

## **RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **Site Walk Minutes**

**Monday December 17, 2018**

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair McFarland at 3:36 pm.

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

#### **3:30 pm: 1248 Ocean Boulevard, Tax Map 17.3, Lot 048, Owner: Lisa Lombard**

Present: Lisa Lombard, Owner, and Henry Boyd, Millenium Engineering

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 1248 Ocean Boulevard to evaluate a proposed project for a new home and septic which is entirely within the 100 foot tidal buffer. The new home will involve moving the existing home back from its current location and raising it to meet flood zone standards. The existing septic consists of only a dry well and will be replaced with an Enviroseptic system. The current driveway is completely impervious, composed of gravel and asphalt. The new driveway will be mostly pervious pavers which terminate with asphalt at the garage. The impervious area will be heated to melt ice and snow. This will result in an 11% reduction of impervious surfaces on the site. A porch will be added on the Ocean Boulevard side of the house. There will be stone trenches along the drip edge to capture and minimize roof runoff.

An existing lawn area on the ocean side of the house slopes to a retaining wall on the beach. RCC members were concerned about the runoff from this area onto the beach and into the ocean. Storm surges are also a concern since they breach the seawall and have the ability to erode the lawn area. To prevent erosion and aid in intercepting runoff, the RCC members present believe the area should be heavily vegetated. The RCC recommend that a native vegetative buffer of at least 15 feet be planted from the seawall back toward the house. Dr. Lombard had no objections to this recommendation as long as there was an area where her dog could leave its waste.

If these conditions are met, the Conservation Commission does not object to the project.

#### **4:15 pm: 11 Washington Road, Tax Map 13, Lot 049, Owner: Tanya Hsu**

Present: Chris D'Angelo, Real Property Management

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 11 Washington Road to see and evaluate the cutting in the wetland which had occurred on the site. The low lying area extending from the house toward Ocean Boulevard is overgrown with a variety of vegetation, much of which was cut this summer and fall. There are some evergreen trees with diameters greater than 4.5" at 4 feet height which by ordinance should not be cut. It didn't appear than any in this size range had been cut. A great deal of phragmites has been cut as well as some alders and possibly Japanese knotweed. The cutting was likely done with a tractor and bush hog.

The area of concern is not currently designated a wetland but the vegetation and wet soils are indicative of a wetland area. The RCC recommends getting NHDES involved and having the

wetland area delineated. The owner should get the debris (grass clippings/plants and invasives that had been cut) out of the wetlands, including a trampoline and other garbage, and should consider eradicating the invasives properly. A replanting of some native plants to stabilize the area would be beneficial. Any further cutting or replanting should be done by hand and not with machinery.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm by Vice Chair McFarland.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk