

RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Site Walk Minutes

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 1:17 pm by Chair Suzanne McFarland.

RCC members present at the site walk: Chair Suzanne McFarland; Vice Chair Sally King, Members Mike Garvan and Susan Shepcaro. Member Karen Oliver joined the commission at 15 Patriots Way and was seated for Member Jaci Grote.

1:15 pm: 50 Brackett Road, Tax Map 22 Lot 91 Owners: Victory Marvin & Conrad Bastable

Present: The owners were unable to attend but granted permission for the Conservation Commission to visit the property.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) visited 50 Brackett Road to look at a generator which had been installed in the wetland buffer. Much of the house and garage are in the 75 foot wetland buffer. The generator is sited next to the back of the garage. Due to the wetland on the property, there are no other reasonable locations for a generator. The RCC members noticed a propane tank that was close to the generator and almost touching the back of the house. The commission wondered if the propane tank was located in a safe spot.

The RCC members present did not have any objection to the generator location since there is no other practical location that wouldn't be in the buffer.

1:35 pm: 15 Patriots Way, Tax Map 18 Lot 105 Owners: Jay & Stacy Krecklow

Present: Owner Jay Krecklow and Sergio Bonilla, CWS, Mission Wetland & Ecological Services, LLC.

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) visited 15 Patriots Way to assess a proposed project to remove an existing deck and a three season room from the back of the house. The owners then propose to build a new deck attached to the back of the house. The project area is only 45 feet from the wetland where 100 feet is required in the Berry's Brook watershed. Approximately 1/3 of the lot is wetland and the property abuts the Rand Forest conservation area in the back and western side of the lot.

Mr. Krecklow pointed out that the new deck would be 24 feet farther from the wetland than the existing deck. The project would reduce the current impervious area of 882 square feet to 560 square feet. Mr. Bonilla noted that the project would allow for greater wildlife migration by reducing the building envelope.

The RCC members present did not have any objections to the proposed plan since it represented a decrease in area within the buffer and would be constructed 24 feet farther from the wetland.

The commission noted that the hemlock trees near the western property line should remain if they are in the buffer. They could be limbed if desired. The RCC members also noticed some dumping of debris onto conservation property by the previous owner and reminded Mr. Krecklow that this was a prohibited practice. The edge of the wetland in the back of the lot has many invasive plants that should be removed with hand tools. The lawn would be drier if the owners planted native plants along the edge of the wetland.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 pm by Chair McFarland.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis P. (Mike) Garvan II, Clerk