

RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Site Walk Minutes  
Thursday, October 16, 2019

Chair King called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Conservation Commission members present at all the site walks: Chair King; Members Jaci Grote, Susan Shepcaro, Heather Reed and Mike Garvan.

**4:30pm – 177 West Road, Tax Map 006 Lot 001, Owner: Meredith A. Heaney**

Present: Mollie Heaney, Owner, & Steve Hale, Hale's Landscaping.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk on October 16, 2019 at 177 West Road to assess a project that is adding a patio to the home. The meeting was originally scheduled for 4pm but was incorrectly posted for 4:30pm.

The new patio has been located just outside the 75ft wetland buffer but a walkway from the patio to the house will be in the buffer. That portion of the house is in the buffer. The project calls for the old patio, which was in the buffer, to be taken up. This will result in a net decrease of buffer disturbance and encroachment compared to the existing patio layout. The slope from the patio to the lawn will be graded to end at the wetland buffer line. Runoff from the house and patio will be directed to a drywell outside the buffer.

The commission noticed that there is a propane tank located in the wetland. This could be moved closer to the house and out of the wetland. It would most likely be in the buffer give the lot configuration. The lawn currently ends at the wetland. It would be beneficial to plant native plants along the wetland border to intercept and infiltrate runoff of potential contaminants before they reach the wetland.

The RCC appreciated the owners locating the new patio outside the buffer except for the short section of walkway.

**4:44pm** – The RCC voted to pay Barbara Kowalik and Roger Philbrick for the hay used at the Goss farm event. Motion by Jeff Gardner, seconded by Susan Shepcaro; all in favor.

**4:50pm – 16 Richard Road, Tax Map 052 Lot 156, Owner: East Field Holdings, LLC, Rob and Lori Wright**

Present: Rob and Lori Wright, Owners and Roger Wittner, Chinburg Properties.

The RCC visited 16 Richard Road to assess the status of the project which had been issued a cease and desist order from the Rye Building Department. The entire lot has been disturbed and the ground scalped of vegetation. In the southeast corner, where a 5 foot drainage easement exists, a large pit has been dug. This was supposed to be a rain garden according to the approved building plan. The straw silt fence was outside the pit although Mr. Wittner said it would be

relocated that night due to a coming northeaster. The southeast corner has a culvert that drains from the lot, under the road and into the adjacent wetland.

The RCC decided that no further work on the lot should be done until an updated grading and planting plan is submitted and approved.

**5:30pm – 24 Robin Road, Tax Map 202 Lot 117 Owner: Allison Pellerino**

Present: Owner Allison Pellerino and her friend.

The RCC conducted a site walk at 24 Robin Road to evaluate a project to replace a patio with a new patio in the same footprint. Since the new patio would be in the same footprint and is not in the wetland buffer, the members present had no objection to the project.

The RCC also looked at a renovation project Ms. Pellerino had recently completed in the wetland buffer. In the spring of 2019 she had removed a large tree without proper permitting and the contractor had left a large amount of debris in the buffer. Ms. Pellerino had the contractor remove the debris during the late summer as recommended and the area has been smoothed out. There are remains of an old gravel road in the wetland buffer and the commission members recommended that it be left with no further disturbance. All that remains is to spread some conservation mix seed next spring and the cleanup will be satisfactorily completed.

At 5:45 pm Member Gardner moved that the site walk meetings be adjourned, Member Shepcaro seconded, all members were in favor.

Chair King adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk