

RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Site Walk Minutes

Wednesday November 14, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair McFarland at 4:30pm.

RCC members present at site walk: Vice Chair Suzanne McFarland, Members Jeff Gardner, Heather Reed and Mike Garvan.

4:30 pm: 121 Lang Road, Tax Map015, Lot 032, Owners Ross and Paula Warner

Present: Ross and Paula Warner, Owners

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 121 Lang Road to evaluate a proposed project to enlarge an existing deck that is within the 75 foot wetland buffer. The existing deck was built by the previous owners without a building permit. The applicants propose a minor expansion of the deck of about 40 square feet.

The lot slopes down toward the wetland and a lawn currently exists between the home and the wetland. The Warners have done considerable planting along the lawn/wetland boundary.

The RCC members commented that a vegetative buffer 2-3 foot wide of native plants in the buffer would help intercept runoff and allow a slower infiltration of runoff into the wetland. Much of the lawn area nearest the wetland is more moss than grass. The RCC suggests that this area be allowed to grow without mowing and that additional native plants be planted in a 3 foot wide band along the wetland boundary.

If these conditions are met, the Conservation Commission approves of the deck expansion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm by Vice Chair McFarland.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk