



TOWN OF TRURO

Conservation Commission

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Minutes

Site Visits

December 2, 2013

1:00 P.M. Met at the Cobb Library parking lot.

Members Present: Deborah McCutcheon (chair), Al Silva, Larry Lown, Peter Romanelli, Linda Noons-Rose, Diane Messinger, Sarah Benjamin

Others Present: Emily Beebe-Health/Conservation Field Agent, Nicole Smith-Secretary Peter Staaterman, Gary Lock, Rich Bashian

11 Longnook Rd: The Commission met Peter Staaterman on site to view the work being done on his property including the area for a greenhouse and the road modifications.

403 Shore Rd: The Commission viewed the site to ensure that dumping has not continued and that some type of barrier had been put up to prevent further dumping of materials. At the time of the site visit no barrier was present.

503/522 Shore Rd: The Commission met Gary Lock on site to view the changes in the site plan. These items included a deck, walkways, a moved outdoor shower, platforms, snow fencing and a brick patio.

539 Shore Rd: The Commission met Rick Bashian on site to discuss proposed work including a patio, shed, outdoor shower and retaining wall.

2:30 P.M. site visits concluded.

Meeting

December 2, 2013

6:30 P.M. in Selectman's Meeting Room

Discussion:

Dr. Graham Giese and Dr. Mark Borelli: A mathematical model is being applied to the Truro shoreline to help understand the way sediment moves including how much and net direction. The importance of this study is that it will help have baseline data for the future, help understand if the shoreline will be eroding or accreting, it is important to

consider sediment movement when planning structures like jetties and gives a better idea of how the system works as a whole.

Workshop

6:55 P.M.

Members Present: Linda Noons-Rose, Larry Lown, Diane Messinger, Deborah McCutcheon (chair), Peter Romanelli, Al Silva, Sarah Benjamin

Others Present: Patricia Pajaron-Health/Conservation Agent, Nicole Smith-Secretary

Sarah Benjamin will work on formatting with the Conservation Department, until that happens they are still in draft form and cannot be voted on.

Regular Meeting

7:10 P.M.

Others Present: Rick Bashian, Gary Lock, Eric Shapiro, Peter Staatterman

Motion to approve minutes from the workshop held on 10/29/13 by Lown, 2nd by Romanelli. Unanimously Approved.

Motion to approve minutes from 11/4/2013 by Silva, 2nd by Messinger. Unanimously Approved.

503 and 522 Shore Rd, Request for Amended Order of Conditions by William N.

Rogers for Lexvest Sutton, SE#075-0857: Gary Lock and Eric Shapiro were present. A letter was sent to unit owners to inform them that no work is to be done before going before the Commission. There has been an amended plan since the December meeting dated November 26th, 2013. Items C, D and F were eliminated which includes outdoor showers, wood platforms and wood landings on units 19 and 21-27. Item K has been amended to be a seasonal walkway to be removed from October-April. Items M, N and O were added which include a shift in unit 1's location, moving the shower on units 7 and 8 and adding wood walkways to the multi-family building with units 3,4,5 and 6. Units 11,14,15 and 17 sill measurements have changed. The dry well locations were added to the plan to show their direction pointed away from the beach and Sunrise cottages. Snow fencing is behind units 11-18. McCutcheon mentioned possible mitigation to plant beach grass to offset negative effects of wooden walkways attached to units. The sand fencing was put up last week and the Commission would like to add that the sand fencing needs to be erected by certain date. November 19th is the date that unit owners must be out to have units winterized. Motion to accept plan dated 11/26/2013 as revised plan with additional special condition that the snow fencing be installed annually before the 3rd week of November by Romanelli, 2nd by Silva. Unanimous. Representatives will consult with the wetland scientist to develop master plan/guidelines that unit owners would have to follow if adding any decks/walkways/showers etc. that disturb the area.

539 Shore Rd, Notice of Intent by Rich Bashian: Mr. Bashian discussed his proposal to do landscaping and construct patio, walkways, 12 inch retaining wall, shower enclosure, shed and landing. How and where these will be constructed in indicated on

the NOI application. The drip edges of the shed will have stone on both sides. Mr. Bashian is trying to preserve the building and restore it to its historic state. There will be a combination of different materials including shell for the driveway and on the sides of patio, grass on top of the septic area, vegetation on the slope and dune grass at the bottom of slope. The overall goal is to have no loose dirt. Native plantings and transplant hydrangeas from the property next door will be used. Motion to accept plan as described in Notice of Intent with usual order and additional special condition that the silt fence shall be maintained until the area is planted and established and that hydrangeas are allowed to be transplanted from 535 Shore Rd. by Silva, 2nd by Romanelli. Unanimous. The harmony grass is approved as a native planting

11 Longnook Rd, Enforcement Order, Dilys and Peter Staaterman: Peter Staaterman present. Noons-Rose and Messinger recused themselves. It was disclosed by McCutcheon that she has supported Dilys Staaterman in fundraising efforts. There were reports of fill being put on the property to widen the road. There was a stop work order on adding fill from the area along Longnook Rd. onto the property. Other activities are allowed to continue on agricultural land. Mr. Staaterman stated he applied to be recognized as an official farm and that requires him to give up rights to develop the land for at least 10 years. He feels this makes him exempt from the Wetlands Protection Act. The greenhouse activities are deemed to be fine and not of concern to the commission. The Commission's focus of concern is the improvement to the road and silt going into the wetland. Mr. Staaterman brought attention to "Necessary and Related Land" which mentions an access road to allow farming is included in agricultural exemptions. He needs this road to support the greenhouse activities. His intention was to stabilize the banks created when the road was raised but the stop work order was given before he could do that. The Commission agrees that it is related land but not that it is absolute from all regulations. There is no question on the right to improve but the Commission is looking for a plan on how the road is to be improved. An Abbreviated NOI should be completed so the Commission can approve it with possible special order of conditions. Mr. Staaterman should work with the agent to submit an Abbreviated NOI and file with commission. Romanelli stated that one end of the culvert is blocked. It was blocked by a large chunk of grass that was placed there to prevent silt from going into wetland. The amount that the road was built up varies. Motion to ratify the Enforcement Order to stop work on the access road from Longnook through the first 50 ft of roadway and to submit an Abbreviated NOI with help from conservation agent, filing fees will not be doubled for the after the fact filing and Emily Bebee to meet on property to discuss preventing further degradation by Romanelli, 2nd by Silva. Unanimous. Mr. Staaterman informed the Commission that a crew will be in to sift soil and is giving this notice in case there are reports that he has not stopped work.

FY 2015 Budget: Agent Pajaron stated that there are no changes and the budget is level funded; the budget has been submitted. A question was brought up as to where the money to pay for inspection services came from and Agent Pajaron informed the Commission it is under the Health budget. McCutcheon asked if there is any money to send notices out to property owners that are within the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission to inform them that they need to submit a filing before doing work. It was

suggested that a list of all properties be given to the Building Commissioner so building permits are not issued before going before the Commission. However, that does not prevent people from doing work without a building permit or projects that do not require a building permit. Agent Pajaron stated she needs to give justification to add money to the budget. McCutcheon said the Commission will give justification to the Board of Selectman, Finance Committee and at town meeting if necessary. The option was raised to wait until the FY 16 budget to add this in order to evaluate the time and monetary costs as well as having volunteers complete the project (such as Truro citizens or AmeriCorp). Motion to approve budget by Romanelli, 2nd by Lown. Approved 6-1 with McCutcheon opposed. Sarah Benjamin and Linda Noons-Rose volunteer to make a proposal on what needs to be done to make list of all properties in our jurisdiction. Motion to form a subcommittee with Agent Pajaron to develop a proposal to give to AmeriCorp by Romanelli, 2nd by Silva. Unanimous.

A Motion to adjourn by McCutcheon, 2nd by Silva. Unanimous.

Adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Smith".

Nicole Smith
Conservation Commission Secretary
Approved January 6th, 2014, Unanimously 7-0