

**RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
10 CENTRAL ROAD
RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03870**

Site walk minutes July 10, 2020

11:30 AM: 55 Harbor Road, Map 9.2 Lot 2, Owner: Seacoast Property Holdings

Meeting was called to order by Chair McFarland at 11:36

RCC members present at the site walk: Suzanne McFarland, Chair; Sally King, Vice Chair; members Jeff Gardner, Danna Truslow, Karen Oliver and Susan Shepcaro.

Also present: Joe Tucker and Michael Delsesto

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a preliminary site walk at 55 Harbor Road on July 10 to assess proposed changes to the existing rebuilding plan. The proposed changes include converting the current above ground utilities to underground utilities. The plan proposes to start from the power pole across from the residence at 59 Harbor Road, as noted on the Electrical Utilities Service Plan, go underground from that location to the existing road, continue under the road to a transformer which, per the plan, will be located at or on the property line shared with 51 Harbor Road. 51 Harbor Road will share the transformer and also convert to underground utilities.

The owner also wishes to alter the configuration of Harbor Road to allow for entry space at the front door. Due to the Department of Environmental Services (DES) requirement that the new structure be moved away from the ocean side, the structure is situated very close to the existing road. The proposed plan (NHDES Amended Permit Plan) shows Harbor Road moved away from the structure to allow for a front door entryway and short walkway. The proposed change in Harbor Road would start at the property line shared with 59 Harbor Road, curve toward the wetland side through the existing pullout and rejoin the existing roadway approximately 13 - feet past the property line shared with 51 Harbor Road. The proposed roadway would not be as deep as the existing pullout but would move the travel surface toward the wetland for approximately two thirds of the travel area in front of 55 Harbor Road. At the deepest area of the curve, the proposed road would be approximately 20-feet closer to the wetland than the existing road. The original plan called for Harbor Road to be converted to pervious pavers on this lot. The amended plan also calls for the use of pervious pavers, which will be edged in cobblestones and used for the entire road surface. The plan also shows a pervious paver walkway and drive apron and a native planting plan which includes plantings on both sides of the proposed road as well as boulders along the edge at the deepest portion of the proposed roadway. Mr. Tucker stated that the proposed change in Harbor Road notwithstanding, the large Pine tree near the property line with 59 Harbor Road will be saved.

Mr. Tucker and Mr. Delsesto indicated that both sides of the structure will be 'green space' with grass.

During the site walk, RCC had several questions and comments including:

1. request for calculations of the difference between the approved road and the proposed road. Both the original plan and the amended plan call for the roadway to be pervious pavers.
2. request that Porta Potties placed in close proximity to the wetland on the Harbor Road side be relocated away from the wetland immediately.
3. request that debris dumped in the wetland behind the Pac-Van trailer and in other locations be removed immediately.
4. This was a preliminary site walk. When the plan is finalized, the RCC will have additional comments including, but not limited to, placement of native plantings in the buffer area.

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Respectfully,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk