

## **RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **Site Walk Minutes**

**Thursday August 16, 2018**

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

RCC members present at site walks: Chair Sally King, Vice Chair Suzanne McFarland, Members Jaci Grote, Heather Reed, Susan Shepcaro and Mike Garvan.

**4:00 pm: 255 Central Road, Map 008 Lot 012 , Owner: Lasaffre Auto Shop**

Present: Mark Olson, Landwright, LLC, representing the owner

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 255 Central Road to evaluate a proposed fence that would be partly in the 75 foot wetland buffer. The fence would not be set in concrete and the area beyond the fence, which is now lawn, would be allowed to grow and return to a more natural condition. The owner has previously removed impervious areas in the front and made them pervious gravel and has added plantings.

Chair King noted that there is lawn maintenance equipment stored in the wetland buffer along the property line and that grass clippings have been piled in the buffer. Mr. Olson said he would see to it that the equipment would be removed and no more clippings would be dumped in the buffer. Member Grote noted that there are some phragmites plants encroaching near one section of the property line. Chair King told Mr. Olson to contact the Rockingham County Conservation District for advice on how to best remove these invasive plants.

The RCC members present felt that the fence could be installed since the benefit of having an expanse of lawn going to a natural condition along the wetland boundary more than offset the disturbance in the buffer created by a fence.

**4:30 pm: 24 Glendale Road, Tax Map 20.2 Lot 129 Owner: Brian and Carrie-Ann Carson**

Present: Andrew Gray, MSC Engineering/TF Moran

The RCC conducted a site walk at 24 Glendale Road to evaluate a plan to replace an existing home with a new home that will have a new septic system and a new driveway. Most of the house is in the 250 ft. shoreland buffer. The lot has quite a bit of ledge which limits the location of the septic and other systems. The first floor will be 4 feet higher than in the current home. The new driveway will be constructed with pervious pavers and there will be a pervious patio in back. The plan has a stormwater drainage plan and a gravel drip edge will be installed on all sides of the house. The total impervious within the shoreland protected area will increase from 1,365 sq. ft. to 1,393 sq. ft. The RCC thought this was negligible considering the improved drainage plan. The new septic will be an enviroseptic design which should be an improvement of the current septic.

Chair King noted that there were several large trees on the lot which should be preserved where possible. One tree will be lost to construction and there is a large willow which is supposed to stay. It appears to be stressed and will probably be impacted by the new septic. The RCC

recommends that if the willow is lost or dies because of construction, it should be replaced by a large tree with at least a 3" diameter.

The commission was joined by Deidre Lyons, an abutter to the property. She informed the RCC that the septic system for four condominiums on the opposite side of Glendale Road is adjacent to the subject lot. She was concerned that the project could impact the condominiums' septic.

The RCC was not opposed to the project as proposed and felt that the design would likely be an improvement over the existing home, driveway and septic.

**5:00 pm: 1090 Old Ocean Boulevard, Tax Map 19.4 Lot 76** Owners: Scott and Peggy Taylor  
Present: Scott and Peggy Taylor, Steve Riker, Ambit Engineering

The RCC conducted a site walk at 1090 Ocean Boulevard to evaluate a plan to replace and repair a sea wall revetment. The existing revetment is slumping, has holes in it and no fabric behind. The proposed new wall will be an armored revetment down to the existing toe and Greg Bauer will be the contractor. There will be a temporary impact to the high tide line.

Chair King expressed concern that the toe of the wall would extend too far onto the beach. Mr. Riker said that it was further back than the wall to the north. The commission wants to make sure the rebuilt revetment does not extend any further onto the beach than the prior revetment did. The commission members would like to see 2-3 feet of native vegetation and plantings at the top of the wall to resist erosion. There is currently some seaside goldenrod on the lawn/wall border. The owners like the seaside goldenrod but that species does not have strong roots and should not be the only plant used. Member McFarland pointed out that the plants chosen must have strong, extensive root systems to bind the soil and prevent erosion.

The RCC approves of the project with the conditions noted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm by Chair King.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk