

RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Site Walk Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Chair King at 3:20 pm.

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

3:20 pm: 1 Willow Avenue, Tax Map 17.4, Lot 024, Owners: Gregg & Anne Mikolaities

Present: Gregg & Anne Mikolaities, Owners.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 60 Park Ridge Avenue to evaluate a proposed project to expand a dwelling by enclosing the porch around the house. The front porch will have to be removed and then the foundation will have to be repaired before enclosing the porch. The proposed work is within the 100 foot tidal wetland buffer. The affected areas will be 240 square feet and 180 square feet. This will not increase the impervious surfaces on the property. The RCC had no objections to the construction project as proposed.

The owners had three trees removed for safety purposes. Two of these were White pines with diameters greater than 4.5" at 4.5 feet of height. Since all three trees were in the 100 foot tidal buffer, the RCC recommends that these be replaced in kind. The trees are important to the buffer because they take up water via trans-evaporation and will help limit flooding and a saturated water table. Two of the replacement trees should have diameters of 4.5' or greater at 4.5 feet of height. The RCC also recommends the planting of some native plants where possible.

The RCC requests the right to visit the property after completion of the project to make sure the trees were replaced with appropriate sized trees..

3:45 pm: 55 Harbor Road, Tax Map 9.2, Lot 02, Owner: Seacoast Property Holdings

Present: Steve Riker, Ambit Engineering: Joe Tucker, Greg Bauer, Tim Jeguerre

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 55 Harbor Road on January 16, 2019 to assess a plan to demolish a house and replace it with another and to repair a revetment. The new house will be moved back from the ocean by 8 feet. It will have a design that allows storm surge water to pass under the first floor. The home design will be evaluated by the RCC upon receipt of a final plan.

The existing sea wall has sustained damage over time and a repair is necessary. The design is similar to that of the abutting property and will tie into that revetment. There will be a stairway in the wall down to the ocean. The patio behind the revetment will be pervious paver material.

The RCC had no objections to the revetment design but recommends that native plantings be installed to a depth of 5 feet from the sea wall.

The RCC reserves the right to visit the property after the restoration is complete to ensure that it was done according to specifications.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm by Chair King.

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