

RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Site Walk Minutes

Thursday, May 19, 2022

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

4:00 pm: 238 Parsons Road, Tax Map 19, Lot 104, Steven and Nicole Gable, owners.

Present: Mike Garvan, Susan Shepcaro, Danna Truslow, Suzanne McFarland

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) visited 238 Parsons Road on May 19, 2022 to look at a project that proposes to put an addition on the home and expand the back deck. A portion of the home, at the garage end of the house, is in the 100 ft. saltmarsh buffer. The addition will be outside the wetland buffer. A portion of the back deck is also in the 100 ft. saltmarsh buffer. The garage will not be expanded. However, the plan calls for the addition of a dormer on the front of the existing garage which is in the portion of the garage that falls in the 100 ft. saltmarsh buffer. This dormer will not expand the garage and is for esthetic purposes. The driveway will not be changed and will remain impervious pavement. The walkway from the driveway to the front porch will be constructed with pervious pavers as will the walkway to the circle drive at the front of the property. These pervious walkways will reduce the impervious coverage by 174 sq. ft. The plan calls for reconfiguring and expanding the back deck, which is in the 100 ft. saltmarsh buffer. The existing deck is 135 sq. ft., the proposed deck will be 185 sq. ft. The stairs from the deck to ground level will move from the current location on the side of the deck to the front of the deck.

While visiting the property, the RCC noted that a portion of the leach field for the new septic system, which was installed by the previous owner, is on conservation property owned by the Town of Rye. The installation of the replacement septic system created 1,589 sq. ft. of permanent impact in the 100 ft. saltmarsh buffer and 2086 sq. ft. of permanent impact in the 250 ft. shoreland protection buffer.

To mitigate the 100 ft. saltmarsh buffer intrusion and the 250 ft. shoreland buffer intrusion the new owners have agreed to add sixteen (16) bushes, one gallon size, to the disturbed area as shown on the "Buffer Planting Exhibit" provided by Ambit Engineering, Inc.

The Rye Conservation Commission does not object to this project subject to the following recommendations:

- 1) Four (4) wetland buffer boundary signs will be installed by Rye Conservation Commission members along the rear lot line between the corner pins in the area where the leach field for the new septic system encroaches on the conservation property owned by the Town of Rye.
- 2) Sixteen (16), one (1) gallon size, bushes to be planted as shown on the 'Buffer Planting Exhibit' attached.

- 3) Conservation Seed Mix to be spread throughout the entire buffer planting area.
- 4) Mulching and/or erosion control matting may be used in the buffer planting area if needed to prevent erosion until plants and vegetation are established. If mulch is used it shall be natural straw or equivalent non-toxic, non-seed-bearing organic material.
- 5) No cutting or removal of vegetation is permitted beyond the property line.
- 6) Dumping leaves or any lawn debris in the wetland or the wetland buffer is prohibited.
- 7) The RCC requires an 85% or greater survival rate of the planted vegetation after one (1) year. The RCC will arrange a property inspection with the homeowner to inspect the plantings after a year to insure adequate survival.

The Rye Conservation Commission will defer to the Select Board if they believe there should be compensation for the taking of the town's property.

4:45 pm: 150 Lafayette Road, Tax Map 10, Lot 14, Joseph Roy and Howard Lazerowich, owners.

Present: Suzanne McFarland, Susan Shepcaro, Mike Garvan, Sally King

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk on May 19, 2022 at 150 Lafayette Road to evaluate a project to install a fence on the north side of the rear portion of the property in the wetland buffer. The owners have recently installed 17 sections of fence, 8 ft in length and 6 ft in height, on the left side of the property up to the wetland buffer (Phase 1). The existing fence was installed on a raised, mulched berm at least one (1) foot from the property line. This project, (Phase 2), calls for installation of 12 sections of fence, 8 ft in length and 6 ft in height, to join the existing fence and continue for 96 additional feet in the wetland buffer. This Phase 2 information was received in an email from Howard Lazerowich dated June 22, 2022, not from a permit application or a plan.

The Conservation Commission supports the project subject to the following recommendations:

- 1) Phase 2 fencing will be installed at ground level with no berm and no crushed stone.
- 2) The fence will be at least 1 (one) foot from the property line.
- 3) Weeds and small trees under 4.5 ft tall with a diameter less than 4.5 inches, may be removed from the work area.
- 4) The entire length of the Phase 2 fence will be planted with native plants, bushes, grasses and trees to a depth of not less than 2 ft and averaging 5 ft.
- 5) No machinery may be used in the wetland buffer. Fence installation and all planting

must be done by hand.

6) The RCC will approve the planting plan prior to installation.

7) The RCC believes that an 85% or greater survival rate of the planted vegetation is adequate.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. by Chair McFarland

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Shepcaro, Clerk