

TOWN OF RYE – CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Thursday, October 11, 2018

7:00 p.m. – Rye Town Hall

Present: Chair Sally King, Vice-Chair Suzanne McFarland, Jeff Gardner, Jaci Grote, Susan Shepcaro, Heather Reed and Jim Raynes.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 17, 2018

The following corrections were noted:

- Page 1: Chair Sally King opened the public Hearing at ~~7:25~~ pm; should read, Chair Sally King opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 pm
- Page 5: The new addition, at ~~182X0~~, will double the existing size of the structure, however the lot coverage is still 2.3%; should read, The new addition, at 18X20, will double the existing size of the structure, however the lot coverage is still 2.3%.

Motion by Jaci Grote to approve the minutes of September 17, 2018 as amended. Seconded by Jim Raynes. All in favor.

III. BILLS (Taken out of order)

1. New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission
Membership Dues \$550.00

Motion by Jaci Grote to pay New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission in the amount of \$550.00. Seconded by Jeff Gardner. All in favor.

2. Rockingham County Conservation Commission
Salt Marsh Restoration \$2,387.90

Motion by Sally King to pay Rockingham County Conservation Commission in the amount of \$2,387.90. Seconded by Jaci Grote. All in favor.

3. Alan Bucklin
Mowing \$418.00

Motion by Suzanne McFarland to pay Alan Bucklin in the amount of \$418.00. Seconded by Sally King. All in favor.

4. Eversource
Electric at Goss Barn \$17.34

Motion by Susan Shepcaro to pay Eversource in the amount of \$17.34. Seconded by Jaci Grote. All in favor.

5. James Verra And Associates
Completion of Contract Dated 11/2017 - \$941.00

Motion by Suzanne McFarland to pay James Verra and Associates. Seconded by Susan Shepcaro. All in favor.

6. Susan Shepcaro
Dog Signs \$130.59

Motion by Jaci Grote to pay Susan Shepcaro in the amount of \$130.59. Seconded by Sally King. All in favor.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE - None

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Budget Update

Member Grote told the Commission that year to date approximately \$25,000 of the budget of \$90,000 has been spent; however, there is approximately another \$10,000 that will be spent prior to end of year. That still leaves approximately \$55,000 not spent. It was agreed that funds should be put in an escrow account for future land acquisitions. Also, some money will be encumbered for the ongoing survey contract.

B. Phase II Town Forest Survey Completed

Vice-Chair McFarland stated that Jim Verra asked if the Commission wanted him to record the plans. The Commission agreed to have Jim Verra record the plans.

C. Update – 300 Pioneer Road

Chair King stated that the Building Inspector's office has requested that the Conservation Commission do another site walk.

Member Gardner reported that there had been some confusion regarding the permits. However, it has since been discovered that the owners were issued a permit in 2017. The DES permit is listed as under review on the DES website.

It was agreed that the site walk would not be scheduled until after Member Grote meets with the Building Inspector.

D. Next Parcel to be Surveyed

Chair King suggested the next parcel could be the Pokorney property on Appledore Ave near 60 Park Ridge.

Member Grote suggested the Marden and Rand Lumber Properties.

The commission discussed properties that should be done. They agreed to give Jim Verra a list so he can fit the surveys in based on his time availability.

E. Trailgate

Member Grote stated that by the time of the Trailgate party Member Garvan and herself should have marked the Rand property, however every time they have made a date it has rained so it is not done yet. However, she still wants to proceed with the Trailgate party by the end of the month. Also, in this budget year she wants to finish the Rand property.

F. Monitoring Conservation Lands

Chair King noted that there has been construction equipment on the Goodwin property. She suggested that the commission visit the new owners of 377 Brackett Road to go over the easement with them. There are 22 acres under easement.

Member Grote stated that she sent a friendly letter to the owners stating that the Conservation Commission would like to walk the parcel to do monitoring to make sure that the easement is being honored. She added that she is planning to follow up with a phone call on Tuesday.

Chair King reported that the Southeast Land Trust has notified the commission of several parcels that Southeast holds the easements on that they are requesting that the Conservation Commission do site walks on for monitoring. She noted that they need to put together a list of the easements.

Member Grote asked about contacting Mimi White about her property.

Chair King stated yes this would be the time.

Member Grote stated that she will follow up with an e-mail to Ms. White.

VI. SITE WALK NEEDED

- 50 Alehson Street

Chair King reported that Shirley Harper of 51 Alehson Street asked the commission to evaluate the trees on the conservation land behind and beside her house. She thinks that the trees are too close. She will call Ms. Harper to set up a time and e-mail the rest of the commission when the site walk is scheduled.

Chair King also reported that Connie Blake called her regarding her property off of Willow Lane. Ms. Blake stated that she has found an old deed of the property. Because the property is infested with poison ivy the site walk will not be held until November. Ms. King will call Ms. Blake to inform her.

VII. PENDING 2018 SITE WALKS, PROJECT COMPLETIONS

Member Grote stated that she has not followed up on the three on her action list.

- 335 Washington Road, Tax Map 016, Lot 122
- 5 Libbey Lane, Tax Map 16, Lot 162-3
- 45 Washington Road, Tax Map 017, Lot 073

She told the commission that she will follow up by next meeting.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Member Shepcaro reported that one of the new dog signs was stolen and another one looks like someone was trying to pull it down. She stated that the stolen one has not been replaced yet. She and Member Garvan thought they would wait until there is more enforcement in place before they replace the stolen sign.

Ms. Shepcaro also reported that she, member Garvan, Police Chief Walsh and the Animal Control Officer walked the trails in the Town Forest.

IX. WETLANDS

- A.** 395 Washington Road
Tax Map 016 Lot 117
Owner: Durkin, Jesse
Altus Engineering Eric Weinrieb
Proposed new home and septic system

Attorney David Brown spoke to the legal side of this parcel. He pointed out that it is a lot of record. It is on a 1972 four lot Planning Board Subdivision. It is the only one of the four lots that has not been built on. Article 600 shows that it is buildable but needs variances. The lot is approximately 1.5 acre. He stressed that the definition shows, if the lot was approved by the Planning Board prior to a certain date then it is a lot of record. (which this lot was). Attorney Brown reported that Jim Verra has already surveyed the parcel. They are hoping to be on the Zoning Board agenda in December.

Engineer Eric Weinrieb was unable to attend this evening. Chair King suggested putting this back on the November agenda.

Member Gardner suggested that the Commission could meet Mr. Weinrieb at the lot for a site walk to have him present it on site.

Chair King stated that she will call Mr. Weinrieb to set it up.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jaci Grote to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Susan Shepcaro. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger