

RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Natural Resource Inventory Workshop
Monday, June 7, 2021
10:00 a.m. – Rye Town Hall

Members Present: Suzanne McFarland, Sally King, Heather Reed, Danna Truslow and Karen Oliver

I. Call to Order

Suzanne McFarland called the work session to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Review First Draft of the NRI

The Rye Conservation Commission's NRI Committee met to review and edit the first draft of the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). The changes and revisions will be sent to the committee's consultant to be incorporated into the second draft.

Highlights of review:

- Font is difficult to read (narrow).
- Maps should be included in the text portion of the report, not just in the appendix.
- Add street names to the maps.
- Review the order of segments to be sure they are in the right order.
- Some language does not apply to Rye (can get more specific when individual reviews are done by members).
- Disclaimer – “mapping may not be consistent” explain why.
- Try not to use old dates for things that have already been done.
- Define the abbreviations (at least in the list in the beginning).
- Check for cross referencing.

Executive Summary:

- Make it more robust. Add facts and figures. Divide out the segments.
- Add that the NRI is being done to be in compliance with NH RSA 36-A.

Goals of the Rye Natural Resource Inventory:

- Does the statute set forth the rationale for the NRI? (Member Oliver to research)

The Committee worked on revisions to the listed goals.

Other Sections:

- Include Aquarion Water (Portsmouth Water).
- Comments from Member Truslow for 2.3 to be submitted.
- Verify information for section on contaminate sources.
- Information needed on “Wallis Sands Waste Water Treatment Facility”.
- Different colors for the FEMA maps.

Next Steps:

- Committee ended their review at 2.4, The Floodplains and Flood Water Storage
 - Executive Summary - Everyone
 - Editing & marking areas that are not clear – Karen Oliver
 - Public Conservation Lands – Sally King
 - Section 3, Wildlife & Habitat – Heather Reed
 - Section 2 – Danna Truslow
 - Marine Habitat – Suzanne McFarland
 - Section 4, Soils & Agriculture (active farmlands) – Danna Truslow
 - Isles of Shoals Information – Suzanne McFarland
 - Section 7, Develop Plans and Consideration for Future Development – Sally King
 - Scenic Areas – Everyone
 - Historical & Cultural – Sally King
 - Recommendations – Everyone
 - Prioritization & Timing - Everyone

Adjournment

The work session was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger