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MEMORANDUM

To: Marisa Anastasio, Planner II

From: Aleksandra Moch, Environmental Analyst

Date: November 16, 2021

Re: Riverside Yacht Club, 102 Club Road, PLPZ 2021 00435
Site plan by Rocco V. D'Andrea Inc., dated September 21, 2021 and landscape plan by WC Rutherford LLA, LLC date September 17, 2021.

I have reviewed the above-referenced plans and visited the site. The following comments are offered for your consideration:

1. The proposed addition will be constructed over the currently paved area and a small green space. The plan shows removal of the asphalt and creation of a new area which will be used for planting. The proposed plant material consists of two native trees and evergreen ground cover. This low maintenance landscape offers limited benefits for local pollinators. It is recommended the ground cover be enhanced with some flowering species supportive to coastal wildlife. The goal of this mitigation planting should be to add environmental value to the site and maintain the vertical stratification of the plant material which will maximize the potential of this small planted space.
2. The proposed site improvements within the coastal buffer area should be balanced by an enhancement to the natural environment. Lawn running all the way to the edge of the tidal water offers no filtration for the lawn care products, such as pesticides and synthetic nutrients. It is recommended the club commit to the organic lawn care and create at least a 10-foot-wide no-mow zone and/or native meadow border along the edge of the small peninsula located to the south of the building. The new buffer will support and protect the edge of tidal wetland extend its habitat functions, enhance the plant diversity and alleviate the erosion during the coastal storm events.

cc: Conservation Commission