

## **RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **Site Walk Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 23, 2018**

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

RCC members present at all site walks: Chair Sally King, Members Susan Shepcaro, Jeff Gardner and Mike Garvan.

**4:00pm – 395 Washington Road** Tax Map 016 Lot 117, Owner: Jesse Wynne Durkin  
Present: Eric Weinrieb, Altus Engineering; Joe Noel, Noel Soils. RCC Member Heather Reed joined this site walk.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 395 Washington Road to evaluate a proposed site development project to build a residence on the lot. The RCC members present had concerns about the project since all of the project is within the 100 ft. vernal pool buffer setback and most of the project is within the 75 ft. wetland buffer. There is a vernal pool that was probably created in part due to an old gravel pit. The members asked Mr. Noel and Mr. Weinrieb a number of questions about the siting of the dwelling and the limits of the area that will be disturbed by construction. Members Gardner and King asked about how many trees needed to be cut for the project. Virtually all the trees in the building area will be removed.

The RCC members recognized that the property is a lot of record but they were not inclined to recommend the project unless there were significant protective conditions in place to insure that the project would be held to such conditions. Suggested conditions included placing a conservation easement on the portion of the property around the vernal pool and the wetlands; creating a number of conditions of approval by the ZBA such as no clearing beyond the building envelope and having wetland boundary signs every 25 feet.

**4:55pm – 871 Ocean Boulevard**, Tax Map 202 Lot 63, Owners Adam and Margaret White  
Present: Adam White

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 871 Ocean Boulevard to evaluate a proposed cutting of vegetation in the wetland. Mr. White explained that he had previously trimmed the vegetation in the wetland on the property and wished to do it again. The work would be done with hand tools so no machinery would disturb the wetland. No trees needed to be cut at this time. The RCC would like to see the project completed before the spring nesting season to protect birds in the wetland. With these conditions, the RCC approved of the project.

**5:10pm – 300 Pioneer Road**, Tax Map 24, Lot 111, Owners Chuck and Judy Sampson  
Present: Judy Sampson

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 300 Pioneer Road to conduct a follow up visit to a previously approved project on the property. The pervious driveway had been completed but there was a large apron of gravel around the drive. Mrs. Sampson explained

that was required to keep dirt from clogging up the drive. She also described the ongoing maintenance required to keep the driveway permeable. The generator was in a different place than on the original plan because of fire department regulations. There was a lot of debris deposited in the wetlands. There was a small gravel dump in the wetland buffer. The buffer of native plants behind the garage was not planted to the required 5 foot depth but had a native plant about every three feet. It was agreed that the RCC would revisit the property in a year to make sure the debris in the wetland and gravel in the buffer had been removed and that the vegetative buffer was planted to the required 5 foot depth.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm by Chair King.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk