

# **RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

## **Site Walk Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

Meeting was called to order by Chair McFarland at 4:08 pm.

RCC members present at the site walk: Suzanne McFarland, Chair , Sally King, Vice Chair, Members Danna Truslow, Heather Reed and Susan Shepcaro.

### **4:08 pm: 33 Sagamore Road, Tax Map 024, Lot 06, Owners: Bluestone Properties of Rye, Michael and Peter Labrie**

Present: Eric Weinrieb, Altus Engineering, Attorney Tim Phoenix, Michael Labrie, Peter Labrie

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 33 Sagamore Road to assess the proposed project to tear down the existing structure and develop the property into an education and event venue. The owners propose building a replica of the barn that was originally on the property. In addition to the barn, the owners are planning to build a connected office area and a professional kitchen set up for cooking classes or workshops. The owners further propose to change the current driveway and align it with the driveway for the Atlantic Grill (which is also owned by the Labries) and develop the existing parking lot to maximize parking and assist with drainage.

Various aspects of the project were discussed including but not limited to the proposed retaining wall in the front area, the use of a combination of conventional pavement and permeable pavers for parking and drainage and the blasting of ledge at the high portion of the property to allow for construction of the barn and the other two buildings. All trees from a stake behind the proposed professional kitchen to Elwyn Road will be taken down. The trees (eight (8) white pines) currently lining the Foye's corner intersection will be removed.

The owners plan to continue keeping the stream clear of debris and trash – they stated that they have done a lot of clean up to date. They

also will maintain existing apple trees and a produce garden in the meadow area on the west side of the property. They plan to expand their gardens with produce, herbs and flower gardens featuring native plantings. They will continue to have beehives on the property.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm by Chair McFarland.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Shepcaro, member