

Rye Conservation Commission July 2026  
Rye Civic League Notes

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### Highlights

#### Wetlands

**701 South Road:** 6 lot subdivision.

The applicant returned with a revised plan that reduced wetland buffers further. The RCC would like to see the impacts further reduced yet, if not eliminated if the Planning Board waived some road geometry requirements

**110 Brackett Road;** new home. The Commission concluded unanimously that they could not support the proposal as the wetland buffer impacts were excessive given the proposed site and home designs.: excessive fill required for to raise level of the house and provide a basement with gravity drain towards the wetlands, a woods road right of way would have to be relocated closer to sensitive wetlands, and due to the house size the driveway as proposed would be closer to sensitive wetlands. A smaller house on slab suggested as more appropriate for the lot and land.

**300 Brackett Road,** a farmstand very near the wetland buffer and **14 Pine Street:** replacement of a garage with a new larger garage with 2 bedrooms with less lot coverage and wetland buffer coverage were both unanimously recommended.

#### Trails Update

**Cedar Run** reroute away from private property has been roughed out and needs to be validated

**Seavey Acres** Totally decommissioned (not indicated but assuming closed trail segments)

**Town Forest:** \$2500 was appropriated for work to incorporate changes to Town Forest trails into the Forest Management Plan.

A summary of requirements by easement holders is being prepared with documentation assembled.

#### **Vernal Pools Mapping**

2 proposals have been received with others expected.

#### Goss Farm

The farmstand is in operation. Crops are doing well.

Some Xmas trees have been uprooted.

#### **Swallows**

There is activity around the nesting structures by the swallows with nesting claimed. (*RCL Note: we have observed the swallows flying in and around the nesting structures from a distance on several occasions*) The public is urged to stay clear of the structures during nesting season.

### **Swallows Litigation**

Quoting the draft minutes:

*“Secretary/Clerk Lee noted that the Town and Conservation Commission filed a motion to dismiss the litigation. Subsequently, the plaintiffs filed a motion for a nonsuit, which means they are considering withdrawing the case without prejudice, which means they could bring the case again in the future. He pointed out that it has cost the Town and Conservation Commission approximately \$15,000 thus far for attorney’s fees. The motion for nonsuit by the plaintiffs will entitle the Conservation Commission and the Town to collect costs from the plaintiffs, which will help offset some of the attorney’s fees.”*

### **Proof of Concept Farmer’s Market at Goss Farm**

A proof of concept Farmer’s Market planning, in collaboration with the Recreation Dept, was authorized by vote.

### **Other Business**

The RCC will review a proposal from the Master Plan Implementation Committee regarding working on the implementation of Conservation areas of the Master Plan

**Suzanne Barton, 114 Clark Road, speaking as a select board member,** apologized to the Conservation Commission for putting forth a motion, at a recent select board meeting, to freeze the RCC Budget.

- **Suzanne Barton, speaking as a resident,** spoke about educating the public on ways to protect the environment, so people can work together to do things for the greater good of the community.