

## **RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **Site Walk Minutes**

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by Chair King at 2:00 pm.

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

#### **2:00 pm: Rye Recreation parking lot**

Present: Lee Arthur, Corey Belden, Rye Recreation; Dennis McCarthy, Rye DPW.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) met with representatives of the Rye Recreation Department to discuss the location of a new storage facility and snack building and the relocation of the entrance to the far parking lot. The new building will be sited where the current back parking lot entrance is currently. This will require a new access to the lot. The new access entrance and road must be 16 feet wide so that 2 cars can pass. The current access is only 12 feet wide.

There will be no changes to the back parking lot. To create the new entrance, the topsoil will be removed, it will be graded and gravel will be brought in. The commission members present requested that the fewest possible trees be removed while creating the entrance. Three pine trees will have to be removed. These trees will be marked as well as any others that may have to be removed. The RCC wants to see the final marking of trees to be removed before any cutting begins.

#### **2:30 pm: 1311-1315 Ocean Boulevard, Tax Map 17.3 Lot 001. Owner: Ocean Wave, LLC**

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 1311-1315 Ocean Boulevard to evaluate the final plantings on the site and to determine if the approved plan had been followed.

The existing plantings in the area behind the building do not conform in size or location to the approved site development plan. The planted area is approximately one half the length of the 93 feet shown on the plan. The planted area was supposed to be on the edge of the marsh to aid in filtering runoff and contaminants before they entered the marsh. The existing planted area is a full 6 feet from the marsh edge and that 6 foot deep area has been planted to grass and fertilized. As a result, there is no filtration along the marsh edge and fertilizer can easily move into the marsh along the entire length of the lot. There are only 11 plants in the planted area and they are not native species.

The rain garden appeared to conform to the dimensions on the approved plan. The spillway has grasses and weeds beginning to grow between the stones. These should not be chemically treated since that would allow for chemical residues to flow into the marsh during a large storm event.

The RCC recommends that the approved plan be followed and a 93 foot planted area be installed along the marsh edge. The plants should be native species. The existing bed of ornamentals can stay but there should be no mowing between it and the marsh. The spillway should not be treated with chemicals to suppress any vegetation that may grow in it.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk