



TOWN OF TRURO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

P.O. Box 2030
Truro MA 02666-0630

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: February 11, 2019

The meeting and public hearings were called to order by Chair McCutcheon at 6:00 P.M. at the Truro Community Center. Commissioners Present: Jack McMahon; Diane Messinger; Larry Lown; Chair, Deborah McCutcheon; Others Present: Emily Beebe, Conservation Agent

Notice of Intent: 4 Kill Devil; Peter & Nancy Rhoades; SE #75-1057; deck/rinsing station; Coastal Dune, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. (Map 42, Parcel 304) (Continued from January 7, 2019)

Peter and Nancy Rhoades provided a summary of the discussions that occurred at the December 3, 2018 and January 7, 2019 meetings. Based on the feedback from the Commission Mr. Rhoades revised the plans for the deck.

Commissioner Lown expressed his concern about the cumulative effect of building decks in resource areas.

Mr. Rhoades posited that due to a lack of a yard area at this location not having a deck as a place for people to congregate outside would allow for increased foot traffic whereas a deck would eliminate or minimize that disturbance. A picnic table located in the area of the proposed deck gets dragged across the dune. The Rhoades suggested that attaching the picnic table to the deck would minimize disturbance to the area. Commissioner McMahon suggested they control the foot traffic via path to the stairs that leads to the beach to reduce access to the open sandy area.

Motion by Chair McCutcheon to approve the Notice of Intent with the conditions that the applicant plant beach grass to eliminate the open area at the crossing to the beach; that the picnic table be fastened to the deck and that the deck be built according to the revised plan; seconded by Commissioner McMahon.

Discussion on the motion included a question from Commissioner Lown in regard to how this proposal met the performance standards for a coastal dune. The Agent referenced the details of the proposal such as the elevation of the deck, the use of vegetation as a means of stabilization and the location of the deck. There was further discussion regarding the location of the deck. The Commissioners expressed appreciation to the Rhoades that they had modified their proposal in response to the concerns of the Commission. Mr. Rhoades expressed their desire to install a split rail fence to encourage tenants and visitors to walk in the appropriate area. Commissioner Lown requested an additional condition of plantings or markers to discourage foot traffic through the dune outside of the decking area. The Agent clarified that ½ height snow fence could demarcate the existing pedestrian path to the stairs to the lawn area. Mr. Rhoades confirmed that they would plant their beach grass in April. The Agent summarized that the purpose of the deck in the proposed location is an attempt to minimize impact, access to and damage of the dune. **The vote was unanimously in favor, 4-0-0.**

Notice of Intent: 588 Shore Rd, Ellen & Emily Lanigan; SE# 75-1055; construction of shed, Barrier Beach, Coastal Dune, LSCSF. (Map 5, Parcel 20) (project was significantly modified and continued from February 4, 2019)

Jason Ellis of JC Ellis Design approached. Mr. Ellis submitted a revised plan for a proposed 10x12 shed.

Motion to approve the shed as shown on the site plan dated Feb 6, 2019 by Commissioner Lown; seconded by Commissioner Messinger; the vote was unanimously in favor, 4-0-0.

Administrative Review Permit: 510 Shore Rd: renourishment; planting beach grass; repair stair

Motion to approve the Administrative Review Permit by Commissioner Lown; seconded by Commissioner McMahon; the vote was unanimously in favor, 4-0-0.

Administrative Review Permit: 618 Shore Rd: outdoor shower

Motion to approve the Administrative Review Permit by Commissioner Lown; seconded by Commissioner Messinger; the vote was unanimously in favor, 4-0-0.

Administrative Review Permit: 8 Falcon Ln: beach nourishment/beach grass plantings

Motion to approve by Commissioner Lown; seconded by Commissioner Messinger; the vote was unanimously in favor, 4-0-0.

Minutes: October 1, 2018; November 5, 2018; December 3, 2018; January 7, 2019

Motion to approve the October 1, 2018, November 5, 2018, December 3, 2018 and January 7, 2019 minutes by Commissioner Lown; seconded Commissioner Messinger; the vote was unanimously in favor, 4-0-0.

Discussion: Proposed Amendments to the Truro Conservation Regulations

The Agent and the Commissioners discussed the amendment process for the Truro Conservation Regulations. It was decided that the Commission needed to meet at a posted workshop session to further discuss the proposed amendments. The Agent would set this up with the Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Fogarty

