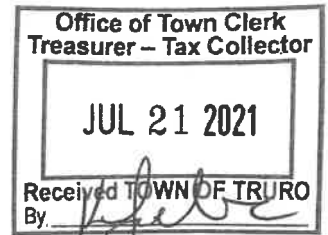




**TOWN OF TRURO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**
P.O. Box 2030
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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: May 3, 2021

Commissioners Present: Chair Jack McMahon, Commissioners Bob White, Carol Girard-Irwin, Diane Messinger, & Larry Lown **Absent:** Commissioners Deborah McCutcheon and Linda Noons-Rose. **Others Present:** Emily Beebe, Conservation Agent

The Chair called the meeting and public hearings to order at 5:00 and provided virtual instructions.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 9 Castle Terrace, Megan Hinton & Paula Erickson: Paula Erickson, homeowner, informed the Commission of her plans to restore an old garden within 100' of an isolated wetland. The proposal also included mitigation within an area that they disturbed prior to receiving approval by way of planting native wetland plant species, turning part of the existing lawn into a meadow habitat, the creation of a path from the house to the garden, and to manage invasive species on the property. Commissioner McMahon noted for the record that the unapproved disturbance was minimal.

Motion: Commissioner Girard-Irwin moved to approve the application as a negative 3 and noted that temporary hoop houses would also be permitted within the buffer zone under this approval.

Seconded by Messinger. Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

Proposed Public Access Project: Proposal to implement the land management plan for the "High Head Conservation Area", presented by Fred Gaechter, President of Truro Conservation Trust:

Fred Gaechter addressed the Commission, requesting support and partnership with regards to the land management plan for High Head Conservation Area. The parcel is about 38 acres, and the plan includes the restoration and expansion of trails, along with some education stations along the way addressing the history of the lot, climate change, and the history of native peoples. Mr. Gaechter added that if the Commission agreed to the partnership, that the Conservation Trust would be back before them in the future with a more detailed plan outlining the project.

Commissioner Lown asked if some of the lots were deeded to the Commission. Mr. Gaechter replied in the affirmative and added that the Conservation Commission was given the oversight responsibility of the land, which included the land owned by the Town and the State.

Motion: Commissioner Lown moved to approve the partnership between the Trust and the Commission and to take future actions to implement conceptual recommendations of the High Head Conservation Area.

Seconded by Commissioner White. Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.

Notices of Intent: 39 Bay View Rd, 41 Bay View Rd and 4 Heron Lane; Lawrence Gottesdiener, SE# 75-1115, 1116, 1114 (continued from 4/5/2021): Stan Humphries, of ECR, represented the project. Commissioner Lown questioned how they could approve all three properties together, considering one of the applications mentioned a serpentine fence and the others did not. The Agent stated that the proposals could be discussed at the same time, but that they will be voted on separately. Commissioner Lown questioned the impact of the coir fiber logs on the performance standards of the Coastal Bank, with regards to the natural process of erosion feeding the beach. The Agent explained that it still occurs, by way of the sacrificial sand placed on top of the coir fiber logs. The Commission and Mr. Humphries discussed the draft Orders page by page. The items included during the discussion were as follows: a condition addressing the placement of plants, of which they came to an agreement that the plantings will be 12-14" on center, and not the 18" proposed; a sieve analysis shall be submitted prior to construction; sand replenishment to occur over the bank; the DEP sign shall be posted at the beginning of the driveway and at the top of the Coastal Bank; and additional items that needed clarification. Commissioner Lown questioned the condition of the sand drift fence at 41 Bay View Rd. Mr. Humphries said it needed some maintenance. Commissioner Lown stated that he felt the Commission should condition the repair of the sand drift fence after the coir fiber logs were installed. Mr. Humphries agreed. The Agent suggested taking any mention of the sand drift fence out of the draft Order and having the Applicant come back to the Commission with a separate NOI to maintain or remove the fence. The Commissioners felt that the sand drift fence should be removed and if the Applicant wished to repair it, they would have to come back before the Commission with a new Notice of Intent.

Motion: Commissioner Lown moved to approve the findings & application as discussed and amended, for 39 Bay View Rd.

Seconded by Commissioner Messinger. **Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.**

Motion: Commissioner Lown moved to approve the findings & application as discussed and amended, for 41 Bay View Rd, with an additional specific condition addressing the removal of the sand drift fence prior to the installation of the coir fiber rolls.

Seconded by Commissioner White. **Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries**

Motion: Commissioner Lown moved to approve the findings & application as discussed and amended, for 4 Heron Ln.

Seconded by Commissioner Girard-Irwin. **Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries**

Administrative Reviews

1.) 11 Truro Center Rd: removal of diseased locust

Motion: Commissioner White moved to approve the applications.

Seconded by Commissioner Messinger. **Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.**

2.) 544 Shore Rd: replace snow fencing & plant beach grass

Motion: Commissioner Girard-Irwin moved to approve the application with the condition that no sand or beach grass be planted in the easement area.

Seconded by Commissioner Messinger. **Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.**

3.) 209 Shore Rd: beach raking

Motion: Commissioner Lown moved to approve the application.

Seconded by Commissioner Messinger. **Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.**

Certificates of Compliance:

116 North Pamet Rd, SE# 75-0843

Motion: Commissioner White moved to approve the Certificate.

Seconded by Commissioner Lown. **Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.**

Commissioner White moved to adjourn

Seconded by Lown.

Respectfully Submitted,


Arozana Davis

Approved 7/12/2021, 5-0

