

RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Site Walk Minutes

Monday August 14, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Chair King at 5:15 pm

5:15 pm: 7 Elizabeth Lane

Present: Chair Sally King, Members Jeff Gardner, Jaci Grote, Susan Shepcaro, Heather Reed and Mike Garvan. Owners Robert and Shannon Werner.

The Werners had submitted a restoration plan in September 2016 to mitigate the cutting, clearing and lawn establishment that they had initiated in the tidal wetland buffer. The plan called for the planting of 16 individual plantings of native trees and shrubs evenly distributed in the buffer. It also called for the removal of the portion of lawn that was in the buffer.

The RCC members present (Chair King had to leave at 5:20pm to attend another meeting) inspected the restoration efforts and noted that there were 16 individual plantings of native species and that they were evenly distributed. Two of the birch trees appeared to be in poor condition and Mr. Werner indicated that they would be replaced if they died. Mr. Werner also indicated that they would use low nitrogen or organic fertilizer in accordance with our previous agreement. The portion of lawn that was in the buffer had been removed.

He and Mrs. Werner expressed concern over the phragmites that was growing near the edge of the marsh. There was a brief discussion on removal techniques and it was suggested that the Werners speak with Tracy Degnan at the Rockingham County Conservation District and with the groundskeepers at the Wentworth Country Club as they has experience in phragmites removal.

The RCC was satisfied that Mr. and Mrs. Werner had implemented the mitigation plan as agreed upon.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk