

RYE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SITE WALK / LISTENING SESSION MINUTES
July 18, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair McFarland at 2:45 PM

Rye Conservation Commission members present at site walk: Chair McFarland, Vice Chair King, clerk Susan Shepcaro, members Mike Garvan, Jaci Grote, Jeff Gardner and Danna Truslow.

I. SITE WALKS

• **3 Brackett Road Tax Map 22 Lot 72 Owner: Jeff Keefe**

Present: Also present: Steve Riker, Ambit Engineering

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) conducted a site walk at 3 Brackett Road to look at a project that proposes the construction of an attached garage, a new back deck and a new septic system. Existing utility connections will be updated, and the driveway will be reconfigured to conform with the placement of the new garage. The driveway will remain pervious due to ledge in that area of the property. The new deck, which will be on footings, will be added on the back of the house. There is also a very small addition to the back of the home to slightly enlarge the kitchen. This property is subject to both a 100 ft. freshwater buffer and the 100 ft. tidal buffer. The southern end of the proposed deck is in the 100 ft. tidal buffer zone. Most of the proposed deck, the proposed kitchen addition and the reconfigured driveway will have permanent shoreland impact.

The existing septic system will be replaced with an Advanced Onsite Septic (AOS) system. The new septic will be located on the south side of the house. The leach field for the septic is out of the tidal buffer zone. The pump and the AOS tank, which is fully enclosed, are just inside the tidal buffer zone. All other improvements being proposed are outside of the tidal buffer zone. The RCC appreciates that the installation of a new AOS septic system will be an improvement.

All existing outbuildings are remaining on the property.

• **2:10 PM – 60 Wentworth Road Tax Map 24 Lot 61-26**

Also present: Corey Colwell, TF Moran, Jason Bastille, WBTSCC, Chad Mitchell, WBTSCC, Doug Anderson, Riverside & Pickering Marine Contractors

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) visited 60 Wentworth Road to look at a project that proposes to repair a cart path and wooden pedestrian bridge between the third and ninth holes on the golf course. The bridge is in a state of disrepair and needs to be reinforced and repaired. The embankments approaching the bridge are lined with rip rap. The rip rap, which has been there for several decades, is settling and filling with debris. As part of the proposal, the rip rap

on the embankment at both ends of the bridge, will be replenished and brought back to its original height.

The temporary impact of this project will be about 8100 S.F. There will be about 6 S.F. of permanent impact, which will come from the installation of six (6) new piers, three (3) on each end of the bridge. The bridge is 190-feet long and 6-feet wide. The bridge was built in 1990's. The bridge is becoming unsafe, some boards are rotting and cracking. The existing bridge will stay. It will have three (3) new piers on each end. To help improve the abutments, the bridge will be shortened by five feet on each end. The paved cart path will be extended about five feet on each end. Portions of the bridge appear to be in good condition. The bridge decking and rails will be replaced, and support joists will be added. There will be no change in the elevation of the bridge.

Riverside & Pickering Marine Contractors will be performing the bridge repair work from a barge in Witch Creek. It appears that the existing piers are in good shape. The initial report says that there is no work necessary on existing piers. However, they will be evaluated, and any necessary repairs will be performed. This is in addition to the six (6) new piers to be added.

Work on this project will be completed between November 15 and March 15. It is expected to take approximately three (3) months to complete the project.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Mike Garvan, seconded by Sally King, all in favor.

The site walk meeting was closed by Chair McFarland at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan Shepcaro", followed by a horizontal line.

Susan Shepcaro