

May 2026 Rye Conservation Commission
Rye Civic League Notes

Highlights

Goss Farm

- Over 1000 Christmas tree saplings were planted at the Goss Farm
- Another swallows nesting structure was erected.
- Residents filed an injunction in Superior Court to reopen the barn to the swallows with the town objecting

Trails

- The Commission proceeded with the April 30, 2026 vote to adopt the ideal for wildlife recommendation in the consultant's Trails Report to close trails in the Town Forest, Raynes/Cedar Run, and Airfield.
- A sub committee was formed to implement the closures and carry out other trails activities

Upcoming:

[Joint Select Board and Rye Conservation Commission Meeting 6-2-26 Agenda](#)

June 2, 2026 - 1:00pm

[Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda](#) May 14, 2026 (no minutes as of 5/29)
[Video Streaming](#)

[Trails Committee Minutes](#) May 13, 2026 [Video Streaming](#)

Phase I – Adopt the proposed trail closure plan. Present to RCC at the next meeting for a vote. Limit work to trail closure only during this phase.

• Phase II – Trail maintenance and improvement, which will be presented to RCC once the trail closure phase is completed.

[Conservation Commission Site Walk Minutes](#) May 12, 2026

1278 Ocean Blvd - Raze 3 structures – 2 dwellings, 1 garage, and replace with 1 home with an attached guest house. The site walk members will recommend support to the full commission

[Trails Committee Minutes](#) May 6, 2026 [Video Streaming](#)

Motion for Glenn Suchocki to be Chair of the Committee: Vic Ordryna, seconded by Shawn Joyce, all in favor.

WORK SESSION FOR TRAIL CHANGES – NO PUBLIC COMMENT

The group discussed what will be the first steps of trail closures: putting up signs and roping off the area.

1. Each trail will then have a steward team to determine further steps of trail closure, including moving debris across or adding new plantings.

2. Kiosks with trail maps will be further in the process.

[Conservation Commission Minutes April 30, 2026](#) [Video Streaming](#)

After discussion, see minutes, but no public comment allowed the RCC voted:

1. To only promote Rye's trails to residents
2. **To adopt the "ideal for wildlife" recommendation of the Trails Report and close certain trails in the Town Forest, Raynes/Cedar, Airfield, and Seavey Woods**
3. To form a Trails Sub Committee to implement closures and carry out next steps for trails