

## **RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Thursday, July 20, 2017  
7:00 p.m. – Rye Town Hall**

***Members Present: Chair Sally King, Vice-Chair Suzanne McFarland, Mike Garvan, Jeff Gardner, Jim Raynes and Susan Shepcaro***

### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair King called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. NON-PUBLIC SESSION PER RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Acquisition**

**At 7:01 p.m., Jim Raynes made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Acquisition. Seconded by Suzanne McFarland.**

**Roll Call: Jeff Gardner – Yes, Mike Garvan – Yes, Susan Shepcaro – Yes, Suzanne McFarland – Yes, Jim Raynes – Yes, Sally King – Yes**

**At 7:07 p.m., the Commission came out of Non-Public Session.**

**Motion by Jim Raynes to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session. Seconded by Jeff Gardner. All in favor.**

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **June 15, 2017**

**Motion by Mike Garvan to accept the minutes of June 15, 2017 as presented. Seconded by Susan Shepcaro. All in favor.**

### **IV. WETLANDS:**

#### **A. 300 Pioneer Road Tax Map 24 Lot 111**

Owner: Chuck Sampson Proposed enlarging of deck and addition of single car garage with 7' breezeway connecting the garage to the house. Also proposed addition of a generator and 3 propane tanks. Would require relief from Zoning Ordinance Section 301.8 section B 1&7. Proposed construction 31' from the tidal wetlands edge where 100' is required.

**Chuck Sampson, applicant**, explained that he is seeking a variance to build a single-story 22x22 two car garage adjacent to the house with breezeway. He is also seeking a variance to increase the size of a 4x14ft deck and enclose it into a 12x14ft screened porch. A 9x12ft deck is proposed to be added to the side of the screened porch.

Member Gardner pointed out that a wetland permit with DES will be required. DES has jurisdiction over anything that is 250ft from the wetland.

Mr. Sampson noted that he is proposing to run gutters to the existing french drain to address the stormwater runoff. (He reviewed the plan with the Commission.)

- **Site Walk scheduled for Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 p.m.**

#### **V. NH DES FOLLOW UP**

- **129 Wentworth Road**, Tax Map 024, Lot 33
- **2250 Ocean Blvd**, Tax Map 5.3, Lot 70
- **1038 Old Ocean Blvd**, Tax Map 19.4, Lot 70
- **18 Straw's Point**, Tax Map 9.1, Lot 13

Chair King noted that a notice was sent from NH DES for the above listed properties stating that they will be following up on the projects submitted for permits to verify compliance. She is going to contact DES to see if they will send the Commission the information from the follow up.

#### **VI. RESTORATION UPDATES AND SCHEDULING OF SITE WALKS:**

1. **7 Elizabeth Lane**, owner-Robert and Shannon Werner, Tax Map 024 Lot 061-013, buffer restoration
- **Project completed – Site Walk follow up review, Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**
2. **245 Pioneer Road**, owner-Alex Zadeh, NHDES case file # 2016-0277, Rye Tax Map 24 Lot 118, buffer restoration
- **Project completed – Site Walk follow up review, Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:45 p.m.**

3. 335 Washington road, NHDES File# 2015-02470 —owner David Kohlhase, Tax map 16, Lot 122, pond removal and wetlands restoration
- **Steve Riker, Engineer**, has informed the Commission that the project is not complete because rain has slowed down the project. He will keep the Commission informed.
4. **25 Appledore**, owner Petralia, buffer restoration subject case 3212/3206
- Chair King noted that there are still issues with the property owner not complying with the restoration and DES has been trying to contact the property owner.

Vice-Chair McFarland stated that the property owner has not returned phone calls to Eben Lewis, DES. She has talked to the building inspector and submitted information to him on the property. The building inspector will probably be issuing a Notice of Violation. DES will continue to pursue the owner.

## **VII. CONSERVATION PROTOCOLS**

Chair King stated that the ZBA has requested that the Commission suggest ways to make enforcement easier on conditions set by the ZBA based on recommendations for the project from the Commission. She commented that some of the properties are able to be seen from adjacent conservation land. Other properties are more difficult to view.

The Commission agreed that the members should think about how to address this. Chair King will reach out to DES for recommendations and to Patricia Weathersby, ZBA Chair. The Commission will discuss this at a future meeting.

Chair King noted that members who are not going to be able to make a meeting, or a site walk, should contact her or Vice-Chair McFarland so it will be known if there is going to be a quorum.

There was discussion on rotating attendance at the ZBA and Planning Board meetings for cases that are of interest to the Conservation Commission.

## **VIII. TREE CUTTING ON CONSERVATION LAND AT THE END OF PARK RIDGE**

Chair King noted that she received a call from a concerned citizen and the building inspector about trees being cut on conservation land at the end of Park Ridge. The abutter to the conservation land has been cutting. They have recently had a survey done so they should be aware of the boundaries. The abutters said it was because of safety issues that the trees were cut. She recommended that the Commission conduct a site walk. She would also like to mark the property line.

- **Site Walk scheduled for Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.**

## **IX. REVIEW SPREADSHEET FOR OUR CONSERVATION LAND TO DO LIST**

- Member Shepcaro noted that most of the clearing work has been completed in the town forest. The clearing for the culverts and the boy scout trail has not been done. She has asked for an invoice for the work.
- Vice-Chair McFarland commented that the list should be updated because it ends the end of July.
- Monitoring of Seavey Acres, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 9-9:30 a.m.

## **X. BILLS**

- **Eversource - \$18.11**

**Motion by Suzanne McFarland to pay Eversource in the amount of \$18.11. Seconded by Susan Shepcaro. All in favor.**

- **Jim Verra - \$1,500**

**Motion by Jeff Gardner to pay Jim Verra in the amount of \$1,500 after verification of the work being completed. Seconded by Susan Shepcaro. All in favor.**

## **XI. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter rec'd from Brian Murphy regarding Warrant Article 35 relative to improving access trails in the town forest.

Member Garvan will contact Mr. Murphy and invite him to attend a Conservation meeting.

- Rye Energy Committee notice of presentation to be given on solar production energy for the Town of Rye, July 24<sup>th</sup>, to the Board of Selectmen. Members of the Conservation Commission are encouraged to attend.

Chair King noted that she has spoken with the Committee in regards to potential use for solar at the Goss Farm. The farm is slated for agricultural use so the roof of the barn would be more appropriate than the ground.

- A letter will be sent to the residents of Sea Glass Lane, formerly the Rand property, regarding information about restrictions and monitoring of the adjacent conservation land. The residents are being asked to partner with the Conservation Commission and be good stewards of the land.

## **XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Vice-Chair McFarland noted that Doug Logan from the Energy Commission is doing a presentation called ‘Off Shore Winds’ at the Library on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., in partnership with the Conservation Commission. This is an educational presentation that will last approximately 30 minutes and is open to the public.
- Member Garvan noted that Rye Magazine has contacted Member Grote in regards to a possible article for the publication about conservation preservation in Rye. Member Grote has outlined some topics that may be of interest.

### Ideas for Articles:

- Wetlands and marshes in Rye – What are they? Where are they? Why are they important?
- Wetland Buffers – What are they?
- Awcomin’ Marsh – Conservation at Work
- Marsh Restoration

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Jeff Gardner to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Susan Shepcaro. All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dyana F. Ledger