

## **RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **Site Walk Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

Meeting was called to order by Chair McFarland at 4:00 pm.

RCC members present at the site walks: Suzanne McFarland, Chair; Members Sally King, Jeff Gardner and Karen Oliver, Clerk pro tem.

#### **4:00 pm: 797 Ocean, Tax Map 231 Lot 8, Owners: Aaron Proulx and Jun Lee**

Present: Aaron Proulx and Jun Lee, owners.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 797 Ocean Boulevard on March 3, 2021 to assess a project that would not add any square feet to the existing home, but would add 80 square feet to the existing deck on the front of the house. Owners also plan to clean up the debris in the wetlands and replace all of the existing fencing. Part of the lot is in the wetlands; the rest of the lot is in the 100-foot tidal buffer.

The existing fencing on the rear edge of the property appears to be entirely in the wetlands, approximately 10 feet from the rear edge of the lot. The fence in the wetlands is mightily fortified by metal grates and such, recycled for the purpose. A 1971 map of the property shows a "line of new fill" that seems to match the location of a retaining wall. The retaining wall is a few feet inside of the fence and is made of what appears to be plywood. Owners plan to remove the debris between the existing fence and the existing retaining wall. Owners would like to fortify and preserve this retaining wall and replace the fence, not only at the rear of the property, but on either side and the front of the lot.

The commission noted that inasmuch as the entire existing wall is in the wetlands, replacing it at the location of the retaining wall rather than its current location would be preferable. A planting area exists just inside the line of the retaining wall. The commission would like to see saltwater resistant plantings at the rear edge of the property.

The additional decking on the front of the house is almost entirely over the existing driveway and would have a minimal effect on the pervious coverage of the lot. The commission is not concerned about the slight deck expansion on the front of the house.

This project significantly improves the existing impact on the wetlands by removing the fence and a lot of debris that is detrimental to the wetlands.

The Conservation Commission believes that given there is no increase in the building footprint and the owners will be significantly reducing the existing negative impact on the wetlands by removing all manner of debris, the plan as proposed is conditionally acceptable.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm by Chair McFarland.

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