

RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Site Walk Minutes
Sunday, May 31, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair McFarland at 1:00 pm.

RCC members present at site walk: Vice Chair Suzanne McFarland, Members Susan Shepcaro, Heather Reed and Mike Garvan.

1:00 pm: 1314 Ocean Boulevard, Tax Map 17.4, Lot 038, Owners Joseph and Kimberly Army

Present: Shannon Alther representing the owners.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk to evaluate some changes in the previously approved plan. Mr. Alther proposed moving the privacy fence on the south side of the house seven feet toward the house and eliminating the proposed pool fence. This is suggested to save a section of well-established sea grass in the area where the fence would have been installed. There will be a small privacy fence installed around the utility box on the west side of the house.

The original plan called for the removal of a concrete wall on the north side of the house which was partially in the town right of way to the beach. This has been accomplished but there is one boulder remaining in the right of way and a portion of another. Mr Alther wished to leave both as protection from tidal surges. Member Garvan noted that the plan called for the clearing of the town's right of way to a popular beach and he felt that the boulder that was entirely in the ROW should be removed as cited in the original plan. The other boulder is mostly on the Army property and its removal could destabilize the rip rap sea wall so it should stay. Mr. Alther asked if he could take the boulder in the ROW and tuck it into the sea wall to shore it up further and the members present concurred that was a good idea.

The new plan calls for a privacy fence to be constructed around the generator. The final proposed change involved moving some *rosa ragosa* plants from the area near the road onto the property at strategic places where the original plan called for salt tolerant plants.

The commission members had no objections to the changes as long as the one boulder was moved off the right of way.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm by Vice Chair McFarland.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk