

RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Site Walk Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

4:30 pm: 24 Straw's Point Road Tax Map 9.1 Lot 14 Owner, 24 Straw's Point Realty Trust

Meeting was called to order by Chair King at 4:35 pm

RCC members present: Chair Sally King, Vice Chair Suzanne McFarland, Members Jeff Gardner, Jaci Grote, Susan Shepcaro, Heather Reed and Mike Garvan. Present: Peter Landry, Landry Surveying, and Bryan Seachrist, Bernier Corporation, representing the owner.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 24 Straw's Point Road to assess a proposed project that is within the 250 foot shoreland setback buffer. The owners propose to construct a new garage and convert the existing garage to a play room. The new garage will extend from the current garage location and will be 28 ft. x 22.5 ft in size. The new garage will extend 28 feet from the end of the current garage. An existing bay door to the left of the current garage will be replaced by a window.

There will be a roof drainage system which allows the roof runoff to infiltrate into a crushed stone apron along the drip line. The new garage will be on a slab where there currently exists an impervious driveway. There will be a very slight reduction in total impervious surface due to the crushed stone apron replacing some of the impervious driveway.

The project is between the 150 foot woodlawn buffer and the 100 foot tidal buffer. No part of the project will be within the 100 foot tidal buffer.

The RCC members did not have any issues with the project as proposed since the new addition is outside the tidal buffer and the impervious surfaces will not be increased. However, all of the 100 foot tidal buffer is either existing driveway or a grass lawn. Vice Chair McFarland noticed that ocean surges had created some space between the seawall and the lawn. This is evidence of erosion which will only get worse over time and could eventually compromise the seawall. The Conservation Commission recommends that the owners add a row of native plantings to the edge of the lawn along the seawall. These plantings will help bind the soil with their roots and could be an effective way to mitigate erosion along the seawall. The plantings need not be so tall that they obstruct the beautiful ocean view. In fact, low growing plants would shield the top of the concrete seawall from view which would be an improvement visually.

Meeting adjourned 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk