

RYE COSERVATION COMMISSION

Site Walk Minutes

Friday, August 3, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Chair King at 4:00 PM

8 Old Ferry Landing Road, Tax Map 24, Lot 97, owner, Brad Sterl

RCC members present: Chair King, Vice Chair Suzanne McFarland (arrived at 4:10), member Susan Shepcaro.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 8 Old Ferry Landing Road at the request of the Code Enforcement Office. RCC was asked to check the permanent 100' Wetland Buffer markers and to look at several standing dead trees and several fallen dead trees, all of which are in the wetland buffer. The owners would like to cut down the standing dead trees and remove them and remove the fallen dead trees. Owners would also like to have a pervious pathway from their back patio steps to the edge of the marsh, also within the wetland buffer.

The RCC observed three (3) dead standing trees and three (3) fallen trees in the buffer area. A pathway currently exists from the back step area to the marsh edge or nearly to the marsh edge.

RCC observed many invasive plant species in the buffer area.

The Rye Conservation Commission agrees that the three (3) fallen trees discussed above may be removed and the three (3) dead standing trees may be cut down and removed from the buffer area. The RCC recommends that the owners to continue to use the current footpath to the marsh, extending it as necessary to reach the edge of the marsh. The footpath will remain a trodden path and no material may be added to the path.

The RCC recommends that the owners have the buffer area evaluated by a qualified landscape professional with experience in invasive plant mitigation in order to identify the invasive species present and create a plan for removal of invasive plants.

Site walk adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Shepcaro, member

