

RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Site Walk Minutes

Wednesday, April 25, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Chair King at 11:30 am.

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

11:30 am: 15 Richard Street, Tax Map 5.2, Lot 171, Owner: Robert B. Tufts

Present: Chuck White, Gray Construction, representing the owner.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 15 Richard Road to evaluate a proposed deck addition. The deck will extend from the current deck to the corner of the house and will also include the installation of a 7ft x 7ft hot tub in the existing deck. The deck addition would be 39 sq. ft. The walls to an existing wash station would be raised. The addition would be permeable but the hot tub will add 49 sq. ft. of impermeable surface to the site. The deck addition is smaller than the deck approved on the original approved plan. There is a small storage shed next to the house that was not in the original plan, adding to the impervious coverage.

In the course of looking at the project, the RCC members noticed a number of wetland violations on the site. A tree larger than 4" diameter had been cut in the wetland and removed. Leaves and mulch had been dumped from the site into the wetland. This debris should be removed. The owners have planted native shrubs along the edge of the lawn as required but the grass extends beyond the shrubs. This area was supposed to be left as uncut natural cover. The area behind the 8th bush beyond the mailbox to the birch trees should have the grass removed and be replanted with a wetland conservation mix. The RCC members present were inclined to approve the new deck as long as the wetland violations and previous requirements were met but needed to get further information from Mr. White.

12:15 pm: 820 Ocean Boulevard, Unit #1

Present: Lafe Covill, TMS Architects, representing the owner.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 820 Ocean Boulevard, Unit #1 to evaluate a proposal to construct a 2 foot walkway along the side and front (ocean side) of the condominium and to add new perennials and ground cover. There will also be a 2 foot wide drip edge of washed stone along most of the building. While looking at the project, the RCC members wanted to know what species had been planted in the 100 sq. ft. area between the units as they didn't look like native species which were specified on the previous letter of recommendation. The RCC also wanted to know if any construction/landscaping had to be approved by the condominium association. The plan called for thyme or lavender to be planted between the pavers and the building. These are not native species.

The RCC members present felt that the pervious pavers were acceptable but that the plantings on the ocean side should be native species. The RCC would like the plantings in the area between the units to be removed and planted to native species if they are not native currently.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk