

RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Site Walk Minutes

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Chair King at 3:34 pm.

RCC members present at site walk: Chair Sally King, Members Susan Shepcaro, Heather Reed and Mike Garvan.

3:30 pm: 14 Fairhill Avenue, Tax Map 20.2, Lot 44, Owners: Brouillette, Robert A. Rev Trust
Present: Mr. & Mrs. Brouillette, Owners; Gary Densen, Builder

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 14 Fairhill Avenue to evaluate a construction project to see if it was currently in compliance so that a Certificate of Occupancy could be issued. The RCC members present reviewed the seven recommendations from our May 13, 2018 with the owners and their agents. These were:

- 1) No lawn should be permitted on the wetland side of the project.
- 2) Native groundcover and native plantings, including some trees, should be installed along the edge of the wetland.
- 3) The path on the wetland side of the house should be pervious material.
- 4) No outdoor shower should be allowed on the wetland side of the project.
- 5) The new driveway should be made of pervious material.
- 6) No generator or propane tank should be allowed on the wetland side of the project.
- 7) The abutter whose property is being drained by the pipe running across the 14 Fairhill property and into the marsh should implement a storm management plan that deals with stormwater on their own property as required by Rye ordinances. The pvc pipe should then be removed from 14 Fairhill Avenue.

There were questions about #2 as to how many trees and what type of plantings and groundcover should be used. One large tree had been removed and there was some evidence of other trees existing previously in that area. The RCC told the owners that 2 trees 4" in diameter at 4.5 feet of height be planted. The RCC will send the contractor the NH DES wetland plantings list that must be used in that area for plantings and groundcover. The landscaper wanted to know if he needed to remove the existing grass. He was told that he must remove it but may leave 2 feet of grass on the wetland border so as not to disturb the wetland. The RCC requests to see a planting plan before the landscaping begins.

No outdoor shower has been installed in compliance with #4 and there isn't a generator or propane tank on the wetland side of the house in compliance with #6. The PVC pipe on that side has been removed.

The driveway and the path on the wetland side of the house appear to be pervious material. The RCC doesn't have the engineering expertise to determine that and requests that the Rye Building Inspector verify that is acceptable pervious material.

The owners had questions about the property abutting on the east which is draining onto their land and creating a saturated area on their boundary.

The Conservation Commission does not object to a Certificate of Occupancy being issued if the Building Inspector agrees that the driveway and path are constructed with acceptable pervious material and if the owners agree to show a planting plan to the commission before the landscaping is done.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk