

RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Site Walk Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Chair King at 3:35 pm.

RCC members present at the site walks: Chair Sally King, Vice Chair Suzanne McFarland, Members Heather Reed, Jaci Grote, Karen Oliver, Danna Truslow and Susan Shepcaro.

3:35 pm: 4 Washington Road, Tax Map 013, Lot 00, Owners: Jay Mason and Jacqueline Doherty

Present: Jay Mason.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 4 Washington Road to assess the proposed project to tear down the existing structure and rebuild a new home. The RCC noted that the proposed home will be in the wetland buffer zone.

At the time of this site walk, Mr. Mason stated that he was working with John Chagnon at Ambit Engineering. As of November 21, 2019 a DES Wetland Application had not been filed and the plan for the new structure had not been finalized.

RCC advised Mr. Mason to contact Mr. Chagnon to discuss filing the DES Wetland Application and finalizing the building plans.

Since there is not a finalized plan for the placement of the new structure, the RCC is unable to comment at this time. The site visit at 4 Washington Road was concluded at 3:55 pm and the RCC left for the next site walk at 750 Brackett Road.

4 pm: 750 Brackett Road, Tax Map 10.4, Lot 66, Owners: Natasha and Matt Goyette

Present: Natasha Goyette.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 750 Brackett Road at the request of the owner. Mrs. Goyette is considering transplanting existing plantings from their current locations on the property to the area near the property line that 750 Brackett Road shares with 720 Brackett Road.

RCC has no objection to the transplanting of the existing plantings to the new location.

While walking the property with Mrs. Goyette, RCC members noted that on the side and back areas of the property there is mowed grass up to the edge of wetlands. RCC members suggested that the owners consider no longer mowing the wet areas and also consider adding native plantings to these wetland areas to help absorb water. Members also noticed that the owners are dumping yard waste in the buffer area and requested that the owners remove debris that is currently in the buffer area and refrain from any future dumping. The property is adjacent to marshland and has phragmite growth in the back corner. The Commission suggested that the owners consider having the phragmites treated by professionals.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm by Chair King.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Shepcaro, member