

RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Site Walk Minutes

Monday, March 25, 2019

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

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

4:30 am: 125 Central Road, Tax Map 112, Lot 26, Owner: Gregory Burzynski

Present: Mark West, West Environmental, representing the owner

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 125 Central Road to evaluate a restoration plan due to a disturbance in the wetland and the wetland buffer. The owner engaged in cutting trees and clearing shrubs in the wetland buffer and the wetland. The owner was trying to remove invasive shrubs and trees and also removed junk, old autos and debris from the buffer. The operation left some ruts in the wetland soils.

Mark West submitted a planting plan with recommendations for restoring the disturbed areas. The Conservation Commission members present agreed with his plan which recommends that the small piles of soil be removed from the wetlands while leaving the smallest of the brush piles. Disturbed soils in the wetland and the wetland buffer should be smoothed by hand and seeded with a wetland conservation seed mix. The brush and debris piles in the buffer should be removed and all restoration work should be overseen by a Certified Wetland Scientist. Upon completion of the restoration, a report with photo documentation should be submitted to the RCC and the Rye Building Inspector. The wetland and wetland buffer should be marked with signs available from the Building Inspector.

5:00 pm: 2065 Ocean Boulevard, Tax Map 84 Lot 178, Owner: Robert Gray

Present: Bob Gray, owner; Mark West, West Environmental; and Mark Olson, Landwright, LLC

The owner experienced some clearing in the wetland buffer by Eversource and would like to deal with the invasive plants and shrubs that exist in the wetland buffer on the south side of his property. He has removed some of the vegetation but stopped work so that the RCC could evaluate the proposed project. Mark West prepared a preliminary planting plan and Mark Olson prepared a plan for buffer plantings and a boulder wall in the buffer.

The RCC members discussed the advantages of removing invasives and methods to keep them from growing back. The RCC also thought that although the rock wall was in the buffer, it would serve as a delineation between the existing lawn and the cleared buffer. Member McFarland suggested that the lawn beyond the propane tank could be reduced and could end on a line from the mulched spruce to the proposed wall. Mulch could be added in the buffer along with loam to suppress invasives regeneration. The slash and deadfall could be removed in the buffer but only by hand – no machinery. Wetland buffer signs should be installed to mark the buffer.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk