

## **RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **Site Walk Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

Meeting was called to order by Chair King at 3:23 pm.

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

#### **3:15 pm: 40 Brackett Road, Tax Map 022 Lot 090, Owners: Eric Cummings & Cheryl Lloren**

Present: Steve Riker, Ambit Engineering, representing the owners.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 40 Brackett Road on January 15, 2020, to assess a proposed project to expand a home and install a new septic system on the property. The purpose of the site walk was to review plans for the septic system; the plan for the home will be presented at a later date. The project is in the 100 foot tidal buffer. It requires DES and Shoreland Protection applications.

The septic will have an advanced onsite biocom chamber. The septic will require fill to raise the leach field 4 feet above the seasonal water table. It will be a two bedroom design. There is an existing pile of fill and debris where the new septic will be installed. It will be removed and clean fill will be brought in. The existing grass between the septic and the property line will not be disturbed per the Shoreland Act permit.

The RCC members approved of the septic design and Chair King signed the wetland application. The members had a number of comments relative to the house construction and future activity on the property. They mentioned that native plantings along the wetland boundary of about 80 feet in length and 5 feet in depth would be warranted. The planting plan should allow for some 400 sq. ft. of area with plants every 5 ft. There should be no tree cutting and the debris in the buffer and wetland should be cleaned up. The RCC will revisit the site after the building plan has been presented and will comment further at that time.

#### **4:00 pm: 67 Harbor Road, Tax Map 092 Lot 005, Owners: Judd and Cathy Gregg**

Present: Corey Colwell, TF Moran Engineering and Peter Kasnet, Kasnet Builders representing the owners.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 67 Harbor Road on January 15, 2020, to assess a proposed project to expand a home; redesign the roadway and parking area; and move a propane tank and generator. All of the property is in the tidal wetland buffer.

The plan calls for replacing and expanding two decks on the northeast (marsh) side on the house; adding a screened porch south side of the house and adding a pergola and portico on the southeast (ocean) side of the house where a concrete patio currently exists. An existing paved parking area on the marsh side of Harbor Road will be replaced with grass. Changes to the roadway and parking area will involve the removal of 3,125 sq. ft. of pavement to be replaced with crushed stone and 2,276 sq. ft. of pavement to be removed and replaced with grass. Nine hundred (900) sq. ft. of pavement will be replaced by pervious pavers.

An existing shed by the marsh will remain. The plan calls for a stone wall to be built along the edge of the marsh to delineate the boundary and to mitigate flooding from the marsh. A generator and propane tanks are currently sited by the south side of the house. The plan calls for them to be relocated on the south and northwest sides of the shed.

The RCC members appreciated the removal of so much impervious pavement near the marsh and the installation of pervious pavers and grass on much of the area. The expansion of the decks and porches didn't raise any concerns with the commission members. There was concern that the propane tanks and generator were being moved closer to and adjacent with the marsh. A discussion ensued about locating them on the lawn along the south property line and screening them from view with fencing around them. Mr. Colwell said he would present that idea to the owners. There was discussion about planting some salt tolerant native plants along the ocean sea wall.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm by Chair King.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk