

## **RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **Site Walk Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 15, 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 and Mike Garvan.

**3:20 pm: 60 Park Ridge Avenue, Tax Map 194, Lot 17, Owner: Brian and Diane Ferguson**  
Present: Brian Ferguson, Owner; John Chagnon, Ambit Engineering; Kevin Baum, Hoefle, Phoenix; Jim Wakefield; and Dennis McCarthy, Rye DPW.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 60 Park Ridge Avenue to evaluate a proposed project to construct a two car garage within the 75 foot wetland buffer. The project would remove a small shed on the property as well as the pavement in the back portion of the driveway. The front part of the driveway which extends past the end of Park Avenue is on Conservation Commission property. Chair King asked if the pavement on RCC land could be removed as part of the project. This section of pavement has traditionally been used as a turnaround for trucks and Rye DPW has pushed snow in this area as part of their snow removal plowing. There is a drainage ditch with a culvert on the east side of the pavement, also on RCC property, which directs runoff flow into the wetland. This paved area also extends to the basement door of the dwelling.

There was a discussion of how the pavement removal would affect the drainage around the Ferguson home as well as onto RCC land. Dennis McCarthy said he would find out how DPW has plowed in that area and what possible changes could be made should the pavement be removed. Chair King noted that Rye town attorney Michael Donovan should be consulted about the rights of the town and the Conservation Commission regarding this area and the paved surfaces and drainage.

The RCC had no objections to the construction of the garage particularly in light of the removal of the impervious surfaces behind the proposed garage. However, it will explore with Attorney Donovan the legality of removing the pavement on the property that belongs to the RCC. The drainage in this area needs to be assessed and a drainage plan developed once the property rights are clear.

Whatever the determination of the pavement removal, the RCC recommends that native plantings be installed along the wetland buffer boundary.

**4:08 pm: 281 Sagamore Road, Tax Map 022, Lots 07 & 08, Owner: Matthew and Sarah Curtin**

Present: RCC members Jeff Gardner and Heather Reed joined the site walks. Owner S. Gagnon and Paul Dobberstein, Ambit Engineering.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 281 Sagamore Road to see and evaluate a project to construct an addition to an existing dwelling within the 100 foot wetland buffer (Berry's Brook watershed) and install a new septic system outside the buffer.

The project involves removing the existing leach field which is in the buffer. It also entails the removal of a portion of an existing patio in the buffer. The addition will be located where the current septic is currently at 70.5 feet from the wetland. The relocation of the septic outside of the wetland buffer is an improvement to the site and offsets any concerns with the addition being in the buffer. The RCC approves of the project with the condition that there be plantings of native plants from the DES wetland plantings list along the wetland buffer edge to a depth of 5-10 feet.

**4:30 pm: 45 Pollock Drive, Tax Map 241, Lot 024, Owners: Megan and Francis Guare**

Present: Megan Guare

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 45 Pollock Drive to evaluate a project to install a generator 76 feet from the tidal marsh where 100 feet is required. The lot is largely within the buffer and the generator is proposed to be sited in the best possible location. The RCC has no objections to the project as proposed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm by Chair King.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk