the Brown Farm conservation property for a new drinking water well. The RCC had negotiated water rights when the easement was purchased.

An alternative access through the adjacent property which would require less cutting to bring the drilling equipment in.

If the initial effort of less than a week indicates potential water sources further permitting and planning will be required before more extensive test wells are drilled.

**Oct 10 Rye Conservation Commission Monthly Draft Meeting Minutes [CLICK HERE](#)**

**222 Parsons Road, Tax Map 19, Lot 127**

Owner: Jill and Peter Fregeau

James Verra & Associates

Demolish garage in 75' wetland buffer

Removal of garage sitting between 5' 10" in the wetland buffer as the first step on the way to a new home within setbacks. After a site walk the RCC will recommend as proposed.

**1627 Ocean Blvd, Tax Map 13, Lot 23**

Owner: Mario Ponte and Paula Parrish

Ross Engineering, Marc Jacobs, Phillips Cove Custom Homes

Seeking approval of an infiltration area around the back of house that was built much larger than what was approved in the 100' tidal buffer.

After the site walk, the RCC supports the project with the following recommendations:

- 1) A five to seven-foot undulating, vegetative, no-mow buffer of native plantings to be installed along the marsh. This buffer will help intercept runoff and contaminants, such as fertilizer and pesticides, before they reach the marsh. The plant roots will bind and stabilize the soil along the wall and help inhibit erosion from the tidal currents of the marsh as well as uptake water through evapotranspiration.
- 2) The RCC believes that a survival rate of 85% or better after one (1) year is adequate for the Plantings.

### **871 Ocean Blvd, Tax Map 202, Lot 63**

Owner: Adam Levy and Tina Goldkind

Ross Engineering, Marc Jacobs, Tim Phoenix

Raise house and install necessary improvements to bring house into FEMA compliance in 75' wetland buffer

Current home is at and even below flood stage elevation. Plan is to raise the structure 7' so it is FEMA complaint. Storm water management and infiltration is planned. A site walk is planned.

Recommendations as a result of the site walk:

- 1) Redesign the deck so that it remains at least 13.8-feet away from the wetland.
- 2) Design a more robust buffer of native plantings between the wetland and the elevated home.

### **10 Hunters Run, Tax Map 11, Lot 95**

Owner: Joseph and Kelley Gallant

Chris Albert, Tim Phoenix

Construct 12' x 16' shed within 75' wetland buffer

The new shed will be 18.5' from the wetland where 75' is required. At the site walk the RCC recommends:

- 1) Debris including chair and lawn clippings be removed from the wetland buffer.
- 2) A conservation seed mix be planted around the shed, allowing the area to be left natural and help intercept runoff and contaminants, such as fertilizer and pesticides, before they reach the ditch.

### **120 Wentworth Road – restoration plan**

Tax Map 24, Lot 61-25

Owner: Burton

Clearing occurred of mature white pines and restoration will occur. The RCC approved the restoration plan.

Rockingham County Conservation District updated on invasive control at 5 properties with 5 more proposed for 2025 with estimates of \$26,511 :

1. Wallis Road saltmarsh area,
2. Scully property (off Wallis and Odiorne Point Drive),
3. Town Forest,
4. Pioneer Road, and
5. Brown property.

There was discussion of using the best practices of the Fish and Game Trails for People and Wildlife Guide in planning for access to conservation properties. It was the RCC consensus that their process should be improved with a checklist .

The following invoices were approved and paid

- \$5,234.74 – James Verra Associates – cemetery

Select Board agreed to pay half

RCC's share - \$2,617.37

- \$13,119.20 – Goss Farm Barn – materials & labor
- \$19,050.60 – RCCD for the following:
  - o \$1,180.00 – Brown Lane Farm invasive mapping
  - o \$2,080.00 – Brown Lane Farm invasive control
  - o \$1,080.60 – Brown Lane Farm mapping vernal pools & buffer
  - o \$7,050.00 – saltmarsh invasive control
  - o \$1,600.00 – Pioneer Road invasive control
  - o \$6,060.00 – Town Forest invasive control