

RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Site Walk Minutes

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Chair King at 10:30 am.

RCC members present at site walk: Chair Sally King, Vice Chair Suzanne McFarland. Members Susan Shepcaro, Jaci Grote and Mike Garvan.

10:30 am: 0 Williams Street, Tax Map 174, Lot 26, Owner: Robert P Blake

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 0 Williams Street to evaluate a lot that is in arrears for Rye property taxes. The owners would rather sell the lot for some money rather than pay back and current taxes. The lot borders on Brackett Marsh on the north end and has access via a right of way off Willow Avenue.

The lot is wooded and about 60% is upland and becomes wet as one approaches the marsh. It is bounded on two sides by stone walls. The lot abuts a 1.42 acres of Conservation Commission land on the west side of the lot.

In its undeveloped state, the property protects the marsh and is a worthy candidate for perpetual protection if the RCC could acquire it for a reasonable price. Maps developed for the NH Coastal Conservation Plan in 2006 and updated in late 2016 titled *Land Conservation Priorities for the Protection of Coastal Water Resources: A Supplement to the Land Conservation Plan for New Hampshire's Coastal Watersheds* show the subject property to be in a Salt Marsh Mitigation Opportunity area and a Flood Storage Opportunity area. For this reason, the RCC members present felt that an offer to purchase it is warranted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk