

**RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING**

**Thursday, May 13, 2021
7:00 p.m. – via ZOOM**

***Members Present:* Chair Suzanne McFarland, Mike Garvan, Heather Reed, Susan Shepcaro, Jaci Grote, and Alternates Danna Truslow and Karen Oliver**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McFarland called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing and seated Danna Truslow.

Statement by Suzanne McFarland:

As chair of the 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, I am confirming that we are 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 board 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 by dialing in to the following phone number: 646-558-8656 or by clicking on the following website address: www.zoom.com ID #889 7552 2675 Password: 365896

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Roll Call:

1. Suzanne McFarland
2. Mike Garvan
3. Heather Reed
4. Susan Shepcaro
5. Jaci Grote
6. Danna Truslow
7. Karen Oliver
8. Sally King – others in the room

(Each board member confirmed that there were no others present with them in the room, unless otherwise noted above.)

Alternate Danna Truslow was seated for the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **April 8, 2021 – Monthly Meeting**

The following corrections were noted:

- **Page 3, 3rd paragraph, 2nd sentence should read: Each dugout would've required eight 12" sonotubes that went 4' deep, which would have required a considerable amount of concrete.**
- **Page 8, middle of page should read: Mr. Chagnon explained that it sits on four sonotube posts and is up in the air.**
- **Page 10, paragraph 1, sentence 14 should read: The farmers thanked RCC and RCCD for being flexible and supporting the project.**
- **Page 11, 2nd paragraph from bottom, last bullet should read: Add to the apple trees in the heritage apple orchid.**
- **Page 13, first paragraph should read: Katharine Brown, 541 Washington Road, commented that she had walked the site and it was a very deliberate action.**

Motion by Mike Garvan to approve the minutes of April 8, 2021 as amended. Seconded by Danna Truslow.

Roll Call: Suzanne McFarland – Aye; Mike Garvan – Aye; Heather Reed – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Jaci Grote – Abstain; Danna Truslow – Aye; Sally King – Aye
Motion passed.

- **April 13, 2021 – Site Walk**

Motion by Suzanne McFarland to approve the minutes of April 13, 2021 as written. Seconded by Susan Shepcaro.

Roll Call: Suzanne McFarland – Aye; Mike Garvan – Aye; Heather Reed – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Jaci Grote – Abstain; Danna Truslow – Abstain; Sally King - Aye
Motion passed.

III. WETLANDS

A. 1760 Ocean Blvd, Tax Map 13, Lot 60

Owner: Donald and Patrese Pierson
Ross Engineering – Alex Ross
Leach field and addition to home

Alex Ross, Ross Engineering, presented to the Commission. He noted that the existing house has been on the property for 100 years, which is a simple cottage. The owners would like to make some building and site improvements. The site improvements would include a new septic with pretreatment, a 2' wide stone drip edge that will serve as an infiltration trench, an area of pervious pavers and an additional strip of wetland buffer plantings. The site is already developed and has been landscaped. There is also a shed on the property that is in need of repair. The owners would like to rebuild this shed in its existing location. (Mr. Ross presented the plan showing the setbacks from Rye Harbor and the setbacks from the marsh, which is located across the street from the property.) He continued that the existing septic system is inadequate and too old to serve the house. It is also pretty close to the hightide line. In the front corner of the lot, some land was found for the septic that is 100' away from the marsh hightide and 100' away from Rye Harbor. (He pointed out the location of the shed on the plan. He pointed out the location for the proposed addition and pervious patio. The stone drip edge will go around the house. There is also a larger rip rap buffer of stone closer to Rye Harbor. He also noted the location for the proposed buffer plantings.)

Mr. Ross commented that the house is in need of some attention. The utilities are also in need of some attention. With these improvements, the result is much better protection for the wetland buffer and the wetlands. The current leachfield is very close to the Rye Harbor hightide line and is 40 to 50 years old. A new pretreatment system will be a big benefit to this site. He commented that the proposed addition is very modest and the home will remain one-story.

Member Garvan asked the square footage of the addition.

Chris Johns, Architect, replied it will be just over 300sf. The existing house is approximately 950sf. The addition will be for an accessible bedroom and bathroom with a closet. It is an existing two-bedroom and one bath home.

Member Grote asked if the addition will be on a slab.

Mr. Johns replied it will be on a frost wall.

Member Grote asked if there is a planting plan for the buffer.

Mr. Ross explained that at this point they just show the location on the plans. Of course, approved plantings will be used; however, there is not a specific list at this time. He pointed out that the project has to go before the BOA for variance relief for the setbacks. The plan also has to be submitted to NH DES for both a septic and shoreland permit.

Member Grote asked the lot size.

Mr. Ross replied the lot is just over 18,000sf. Referring to the proposed location for the septic, he explained they spent a lot of time looking at the site, reviewing the wetlands and looking at the soils. Dennis Plant, septic consultant for the town, witnessed the test pits that were done. Soil scientist Marc Jacobs also witnessed and inspected the test pits. The soils in the area for the leachfield are good sandy soils.

Member Grote asked the size of the patio.

Mr. Johns commented that it's a little under 300sf.

Member Shepcaro asked if the house is occupied year-round.

Mr. Johns explained it is a summer residence; however, the intent is to weatherize it so it could be used more often.

Member Shepcaro asked if town water is available. She also asked about the existing well on the property.

Mr. Ross explained that the plan is to abandon the existing well because town water is available. There is already a water line that runs from the street to the house.

- **Site walk scheduled for Thursday, May 20th, 1:00 p.m.**

B. 150 Layette Road, Tax Map 10, Lot 14

Owner: Joe Roy, Rye Place Realty LLC

Ambit Engineering – John Chagnon

Replacement septic system, gravel to paving parking, relocation light poles, new drainage treatment system

John Chagnon, Ambit Engineering, presented the proposal for 150 Lafayette Road. The property has a 27-room hotel with other various businesses. Rye Group Realty purchased the property two years ago and are taking great care in upgrading the site. The motel has been renovated and they are getting ready to reopen for business. The new owner would like to invest in a new septic system. The exact location of the existing system is somewhat unknown, but it is thought to be sitting in the water table. The existing system is starting to not function and is in failure at this time. The other thing the owner looked at was the parking in the back of the property. The front parking is paved, where in the back it is a gravel area. The owner would like to upgrade the back to a paved parking area. An application has been filed with the Planning Board and a plan has been filed for a septic system upgrade. The property is adjacent to a wetland to the east. The wetland complex is in the Berry's Brook Watershed. In addition to the 75' setback, there is a 100' setback from the wetland that is partially on the property and an abutting larger complex, so it is more than an acre. Mr. Chagnon noted that improvements to the property are being made in that 100' buffer. This requires the proposal to go before the Zoning Board. (He reviewed the plan that was presented on the screen.)

Mr. Chagnon pointed out that the septic system has been approved by NH DES. The size of the system is dictated by the amount of flow that is generated by the use. The advanced enviro piping allows for a reduction in the size. The proximity of the water table and the size of the field requires that the location be where it is proposed. If the leachfield were any closer to the building, it would be above the floor elevation of the motel units. It wouldn't provide for an efficient sloping away from the building and it would prohibit access to parking. (He reviewed the plan for parking and pointed out the impervious surfaces on the site.) Mr. Chagnon noted the impervious surface within the buffer is being reduced, along with the overall coverage, with the redesign on the site. The proposal provides efficient parking, a brand-new septic system, which will be out of the water table, and will also provide treatment. (He pointed out and reviewed the location of the proposed raingardens that will provide treatment for the site. He also pointed out the trees in the buffer area.) The plan also includes the addition of buffer plantings, which will be taken from the DES's riparian buffer planting list.

Mr. Chagnon gave a detailed review of the design for the raingardens.

- **Site walk scheduled for Thursday, May 20th, 1:45 p.m.**

C. 63 Old Beach Road, Tax Map 084, Lot 134

Owner: Aloha Properties LLC, James and Stephany Tosi
TF Moran – Corey Colwell
Tear down, rebuild

Corey Colwell, TF Moran, presented to the Commission on behalf of the property owners. He noted that the project was presented to the Conservation Commission in December and a site walk was held on December 16th. The delay in the project was mostly due to the sudden passing of the contractor for the project. Also, after the site walk, it was felt that more test pits were necessary, which could not be done until late March. (He presented a rendering on the screen showing the proposed home.) At the site walk, there were some concerns expressed by the Commission. First, there were concerns about raising this property and whether that would cause issues with surrounding properties with stormwater. He pointed out that the property starts off flush at the front boundary; however, at the rear it raises to a height of 3' to 3.5'. The Commission also expressed some concerns about the stormwater generated from this property and what effect the retaining wall would have. The Commission felt that raising this house on stilts may be a better solution because it eliminated the need for so much fill. It would allow for the site to be kept at the existing grade and the house on stilts with skirting. He continued that the flood zone is changing to an AE Zone with a base elevation of 13. Rye's floodplain management ordinance requires an additional 2' of freeboard, which requires the finished floor of the new home to be at elevation 15. The finished floor of the existing home is at elevation 11.3'. The new home has to be raised by 4' in order to comply with FEMA regulations.

Mr. Colwell commented that he would like to address the concerns raised in the Commission's letter. The first was in regards to stormwater on the abutting properties and that the retaining wall may cause some ponding concerns. (Mr. Colwell presented the stormwater management plan on the screen and reviewed the details.) At the front corner of the abutting property to the west, the elevation is 7.2 and it drops down to 5.8 at the back of the property. Because of the

elevation difference, any stormwater would run from Old Beach Road to the back of the property. There is no stormwater currently from this site flowing onto the abutting property. The natural grade conveys it to the back of the property. On the east side, there is a natural swale. Roof runoff from that property is going into the swale. At the front of the site, the elevation is at about elevation 8 and the back is at elevation 5.8. There is just over a 3' drop that conveys the stormwater to the wetland in the back. He continued that the proposed retaining wall is not going to exacerbate any drainage concerns. Stormwater is getting back to the wetland because of the natural grade and swales on both sides of the property. With regards to stormwater on the property, the roofs of the proposed home are guttered, which will catch all the runoff. There is an infiltration area in the front of the property, in which a downspout is conveyed into. There is no roof runoff being directed towards either of the abutting properties. The rest of the property is either a pervious driveway or a pervious walkway.

In regards to the suggestion to raise the house on stilts, Mr. Colwell stated that at the end of March some test pits were done. Without the fill being brought on site, the pervious driveway and the pervious patio in the back would not work. There would not be enough separation to the water table to allow for any treatment. If the house were to go on stilts, the driveway would have to be paved and the patio in the back would have to be paved or concrete. He noted that the stormwater management plan that was designed for the property will decrease runoff. The stormwater management plan, coupled with the fill being brought on site, provides storage for the stormwater. There is no storage for that stormwater without the fill. In summary, the proposed retaining wall and fill allow the project to accomplish two goals. First, it allows for compliance with the new FEMA guidelines and gets the floor of the building above the base elevation. Secondly, it allows for compliance with the Town of Rye's stormwater management regulations by obtaining an adequate separation from the seasonal highwater table, such that the stormwater can be treated and infiltrated on site. Without the fill, these goals cannot be accomplished.

Charles Hoyt, Architect, stated that about a year ago, he and the contractor met to discuss the project. They went back and forth on whether to put the house on stilts or to change the grade. From his point of view, it was more of aesthetics to not put it on stilts and to make it fit in better with the neighborhood. It wasn't until he read Mr. Colwell's letter that he realized how important it is to put the fill in and to not put it on stilts. It is more than just aesthetics, it's a technical point of view.

Chair McFarland asked if the generator and propane tank were moved further away from the buffer.

Mr. Colwell explained that because of the distance required between tanks and property lines, and tanks and generators, the proposed location is really the only place that they could go. They can't be put under the pervious patio or pervious driveway because it would affect stormwater management. The only place it could go would be in the front, which would be unsightly.

Member Truslow asked if trees were going to be planted at the front of the house.

Mr. Colwell replied that area is intended to be purely grass. The plantings surround the patio in the back.

Chair McFarland suggested another site walk, as it has been five months.

Member Garvan stated that he personally feels there is no need to go back. It's very difficult to envision fill. Mr. Colwell has made a very compelling case that the drainage will be better than it would be with a home on stilts. He would prefer to have the Commission hash it out and make a recommendation without a site walk.

Member Shepcaro agreed.

Member Reed stated that her only question would be about the future and when other houses are being rebuilt that face this same issue. What would the overall effect be as things get mounded up?

Mr. Colwell stated that he does not want to be on record saying that a house on stilts doesn't work. There have been a number of them in Rye on the coast. It works when there is adequate separation from groundwater. In this case, the site does not have that deep to groundwater.

Member Oliver commented that it sounds like the two abutting properties drain towards the back away from the road. However, the plan for this lot is to have it drain the other way.

Mr. Colwell confirmed.

Member Oliver asked if the retaining walls will keep the runoff from this property, which is draining in a separate direction, from running to the abutting properties.

Mr. Colwell explained the retaining walls will have no effect on the drainage. The drainage works without the retaining walls. The retaining wall allows for fill up to the property line and prevents a steep slope to the abutting properties. With the retaining wall, the property will be more level and prevent the steep slopes.

Member Garvan stated that Mr. Colwell has convinced him that this design is the best, in terms of dealing with stormwater and meeting the new FEMA regulations.

There was some discussion about the possibility of planting a tree or shrubs in front of the house. The owners were agreeable to that idea.

Chair McFarland stated that she has some concerns for the back of the property. She pointed out there is a proposal for plants in the righthand corner. In general, that area is very wet. The trend in the country is to put houses on piers. Also, the minute the FEMA Maps go out, they're old. She would be cautious because the trend is piers. She is concerned that there is too much going on in the back of this property without enough absorption.

Mr. Colwell stated that without the wall and the fill those concerns would be exacerbated. The projected groundwater rise is 13.5". The test pit in the rear revealed a water table at 18". With no fill, the projected water table would be 6" below the surface of the ground. He agrees that piers work, as he has done several projects in Rye where they do work. For this particular site, he just does not think they work very well. The piers don't allow for the site to be built. The retaining wall does. The fill contained within the retaining wall creates the stormwater treatment and management. Without the fill, the patio, walkway and driveway could no longer be pervious. For pervious surfaces to work and function properly, there has to be adequate separation from the bottom of those surfaces to the water table. If the house was put on piers with no retaining wall, the bottom of the infiltration areas would be in the water table. That would mean more contaminated stormwater going into the wetland without treatment.

Member Grote noted that as conditions change, the Conservation Commission wants to make sure the right thing is being done for the environment. There will always be a conflict between those two things. It becomes an issue of how things can be mitigated to minimize that conflict.

Member Reed asked if they are accounting for when time goes on and things become more compacted.

Mr. Colwell explained it is going to be clean fill. It's still going to provide that level of treatment. There may be some settling; however, it will be small if constructed properly. That compaction alone is not going to affect the treatment layer above the water table, as it is still clean fill.

Member Garvan commented there are a few concerns about water and stormwater. He asked if the FEMA rules talk about oceans rising, or just groundwater rising. There is a big freshwater wetland to the rear. He likes the fact that the water is being directed away from the freshwater wetland, while protecting the dwelling from the rise in ocean water.

After more discussion, Member Grote stated that based on what Mr. Colwell has told the Commission, she does not see any reason to go back to the site. She is okay with where the proposal is at. Having plantings in the front can only help. She is sure there are some interesting planting materials that could be chosen that would adequately suit the purpose.

Member Oliver commented that when they are dealing with properties like this, the Commission is looking at an existing house to the extent that whatever is going to happen is going to improve what is currently happening on the site, which is appealing. It sounds to her that Mr. Colwell is saying this will improve the situation with water.

The Commission reviewed the variances being requested from the Board of Adjustment. They also reviewed the details of the plan. It was pointed out by Vice-Chair King that RCC is the rear abutter to this property.

Chair McFarland stated that if the Commission is leaning towards recommending the proposal in a positive manner, she would like to see plantings along the entire back of the lot. She commented that she still has her reservations.

Vice-Chair King noted that if this lot was not built on already, she does not think anyone on the Commission would think building in this spot was a good plan. To her, fill begets more fill, which is a big negative. However, it is an existing house and the proposed building is respectful. She thinks Mr. Colwell has done a good job.

Member Grote stated that what she has heard is that as a group, based on the situation as it stands, it is the Commission's impression that the work that Mr. Colwell has done is respectful of the needs of the property and conservation's needs, as well. She thinks they have come to a point of least conflict between the two.

Member Garvan commented he is getting the sense that more members of the Commission are in favor of the project, and its positive impacts, than are negative. He pointed out that this is a little uncharted territory because there are new FEMA regulations. Also, the Town does not have regulations like they do in other towns, cities and states for guidance. He reiterated that it seems the Commission is leaning favorably towards this project.

Member Shepcaro stated that having been on the site walk, she thinks this proposal is a great improvement over what is there right now. She would trust that Mr. Colwell's design will work the way it is planned to work, so that all the previous areas will do its job. The additional plantings along the back and in the front will be an improvement on the property.

Member Garvan stated that the letter can certainly voice reservations and concerns, but on the whole, it is viewed more favorably. That way dissenting voices can be heard.

The Commission agreed that Member Garvan should draft a letter with his suggestion of leaning favorably but also voicing some concerns, along with noting the idea of plantings along the entire rear and also in front of the house. A draft will be sent to the members for review before being sent to the Board of Adjustment.

IV. PENDING SITE WALK REVIEWS

A. 0 Brackett Road, Tax Map 019, Lot 096 – Perrault/Griffin

- Site walk scheduled for Monday, May 24th at 1:00 p.m.
Sally King abstained from the site walk.

B. 0 Fairfield, Tax Map 202, Lot 145, Ned Hogan

- Site walk scheduled for Monday, May 24th, 2:00 p.m.

C. 228 Parsons Road, update – Tree Cutting

It was decided that because there was a dead limb, it is close to the house and there are a lot of other trees, it was appropriate to allow them to cut it.

D. Odiorne, tree update

Vice-Chair King is waiting to hear from Cornerstone Tree Care.

Member Garvan explained that the Commission has a piece of property that surrounds this one home. There is a big pine that is dying on the conservation property that would impact the home if it fell. It seems like a reasonable request to have it removed.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Membership

Danna Truslow was unseated for this discussion and Karen Oliver was seated.

Chair McFarland noted there are two people who are interested in the fulltime position that is open, due to Jeff Gardner's recent resignation from the Commission as a full sitting member.

Chair McFarland read the letters received from Michael Brousseau, 20 Geremia Street, and Danna Truslow, 1065 Washington Road.

Member Garvan stated these are two excellent candidates. The Commission knows Ms. Truslow's capabilities, enthusiasm and her willingness to work with everyone. He would support her appointment whole heartedly; although, he is sure that Mr. Brousseau would make a wonderful member also.

Alternate Oliver pointed out that Ms. Truslow's expertise and background is exactly what the Commission addresses. She continued that Mr. Brousseau's daughter goes to school with her daughter. He is an excellent person and volunteer. She would love for them to "reel him in" in some way because he is very interested in the issues that the Commission addresses. He would be a great asset in terms of membership.

Member Grote agreed.

Vice-Chair King stated she supports Ms. Truslow. She has done an amazing job as an alternate and would be a great fulltime member. Mr. Brousseau sounds like he would be a great addition at some point, when there is another fulltime position.

Motion by Jaci Grote to accept Danna Truslow as a fulltime member of the Rye Conservation Commission. Seconded by Mike Garvan.

**Roll Call: Suzanne McFarland – Aye; Sally King - Aye; Mike Garvan – Aye; Heather Reed – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Jaci Grote – Aye; Karen Oliver – Aye
Motion passed.**

Note: *Karen Oliver was unseated and Danna Truslow was seated.*

B. Epping well proposal for Goss Farm

Member Truslow stated that she and Member Shepcaro met with Hank DeBoer from Epping Well and Pump. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how to evaluate the value of the dug well that is on the property and whether it could be used for irrigation, rather than using Rye Town Water or at least having town water only as a backup. She continued that it is a 20' deep well. It is corroding on the top and the casings are falling apart. It was about 5' to water, which means there's about 15' of standing water. This sounds like a lot of water but pumping on a regular basis might not be sustainable. Epping Well and Pump proposed that they come in and use their large pumps for testing to determine if the well is suitable for long-term irrigation. She thinks it would help to have records in regards to the usage over the past five years. Plus, they can look at cost benefits. She noted that the testing will cost about \$750. She pointed out that this is better than putting a lot of money into a pump and controller if it isn't a viable water supply. It was estimated that if this was to move forward, a submersible pump that's wired to a controller inside the barn, as well as a pressure tank, would be about \$4,500.

Vice-Chair King commented that the people who are doing the fundraising for the Goss Farm think this would be an appropriate use of raised funds to check the viability of the well and support the rebuilding, if it is viable. She pointed out that over the years, the Goss Family had used that well to irrigate all their fields.

Motion by Suzanne McFarland to spend \$750 to start the proposal.

Seconded by Jaci Grote.

Roll Call: Suzanne McFarland – Aye; Sally King – Aye; Mike Garvan – Aye; Heather Reed – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Jaci Grote – Aye; Danna Truslow – Aye
Motion passed.

C. Gazebo and GetSunday

Member Reed stated that she sent out a link to the Commission, getsunday.com, which is a comprehensive lawn care solution based on soil samples. The products seem to be as chemical free as they can possibly be. This may be something of interest because of the workshop the Commission had regarding lawns and fertilizer use; Green Grass Clear Water.

Member Reed also stated that there is a gazebo on her property that she is trying to find a new home for. The gazebo is large and might be costly to move, so people who have been interested have passed on taking it. Chair McFarland and Vice-Chair King had suggested that the library might be interested in the gazebo. At this time, the library is still thinking about how they can make it work.

The Commission agreed to also keep the gazebo in mind for possible uses.

D. Green Grass Clear Water – Lawns and Fertilizer Use

The Commission felt that the workshop went well. People who attended seemed to be very interested and there were quite a few questions at the end of the workshop.

A lot of positive feedback was received from attendees. The slide show with links to further information will be posted on the town's website on the Conservation Commission's page for anyone who is interested.

E. Trailgate for Brown Lane Farm

The Commission agreed to plan this for October.

F. Sea Glass Lane

Chair McFarland noted that she sent an email to the members in regards to the work in progress at Sea Glass.

G. 81 West Road – damn/beaver issue

Chair McFarland reported that she and Vice-Chair King met with Kevin Lucey, from DES, and the Director of Public Works for the beaver damn issue at 81 West Road, Brown Farm. There were some clever ideas that came up that may be pursued. There was discussion about culverts and a pedestrian bridge. She has already talked to the Rye Water District. Once the plan becomes more focused, it will be presented to the Commission.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. SBA Communications – Certificate of Liability Insurance

B. NHDES Shoreland Permit 2021-00842, 2595 Ocean Blvd, Rye Tax Map 2, Lot 71

VII. BILLS

➤ **\$2,375 Green Penguin – rock boundary – Sea Glass Lane**

➤ **\$18.67 Eversource**

Motion by Suzanne McFarland to pay Green Penguin and the Eversource bills. Seconded by Jaci Grote.

Roll Call: Suzanne McFarland – Aye; Sally King – Aye; Mike Garvan – Aye; Heather Reed – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Jaci Grote – Aye; Danna Truslow – Aye
Motion passed.

VIII. Non-Public Session (1) per RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Acquisition

At 10:20 p.m., Susan Shepcaro made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Acquisition. Seconded by Jaci Grote.

Roll Call: Suzanne McFarland – Aye; Sally King – Aye; Mike Garvan – Aye; Heather Reed – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Jaci Grote – Aye; Danna Truslow – Aye
Motion passed.

The Commission came out of non-public session at 10:35 p.m.

Motion by Suzanne McFarland to seal the minutes of the non-public. Seconded by Mike Garvan.

**Roll Call: Suzanne McFarland – Aye; Sally King – Aye; Mike Garvan – Aye;
Heather Reed – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Jaci Grote – Aye; Danna Truslow – Aye
Motion passed.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jaci Grote to adjourn at 10:36 p.m. Seconded by Mike Garvan.

**Roll Call: Suzanne McFarland – Aye; Sally King – Aye; Mike Garvan – Aye;
Heather Reed – Aye; Susan Shepcaro – Aye; Jaci Grote – Aye; Danna Truslow – Aye
Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Dyana F. Ledger

May 12, 2021

Ms. Suzanne McFarland, Chair
Rye Conservation Commission
Town of Rye
10 Central Road
Rye, NH 03870

Re: Conservation Commission opening

Dear Selectmen,

I am writing to express my interest in continuing my participation with the Rye Conservation Commission as a full member. I have learned a great deal in the last two years as an alternate, and would like to continue to serve on the commission.

My 30 years of experience working as a geologist and hydrologist focusing on water resource evaluation and protection, five years as executive director of the Seacoast land trust, and the several years I have served as an alternate on the Conservation Commission have been an asset when assisting with site reviews, planning, and conducting programs, and land conservation efforts. I enjoy working with you and the other Commission members.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Danna B. Truslow', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Danna B. Truslow
1065 Washington Road
Rye, NH 03870

cc: Rye Conservation Commission

Chairperson McFarland,

April 23, 2021

This letter is to express my intent to become an active member of the Rye NH Conservation Commission.

I hope to use my skills and personal interest in water sustainability to help the town of Rye, NH reach its objectives of balancing the preservation of open space with the needs of town residents.

I have been a senior leader with several bio technology companies where I have developed administrative experience along with specific leadership skills directed toward building consensus to achieve goals. I believe the attributes I possess and have developed during my career will allow me to be an asset to the commission.

Along with professional skills I bring a long held personal interest in environmental issues; specifically, those around water and water sustainability. I am providing the name and e-mail of my close friend Stuart Orr as a reference for my abilities and desire to join the Conservation Commission. Stuart serves as Head of Water Stewardship for the World Wildlife Federation. He has been instrumental in focusing my attention and educating me on the global challenges being faced due to the increasing fragility of water sustainability. My ecological interest along with a desire to be a productive member of the town (and selfishly to serve as a positive role model to my children) has me presenting myself to you for consideration.

To close; I will use the well-known phrase "think globally, act locally" to sum up my interest in joining the Rye Conservation Commission.

Sincerely,

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