

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

To: Shawn Joyce, Chair of Rye Conservation Commission and Members of Rye Conservation Commission

This letter is to inform you that the Town of Rye Select Board has reviewed an action taken by Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) at their April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, meeting. The Town of Rye Select Board has also designated myself to work through this matter with RCC.

As you are aware at the April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 RCC meeting, a vote was taken to implement the "Most Balanced Update for People and Wildlife" approach that was recommended by Rachel Stevens within the report she prepared titled *Trails for People and Wildlife, An inventory of Trails and Assessment of Potential Impacts to Wildlife on Town Conservation Lands in Rye, NH 2026*.

These recommendations that have been voted on established a change to the trail system throughout the parcels that comprise Seavey Acres.

The trail system at Seavey Acres is comprised of two parcels. The first parcel is 022-074-000. This parcel is where the green trail runs, along with the majority of the orange trail. This parcel was acquired through the New Hampshire Land Conservation Investment Program to further the conservation purposes set forth in former New Hampshire (NH) RSA 221-A, which has now been replaced by NH RSA 162-C. The parcel was transferred via the deed associated with Book 2912 Page 2232. RCC manages this parcel as shown on the two tax cards associated with this parcel (022-074-000-PR1 & 022-074-000-PR4) and the 2024 Town of Rye Annual Report.

The second parcel associated with the trail system at Seavey Acres is 022-069-000. This parcel is where the orange trail abuts Berry's Brook and loops to and from parcel 022-074-000. This parcel was acquired through a tax collector deed via Book 4015 Page 1760. This parcel is managed by the Town of Rye as shown on the tax card and the 2024 Town of Rye Annual Report. Parcel 022-069-000 is managed by the Select Board per NH RSA 41:11-a.

The vote that was taken by RCC on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, affected land and land use on parcel 022-069-000. Being that this parcel is not under RCC's jurisdiction and is managed by the Town of Rye's Select Board, a request by RCC should be filed to the Select Board if they wish to implement changes to parcel 022-069-000 in order to comply with NH RSA 41:11-a.

Until a request is heard and voted upon by the Town of Rye Select Board, it is respectfully stated by the Town of Rye Select Board that no changes to any land use or layout of land shall be taken by RCC on parcel 022-069-000. The Town of Rye Select Board welcomes any request regarding this matter by RCC.

Respectfully,



John Tuttle  
Select Board Member

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