

RYE COSERVATION COMMISSION

Site Walk Minutes

Monday, July 16, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Chair King at 4:30 PM

1611 Ocean Blvd, Tax Map 013, Lot 027, owner, Stevan Huff

RCC members present: Chair King, Vice Chair Suzanne McFarland, Members Jaci Grote, Jeff Gardner and Susan Shepcaro.

Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 1611 Ocean Blvd. to evaluate a proposed roof deck addition over an existing non-conforming structure. The proposed roof deck will be accessed by a spiral staircase on the exterior of the structure from the existing back deck.

Due to the proximity to the marsh and being in the 100' wetland buffer, the RCC requests that the owner plant a 10' buffer of native plantings at the rear of the lot.

The Rye Conservation Commission does not object to the project as presented.

4:50 PM: 261 Brackett Road, Tax Map 019, Lot 095, owners Vikki Howard and John Borden

RCC conducted a site walk at 261 Bracket Road in response to a Notice of Violation issued by the Building Department due to work being done in an area of concern. While clearing invasive plants and cleaning up the property, the owners cut down four (4) trees that were in the wetland buffer.

Commission members requested that the owners replace the four trees in kind. Owners stated that they are also interested in adding native shrubs and or other plantings in that area in addition to adding apple trees and a peach tree.

Owners agree to maintain the native plants currently growing around the pond. In the raised bed near the pond the current native plants will be maintained as will the existing lilies. Additional native planting may be added to this bed. Member Grote suggested bayberry and creeping juniper as possible additions.

Owners agree that there will be no further intrusion on the wetland areas.

5:30 PM: 17 Brackett Road, Tax Map 022, Lot 071

RCC conducted at site walk to view area in the backyard where applicant has requested permission to level the ground in order to temporarily install a party tent

for family events. Applicant agrees that no machinery will be used and all work will be done manually. The slope will be re-graded to a 3:1 slope to prevent future erosion.

This property borders Berry's Brook. An area of two (200) feet along the edge of Berry's Brook will be planted with a total of twenty (20) native shrubs. Shrubs will be a mix of blueberry, bayberry and Virginia rose. Applicant agrees that the property will not be mowed between the shrubs and the edge of the brook. Native vegetation and the shrubs will be allowed to fill in areas between the shrubs and the Highest Observable Tide (HOT). An opening will be left in the center of the shrub plantings so a ceremony may be held near Berry's Brook. After the event, the shrubs will be allowed to spread and fill in that area.

Rye Conservation Commission does not object to the project as presented.

Site walk adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Shepcaro, Member