

**Rye Conservation Commission**  
**Thursday, September 10, 2020**  
**7:00 p.m. – via ZOOM**

***Members Present: Chair Suzanne McFarland, Mike Garvan, Jeff Gardner, Heather Reed, Susan Shepcaro, and Alternates Dana Truslow and Karen Oliver***

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair McFarland called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.**

**Alternates Karen Oliver and Danna Truslow were seated for the meeting.**

**II. READING of ATTESTATION**

**Statement by Suzanne McFarland:**

As a Chair of the Rye Conservation Commission, I find that due to 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. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

- a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video and other electronic means. We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Historic District Commission have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through dialing the following phone number: 646-558-8656 and Password: 856749 or by clicking on the following website address: [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) ID #881-9980-1027.
- b) Public notice has been provided to the public for the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the Town of Rye website [town.rye.nh.us](http://town.rye.nh.us)
- c) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access.
- d) Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting.  
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.

Roll call attendance of Commission:

- Jeff Gardner
- Mike Garvan - Wife is in the room
- Susan Shepcaro,
- Dana Truslow
- Karen Oliver – Husband is in the room
- Heather Reed
- Suzanne McFarland

*Note: All other Members stated where they were located and confirmed that they were the only ones in the room for the meeting.*

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

➤ **Meeting minutes of August 13, 2020**

The following correction was noted:

- Page 7, last paragraph should read: **The proposal is to remove the invasive species, bring in 4” to 6” of clean fill, plant a wetland seed mixture and wrap the outside in blueberry bushes to create vegetative buffer between the wetlands and the lawn area.**
- Page 2, first paragraph should read: **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 Ocean Boulevard.**
- Page 2, first paragraph should read: **He also pointed out the beginning of the delineation of the 100-foot tidal wetland buffer near the property.**
- Page 2, first paragraph should read: **Mr. Weinrieb explained the proposal is to remove the antiquated three-bedroom house.**
- Page 2, first paragraph should read: **He pointed out the pond area on the abutting property.**

**Motion by Suzanne McFarland to accept the meeting minutes of August 13, 2020 as amended. Seconded by Susan Shepcaro.**

**Roll Call Vote: Jeff Gardner – Aye; Mike Garvan – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Danna Truslow – Aye; Karen Oliver – Aye; Heather Reed – Aye; Suzanne McFarland – Aye.**

**Motion passed.**

Chair McFarland offered clarification on two site walks:

1. August 19, 2020 – 4 Washington Road. She was speaking of the plantings in the back, left corner. It would be the south-west on the lot, as it floods in the back. A straight line back from the out-door shower.
2. August 20, 2020 – spelling of the Bryan’s name: one was Brain and one was Brian

**Motion by Suzanne McFarland to accept the site walk minutes of August 19, 2020 and August 20, 2020 as amended. Seconded by Mike Garvan.**

**Roll Call Vote: Jeff Gardner – Aye; Mike Garvan – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Danna Truslow – Aye; Karen Oliver – Aye; Heather Reed – Aye; Suzanne McFarland – Aye.**

**Motion passed.**

#### **IV. WETLANDS**

- A. 0 Brackett Road Tax Map 17 Lot 65 –  
Owner: Todor Simeonov  
Eckman Engineering - Kurt Byron  
*Postponed to another meeting.*

Chair McFarland explained that there is a lot going on with this property. The last time she talked with Kurt Byron, he wasn't sure they would be able to make this meeting. They have sent plans to the commission.

#### **V. PENDING SITE WALKS AND REVIEWS**

- **Goodwin Conservation Land**

Chair McFarland explained that they are behind on this property. She asked for two volunteers to walk this property by the end of October with Sally King.

Members Truslow and Shepcaro volunteered. Member Truslow will take the lead.

- **Sea Glass Conservation Land**

Chair McFarland reported that they had an attorney meeting and it seems that it is the homeowner's responsibility. Chair McFarland noted that she spoke to a landscaper that the Commission has used in the past. He is getting a quote for what it would cost to get a very thick sawdust that would be from 6 inches to 3 feet, which would be located on the left of the entrance. He is also going to put together a restoration plan for that area. She also mentioned some kind of a rock demarcation, so that people know where to walk. They also need a site walk to walk the entire boundary, because there is irrigation on the conservation easement and lawns. She asked if she could get a quorum to do a site walk at Sea Glass Conservation Land sometime next week.

- Sea Glass site walk – Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.

- **250 Locke Road**

Member Shepcaro reported that she is trying to put together a site walk at Locke Road for Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday after 3:00 p.m. next week.

- 250 Locke Road site walk – Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m.

- **64 Causeway – New Residence with tree concerns**

- Site walk – Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. - Members Garvan and Truslow

- **2250 Ocean Blvd. – BOA Notice of Violation**  
**James Holland - Owner**

Chair McFarland explained that the Commission has a request from the Building Department to join him on a visit to this property on Monday August 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. - Members Garvan and Truslow volunteered to attend.

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Sent NHDES Trail permit request for Cedar Run Trail 8.28.2020**

There has been no response back yet.

### **B. 40 Signature Road- timer trespass**

The Becketts have been answered in writing. Chair McFarland stated that she has not heard back from them. She will check in on them on Monday to see how they are doing with the trees. Member King is working on the rock, the dedication and the access parking issue with the Planning Board.

### **C. Goss Barn**

Chair McFarland had someone look at the buckling/split boards on the east and west side. She has an estimate on replacing some of the split boards and nailing down some of the others. The east and west side have not been painted since 2014 and it is now getting dryer. She has also gotten painting estimates; however, the painters are all booked, so no one can take on the job at this time.

Member Shepcaro reported that she has someone that could give them an estimate and possibly do the job.

The repair work will be done by the end of October.

This is all part of Goss Farm - Phase Two.

Chair McFarland asked if the Town Forest Management Plan has been finalized and if it is online yet.

Member Shepcaro stated that it is not online yet. They need to get back to Charlie Moreno with a go ahead on the printing and binding and then it can be posted online. She will contact Mr. Moreno. She will also contact Tracy Degnan to see how she wants them to send it to RCCD.

Chair McFarland reported that she will not have any means of electronic communication on September 24<sup>th</sup> and that is the ZBA meeting where the Commission has four applications; 4 Washington Road, 1&3 Cable Road, and 24 Glendale Road. She asked if anyone could sit for the meeting. Member Garvan agreed to sit in.

Member Garvan brought up that the Forest Management Plan is done and approved. The Commission has a lot of work to do. There was a lengthy discussion on signage, blazing the trails and where to use volunteers and students from the Rye Junior High to help. Member Oliver will get the information in the next newsletter.

Chair McFarland recommended that members Truslow, Shepcaro and Garvan form a subcommittee and get together to talk about the work plans.

Member Shepcaro reported that she had 'Seacoast Tree' look at the large oak at Goss Farm that has a large limb that is dead and being held up by a cable. Sally King wants the hawthorn tree also looked at because it is starting to split. Member Shepcaro will set up a meeting with the tree company to look at that tree as well.

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. 2020.08.19 21 Carbee Drive, Tax Map 84 Lot 104- PERMIT\_SHORE #2020198332**
- B. 2020.08.20 Abutter notice for wetlands permit application, Wentworth by the Sea, Tax Map 24 Lot 61-26**
- C. SBA Communications Corp – revenue sharing details**
- D. Newsletter from NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau**
- E. 2020.09.03 55 Harbor Road NHDES permit for underground utilities-PERMIT\_WETLAND-2020198727**

Chair McFarland received and noted all correspondence as listed above no other correspondence was received by the members.

## **VIII. BILLS**

- \$23.96 Eversource Goss farm
- \$487.10 Alan Bucklin, Goss Farm mowing
- \$22.50 BCM #3628
- \$217.50 BCM #3586
- \$1,000.00 BCM #3584

**Motion by Suzanne McFarland to pay the above listed bills. Seconded by Susan Shepcaro.**

**Roll Call Vote: Jeff Gardner – Aye; Mike Garvan – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Danna Truslow – Aye; Karen Oliver – Aye; Heather Reed – Aye; Suzanne McFarland – Aye.**

**Motion passed.**

Chair McFarland noted that a bill came in after the agenda was prepared for Owen Shepcaro in the amount of \$160.00 for work he has completed at the Goss Farm.

**Motion by Suzanne McFarland to pay \$160.00 to Owen Shepcaro. Seconded by Mike Garvan.**

**Roll Call Vote: Jeff Gardner – Aye; Mike Garvan – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Danna Truslow – Aye; Karen Oliver – Aye; Heather Reed – Aye; Suzanne McFarland – Aye.**

**Motion passed.**

## **IX. ADJOURN**

**Motion by Susan Shepcaro to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Seconded by Heather Reed.**

**Roll Call Vote: Jeff Gardner – Aye; Mike Garvan – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Danna Truslow – Aye; Karen Oliver – Aye; Heather Reed – Aye; Suzanne McFarland – Aye.**

**Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted, Dyana F. Ledger