

# **RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Thursday, August 13, 2020**

**7:00 p.m. – Via ZOOM**

***Members Present: Chair Suzanne McFarland, Vice-Chair Sally King (joined at 7:35p.m.)  
Mike Garvan, Jaci Grote, Susan Shepcaro, Karen Oliver***

## **I. Call to Order**

Chair McFarland called the meeting to order via Zoom teleconferencing at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alternate Karen Oliver was seated for the meeting.

## **II. Compliant Right to Know Statement**

### Statement by Chair McFarland:

*As chair of the Conservation Commission, I find that due the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.*

*Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:*

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*In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.*

*Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.*

**Attendance by Roll Call:**

- Mike Garvan
- Jaci Grote – husband is also present.
- Karen Oliver
- Susan Shepcaro
- Suzanne McFarland

*(Unless otherwise noted above, members noted that there was no one else present in the room with them for the work session.)*

**III. Wetlands Applications**

**1) 4 Washington Road, Tax Map 013, Lot 040**

Owner: Jay Mason and Jacqueline Dougherty

Altus Engineering – Eric Weinrieb

Ambit Engineering – Steve Riker

Attorney Tim Phoenix

Demolish existing home and rebuild new home

**Eric Weinrieb, Altus Engineering**, presented the plans to the Commission on the screen for their review. He reviewed the location of the site on Washington Road, which is close to the intersection of Ocean Boulevard and the ocean. He pointed out the ponding area on the abutting property. He also pointed out the beginning of the tidal waters near the property. Mr. Weinrieb explained the proposal is to remove the antiques three-bedroom house. The parcel is in the General Residence and Coastal Overlay Districts. The parcel is also located within the wetlands buffer, which brings the proposal to the Commission. There are no wetlands on the parcel; however, a significant portion of the parcel is encumbered by the 75' freshwater wetland buffer and the 100' tidal wetland buffer. He pointed out the small portion of the site that is outside the wetland buffers.

Mr. Weinrieb explained the existing conditions survey and wetlands mapping was completed by Steve Riker and Ambit Engineering. They have submitted the shoreland, wetland and septic applications to the State. They have secured the shoreland permit from DES. The wetland and septic have some minor adjustments that need to be addressed before the permit is secured. They don't want to move forward until the Commission has a chance to review this revised site design. Mr. Weinrieb stated they have worked hard with the applicant to come up with a new design that works better with the site. The proposed building will be aligned with the Washington Road property line, which allows for an angle to the abutting property and to be further away from that property line. More space will be created between the proposed home and the neighbor's home, to allow for more air and flow. The house will have a single-pitched roof to allow for a strong solar gain, as there will be solar panels on the building. It will be a very efficient house. The owners are looking at all aspects of the property in regards to climate change, solar gain and environmental impacts.

Mr. Weinrieb pointed out the setback lines for the property on the plan. He noted that the building was pushed up close to the road, which allows for more space behind the home. He also pointed out the location that is proposed as a conservation buffer restoration area, which is just over 2,000sf and is about 20% of the lot area. A significant portion of the lawn will be restored back to a natural buffer area. He pointed out the patio area behind the house, the walkways and drive. He noted that all walkways on the property will be of pervious materials. He continued his review of the grading and stormwater management plan. He pointed out the proposed AOS septic location and reviewed the stormwater management proposal. The volume in all storms analyzed and all flow to the east, has a decrease in peak runoff. There is a slight increase of peak rate to the north/west area. In this area, some infiltration will be provided, along with treatment. It will flow over land, through the berm and out to the wetland system.

Mr. Weinrieb summarized that the application has been submitted to the Board of Adjustment. The Commission has visited the site in the past. The plans that are being presented now, through the process of refining based on received input, is a better site design.

Chair McFarland asked the distance from the freshwater pond to the proposed home.

Mr. Weinrieb replied it is 41.5' to the stairs. The closest distance to the deck is 46.5'. He explained they are going to be closer with the bulk of the building than what exists. They are trying to balance that by creating green space outside the buffer. He pointed out they are also eliminating a significant portion of the lawn.

Member Grote asked what percentage of the excavated material will be used as fill.

Mr. Weinrieb replied that he would guess that all the excavated material will be used as fill. He does not see a lot of material moving in and out of the site.

**Jay Mason, applicant,** thanked the Commission for their patience in looking at the project, while they have struggled to arrive at the right design. They feel very comfortable with this design. It fits in well with their goals and needs. He noted that he and his wife are very community oriented. They intend to make Rye a home where they are contributing to the greater good of the community in a comprehensive way. They are looking forward to being part of the Rye community.

Chair McFarland asked if there is a planting plan.

Mr. Weinrieb replied they are proposing a conservation seed mix with blueberry bushes, similar to what the Commission has requested in the past. The property owner would like to see that area supplemented with lilacs, as well.

Chair McFarland noted it would be good to have a better concept of what kinds of plants will be used and how close together they will be. Also, it should be a local conservation seed mix that is used. She suggested the Commission schedule another site walk.

- **Site walk tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m.**

**2) 10 Causeway Drive, Tax Map 02, Lot 76**

Owner: Jeannette and Timothy Lindsay

Altus Engineering – Eric Saari

Attorney Tim Phoenix

Demolish existing home and rebuild new home

**Eric Saari, Altus Engineering**, presented the plans on the screen for the Commission's review. He explained there is an existing two-story home that was built in 1968. Most of the lot has already been disturbed. It is mostly all lawn with some wetland on the property, as well. He pointed out there is an existing buffer along the property on the abutter's property. He pointed out the location of the existing home and leachfield. He also pointed out the location of the freshwater wetland and the edge of the tidal marsh. Mr. Saari reviewed the 100' freshwater buffer line on the plan, which goes over the leachfield and part of the existing house. The proposal is to tear the existing home down, remove the walkways and rebuild the driveway. The new home will be a four-bedroom two-story house with a covered porch around the parameter and patio. The new leachfield will be constructed out of the buffer. The new driveway will be roughly in the same location as the existing; however, it will be pulled off the property line to allow for a few more feet to the abutter. He pointed out that a corner of the covered porch and patio is in the buffer. There will be 3,100sf of buffer impact and most of that is grading. He further explained that currently there is no culvert under the existing driveway, so water does puddle up on the abutter's property. The proposal is for a cross culvert right under the new driveway. A swale is proposed along the abutter boundary on the uphill side. A retaining wall will be built around the patio to minimize the grading impact. Mr. Saari reviewed the runoff proposal on the plan. It was pointed out that an application has been submitted for a shoreland permit from DES. A wetland permit is not needed because it is not within 100' of the tidal marsh.

Chair McFarland asked if there is a 40' front setback.

Mr. Saari replied there is a 40' setback. There are a lot of competing issues on this site. One was trying to give more buffer to the abutter. The other was the wetland buffer in the back and trying to provide as much buffer to the street. This limited where the house could be located. Right now, the house is 58.7' back from the front. If the house were to be moved, part of it would still be in the wetland buffer. There would still be a lot of grading in the wetland buffer; not only for the site plan itself, but also for removing the leachfield.

Chair McFarland asked if there are plans for the lawn.

Mr. Saari replied that as far as he knows, they are going to maintain the lawn as is for now. They have not put a planting plan together.

**Timothy Lindsay, property owner**, confirmed that he was planning to maintain the lawn as is.

Member Shepcaro commented that with how much is in the buffer, maintaining it as lawn is probably not the optimal choice. The Commission would probably ask for some extensive native plantings.

Member Grote agreed.

Member Shepcaro asked if the driveway or back patio will be pervious.

Mr. Saari replied that right now, everything is impervious; however, there was some discussion to make the back patio pervious. He pointed out that the proposal only increases impervious surfaces over the existing by 269sf. The patio is 272sf. If that becomes pervious, it is a balancing act. He also pointed out that a large chunk of existing pavement for the driveway is being removed. The whole driveway is moving back towards Causeway Drive, which will be a benefit for the whole lot.

Chair McFarland asked the percentage in increase of square footage from the existing house to the new home.

Mr. Saari explained the footprint square footage increased by 213sf with covered porches and decks beyond that. The proposed home with porches is 4,822sf. The existing house is 3,461sf but there is a lot of deck, as well. It is probably about 800sf of new house and deck.

Vice-Chair King stated this is all the more reason to look at lawn reduction and other things that can be done to make it more wetland friendly and beneficial for the property itself.

Member Shepcaro asked if a wetland scientist has looked at the property and made recommendations.

Mr. Saari noted that Joe Noel did the flagging and the test pits. He has not made any recommendations towards restoration, but he can be asked.

Member Grote asked if there will be fill involved with the project.

Mr. Saari confirmed. Some of it is in wetland buffer. A lot of earth work that is going to happen will involve the construction of the proposed house and removing the existing.

Vice-Chair King asked the estimate on the amount of fill and what it will do to the elevation.

In terms of elevation, Mr. Saari stated the finished floor of the house goes up by a foot. The garage will stay within a half inch of where it is now. The leachfield will come up because the existing leachfield is nowhere near code and is probably right on top of the water table. The total

fill for the site is 950 yards with 240 yards in the buffer with some of that being select material for the leachfield.

Chair McFarland asked if this will be going before the Rye Beach Zoning Board.

Mr. Saari confirmed.

Member Grote asked if any trees will be taken down.

Mr. Saari replied no. He explained there are very few trees on the lot. There are some material landscape specimens around the existing house that will have to come out. Some of that might be able to be salvaged.

- **Site walk scheduled for Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.**

**3) 51, 55, 59 Harbor Road, Tax Map 9.2, Lots 51, 55, 59**

Owner: Wendy Cabral, Seacoast Property Holdings, LLC

Ambit Engineering – Steve Riker

Joe Tucker – builder

Underground utilities, reconfiguration of road/driveway, entry

**Steve Riker, Ambit Engineering**, presented to the Commission. He noted that the Commission has been on site before for the redevelopment of the lot. This is coming back for a utility project, as the property owner would like to go underground with utilities. Mr. Riker presented the plan on the screen for review and explained the proposal.

Chair McFarland asked if the electrical transformers are elevated, as there is a lot of flooding in this area.

Mr. Riker explained the units are completely sealed. The lines in and out are inside a PVC pipe that is completely sealed. It is very common to run them through wetlands and water tables.

Vice-Chair King asked how deep they are buried.

Mr. Riker replied about 2'.

Member Grote asked how wide the area of disturbance will be.

Mr. Riker replied it is one bucket width of an excavator, which is about 2' to 3' wide. The contractor will be responsible for digging the trench and providing the materials. The Eversource employees pull the wire through the PVC.

Member Oliver asked the depth of the trench.

Mr. Riker replied it is about 2' deep. He noted that the driveway and front entry changes will come back to the Commission at a later date, as they are still working on the plans.

Chair McFarland stated she has been to the site. She does not have a problem with the underground utility proposal. She asked the Commission if they would like to schedule a site walk.

The Commission did not have any concerns with the proposal and agreed a site walk was not needed.

Speaking to Mr. Riker, Chair McFarland asked if he has received the minutes from the site walk.

Mr. Riker replied he received the minutes but has not had time to review them.

Chair McFarland pointed out the Commission had a couple of concerns on site with debris being placed in the buffer. She asked if this should be addressed with the builder.

Member Shepcaro stated there are four issues the Commission is concerned about right now. There is debris behind the construction trailer. There are two port-a-potties practically sitting in the wetland. Those need to be pulled out of that area. She noted that the concerns have been expressed to the builder and the site walk minutes have also been sent to him.

Mr. Riker noted that he will follow up with the builder.

Chair McFarland summarized that this section of the plan is a go. The Commission will look forward to seeing the plan for the new configuration of the driveway and front entry.

#### **4) 10 & 12 Big Rock Road, Tax Map 8.1, Lot 45 and Tax Map 5.2, Lot 80**

Owner: Glover Construction Inc

TF Moran – Eric Salovitch

Wetlands restoration plan

**Eric Salovitch, TF Moran Engineering**, presented the plans for the project at 10 and 12 Big Rock Road. He explained that Don Glover has subdivided the property and built two new homes. The construction project on the properties is about complete. Mr. Salovitch pointed out the location of the wetlands that covers the middle of the properties. The proposal is for a wetland restoration plan for the 2,600sf of wetlands. A drainage analysis has been done for the site, as part of the renovations. There are a significant number of raingardens to control the stormwater runoff. The wetland functions as an overflow to some of the raingardens. The proposal is to remove the invasive species, bring in 4" to 6" of clean fill, plant a wetland seed mixture and rap the outside in blueberry bushes to create vegetative buffer between the wetlands and the lawn area. Eben Lewis from DES visited the site in June and he agreed with the

restoration. Mr. Lewis was the one who mentioned the vegetative buffer to prevent any mowing or disruption of that area.

Vice-Chair King stated it sounds counterintuitive to have fill involved when talking about wetlands.

Mr. Salovitch explained it would just be to restore the elevation after removing the invasive species. It is not a significant amount of fill. It is to be sure the grade stays what it is today.

Member Shepcaro asked how removing the plants will change the grade.

Mr. Salovitch replied if the grade does not change, the area will not be raised. It is written in the plan notes to keep it the same.

Vice-Chair King commented that fill and blueberry bushes sound like another raingarden.

Mr. Salovitch explained the blueberry bushes are planted outside the jurisdictional wetland. Everything inside the jurisdictional area will be wetland plant mix.

Member Grote asked how the invasives will be removed.

Mr. Salovitch replied they are proposing to remove it by machinery.

Member Grote commented that typically the Commission does not allow machinery in the wetland. She asked if the stumps will remain.

Mr. Salovitch noted they will be removed.

Member Grote stated she is hearing that this is going to be beautified, which defeats the purpose of having an intact wetland. She asked what will be left once the area is cleaned out.

Mr. Salovitch explained it would be clean fill that would be used to plant the wetland seed mix. He further explained this is an approved restoration of the wetlands. Eben Lewis was on site and completely agreed with the proposal for a minimum expedited permit.

Member Oliver asked what was supposed to happen to this area when the building permits were granted. She asked if it was part of the conditions that the wetlands would be restored.

Mr. Salovitch stated he does not believe this was part of the original proposal. Now that the area is reconstructed, the wetlands were flagged during construction as a protected area. Now that the area remains, it's an eyesore in front of the site and a hazard to children playing in that area.



Vice-Chair King stated that as she recalls, this lot development has a very long history. Part of the issue was the disturbance of the wetlands. Now it sounds like it is being reinvented as a raingarden or something other than a wetland.

Mr. Salovitch pointed out it is a wetland restoration. It plays a part in the stormwater drainage analysis. It will continue to function as a wetland and there is no intent to change that. This is being done to remove a lot of the invasive species and some of the potential fall hazards of down trees.

The Commission reviewed the photos and plans presented by Mr. Salovitch.

Vice-Chair King noted this is one of those famous lots of record that was built on in spite of itself. It was very wet. Neighbors had issues with this for years and it was a long time developing the lot. She thinks a little more history is needed before the proposal moves forward.

The Commission agreed that a site walk is needed.

- **Site walk scheduled for Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 1:15 p.m.**  
*4 Washington Road site walk will be moved up to 12:30 p.m.*

Other Business taken out of posted agenda order:

- **64 Ahleson Road, Owner: Rob and Lori Wright proposal**

**Rob Wright, property owner**, spoke to the Commission in regards to his proposal to replace a brick patio with a bluestone patio, along with an addition of a gas fire pit, at his home on Ahleson. They are also seeking to take down four trees. Three of the trees are within the 75' buffer zone. The purpose for removing the trees is to allow for more air and movement, as well as for safety issues, as they are very close to the house. He noted that they are not looking to hire a soil scientist. He agrees it is probably a wetland and is willing to stipulate to the boundaries of that. The trees that are being removed are to the north of the property. The stumps will be left in the ground with impact being minimized. All other construction will be done within the current yard area.

The Commission reviewed the plan and photos presented on the screen.

Vice-Chair King asked how large the “maybe vernal pool” is.

Mr. Wright commented it has not been surveyed. He does not want to spend thousands of dollars on an engineer to say what it is. He knows where the boundaries are.

Vice-Chair King asked how large the lot is.

Mr. Wright replied 39,800sf. He pointed out that the lots in this neighborhood are just above an acre. Everything around this lot is wooded. Nothing has been cut on the lot. He is looking to selectively pull out four trees to get some light in the backyard.

Vice-Chair King pointed out that if it is over an acre, different rules apply. She is just trying to get some information prior to the site walk.

Member Garvan commented he is wondering where the wetland boundary is located.

Mr. Wright explained it is 65' to the edge of the leachfield and just over 75' to the house.

Member Garvan asked if a variance is needed to reconstruct the patio.

Mr. Wright explained that when they applied, they did not know they needed to consider the wet area. A generator that is being proposed is within the side lot setback, so this is on the September ZBA meeting for variance relief for the generator. Subsequent to the notification from the building inspector that this needed to be taken up by the Conservation Commission, the appeal to the ZBA was amended for the entire project. He stated they do not believe the project is going to cause harm and are looking for the Conservation Commission's blessing.

Member Garvan commented that it looks like it is in the buffer zone. Also, the existing deck is being taken up so all that is disturbance, as well. He asked the square footage of disturbance in the buffer.

It was noted that the total patio, including replacing the existing with the new area, is 475sf. The increase over the existing is approximately 200sf.

Chair McFarland stated this is an old map and the wetland really hasn't been delineated.

Mr. Wright replied the wetland never was delineated. He agrees that it is wet and does not dispute the boundaries. He knows its within 75'. He is seeking permission to take the trees out, despite being within the buffer, and build a new patio.

The Commission agreed a site walk was needed. They also agreed that it would be good to have Member Danna Truslow present at the site walk.

- **Site walk tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:45 p.m.**

#### **IV. Pending Site Walk and Reviews**

##### **a. 1647 Ocean Blvd, Tax Map 013, Lot 019**

- Chair McFarland will research on whether the Commission has to revisit the site to review the work.

##### **b. 18 Fern Ave**

- Chair McFarland noted that 18 Fern Ave is looking to take down thirteen trees, which are all in the wetlands. She will email the information to the members so a visit to the site can be set up within the next few days.

##### **c. Grondahl – 314 Brackett Road**

- Chair McFarland noted the site walk for the Grondahl property is on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

##### **d. 21-23 Parson's**

- Chair McFarland explained that the building inspector found a violation on 21-23 Parson's Road and issued a violation. The property owner hired Alex Ross and Bruce Scammon to put together a detailed renovation. The proposal really doesn't need to be presented because they are actually doing more work than what was cited in the notice of violation. The Commission just needs to visit the site in the next couple of weeks.

There was some discussion in regards to whether the proposal should come to the Commission at a meeting before visiting the site. Chair McFarland will send out the plan to the members and a determination can be made at that time.

#### **V. Other Business**

- **Budget to date and escrow accounts**

The Commission reviewed the information presented on the screen by Chair McFarland regarding the budget to date and escrow accounts. The Commission agreed that they would like to see the funds coming in, and expenses going out, itemized for the past three years for the Conservation Commission cash account, vernal pools and land acquisition accounts.

The members reviewed and discussed some of the expenses to date and possible upcoming expenses. Chair McFarland agreed to schedule a meeting with the Town Administrator to

discuss how they can get more information about RCC's budget. It was also agreed that the commission's budget should be reviewed at a meeting on a quarterly basis moving forward.

- **NRI**

The Commission agreed to set a new date for accepting proposals from consultants to help prepare the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI). It was also agreed to send the RFP directly to people on their list.

- **Seaglass Lane**

Vice-Chair King noted that she has not heard back from the condominium association of Seaglass Lane. She pointed out that the property (easement) is not owned by the Conservation Commission. Tracy Degnan, Susan Shepcaro, Jaci Grote and herself have been out there to try to help them restore an area that was disturbed in the wetland buffer right up to the wetland. As part of this development, after the planning board had been out there, a big pile of compacted sawdust showed up right up against the wetlands. The condominium association of Seaglass Lane would like the Commission's help restoring that area. It should be restored; however, it is not really the Commission's job or place. It is really Ed Hayes and John O'Neill's responsibility, as they are the owners of that land. They have agreed to fix this but have done nothing.

Referring to the developers, Member Oliver commented they do not own the land anymore. Every deed has a 1/21<sup>st</sup> interest in the conservation easement.

Vice-Chair King stated that as far as she knows, it was never conveyed.

Member Oliver replied each deed conveyed 1/21<sup>st</sup> interest to each owner.

Vice-Chair King commented this is not what Ed Hayes and John O'Neill think, nor what the homeowners think.

Member Oliver explained the developers relinquished control on April 7, 2016. The question is whether the 1/21<sup>st</sup> share includes this land in question. Normally, the condominium association owns the common area, which would include the conservation easement. However, in this case, the condominium association does not own it. Each condominium owner owns 1/21<sup>st</sup> of the common area.

Member Shepcaro asked if the problem is that the builders put something on the property.

Vice-Chair King noted that she met the developers on site, along with the Commission's attorney. They agreed to take care of the issue; however, this was over a year ago. Since that time, the septs have started to fail and that may have distracted them from this issue. She commented the developers are responsible for cleaning this up, as they are responsible for putting the material where it is.

The Commission agreed to send an attorney letter, which may need to go to the condominium' association with them seeking action from the developers.

- **SELTs: Grab a bag and No tinkering with the trails signs**  
*Mentioned by Chair McFarland for the Commission to consider.*
- **Form letter for new homeowners abutting wetlands**  
*Member Grote agreed to work on a draft.*
- **40 Signature Drive**  
*The Commission reviewed and discussed the email sent from the property owner in regards to the cutting of trees on the conservation land behind his home and the replacement of those trees. The homeowner also asked questions regarding errors made by the builder/developer.*  
  
*Member Garvan and Chair McFarland will work together to draft a response to the property owner.*
- **Approval of Minutes**

➤ **Meeting July 9, 2020**

**Motion by Mike Garvan to approve the minutes of July 9, 2020 as presented. Seconded by Susan Shepcaro.**

**Roll Call: Mike Garvan – Aye; Jaci Grote – Abstain; Sally King – Aye; Karen Oliver – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Suzanne McFarland – Abstain**

**Motion passed**

➤ **Site Walk Minutes**

**Motion by Suzanne McFarland to approve the site walk minutes of July 7, 2020; July 15, 2020; July 16, 2020; and July 24, 2020. Seconded by Susan Shepcaro.**

**Roll Call: Mike Garvan – Aye; Jaci Grote – Aye; Sally King – Aye; Karen Oliver – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Suzanne McFarland – Aye**

**Motion passed**

➤ **Site Walk Minutes (7/10/20)**

**Motion by Jaci Grote to approve the site walk minutes of July 10, 2020. Seconded by Karen Oliver.**

**Roll Call: Mike Garvan – Abstain; Jaci Grote – Aye; Sally King – Aye; Karen Oliver – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Suzanne McFarland – Aye**

**Motion passed**

- Member Grote noted that the Gallants live next to the entrance to Varrell Woods on Washington Road. The Commission took a tree down near their house and cut some branches. There is now about 2” of moss growing on their back roof and the front roof of the garage. She suggested that the Commission visit the site to figure out how to handle this with them.

Vice-Chair King stated the Commission went beyond what they normally do to cut the trees that were close to their house. She does not think they necessarily did any cleaning of the roof after that. Some of that moss may exist because of the trees that were there. The Commission does not cut trees next to people’s property normally. In her mind, they have done what they should do for mitigation.

Member Grote noted the Gallants are not asking for the Commission to pay for it. They are asking to take down more trees on the conservation parcel. She commented that she can ask them to treat their roof to see if that takes care of the problem.

Vice-Chair King stated she has been at the property doing a lot of clean up on the Varrell Woods entry. She does not think the trees that are there are harming their property. It would be interesting to see if the moss is still an issue, once they clean the roof.

Member Grote agreed to follow up with the Gallants.

## **VI. Correspondence**

- **2020.07.10 – 67 Harbor Road, Tax Map 9.2, Lot 5 and 6, NHDES #2020-01184**  
*Project has received NH DES approval.*

## **VII. Bills**

- \$23.83 - Eversource, Goss Farm
- \$56.00 - Fastener Warehouse, hooks and chain for granite posts, DPW submittal
- \$71.16 - New England Barricade company, sign-controlled access fire, DPW submittal
- \$439.50 - Alan Bucklin, Goss Farm mowing
- \$1,906.25 – Charlie Moreno, Consulting Forester, work from February to date
- \$2,495.00 – Seacoast Tree Care

**Motion by Suzanne McFarland to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Karen Oliver.**  
**Roll Call: Mike Garvan – Aye; Jaci Grote – Aye; Sally King – Aye; Karen Oliver – Aye;**  
**Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Suzanne McFarland – Aye**  
**Motion passed**

**VIII. Non-Public Meeting (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Acquisition  
(2) per RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Legal**

**At 10:00 p.m., Mike Garvan made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Acquisition and RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Legal. Seconded by Jaci Grote.**

**Roll Call: Mike Garvan – Aye; Jaci Grote – Aye; Sally King – Aye; Karen Oliver – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Suzanne McFarland – Aye**

**Motion passed**

The Commission came out of non-public session at 10:19 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Mike Garvan to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. Seconded by Jaci Grote.**

**Roll Call: Mike Garvan – Aye; Jaci Grote – Aye; Sally King – Aye; Karen Oliver – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Suzanne McFarland – Aye**

**Motion passed**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dyana F. Ledger