



**TOWN OF TRURO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**
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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: June 7, 2021

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

The Chair called the meeting and public hearings to order at 5:02 and provided virtual instructions.

Notice of Intent: 82 South Pamet Rd, Victor & Laura Rivera, SE# 75-1121: Dave Bennett, of Bennett Environmental, represented the project, along with Ben Zehnder, of Latanzi, Spaulding & Landreth, and Cameron Larsen of ECR. The project included the demolition and reconstruction of a single-family dwelling within the buffer zone to a Coastal Bank and Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Mr. Larsen noted that there was an 870 sq. ft. increase in the footprint of the dwelling and proposed over 3,000 sq. ft. of restoration by way of native plantings, within the buffer zone. Additional mitigation items included the removal of debris and stockpiled material and the management of invasive species. Commissioner McMahon questioned if any privacy screening from road was proposed. The Agent stated that they could not close on the hearing because they had not received approval from NHESP, that the homeowners had time to think about that and address it on the plan. The Agent also mentioned allowing the applicant to remove invasive species outside the work limit. Commissioner Messinger questioned if the invasive species removal work could be expanded upon to help eradicate the issue. Mr. Bennett said there was no plan in place at this time. The Agent questioned the vista corridor noted on the planting plan. Mr. Larsen said that the vista corridor was located on the north side of the home and that the plan is to do some selective pruning within the area.

Motion: Commissioner Girard-Irwin moved to continue the hearing to July 12, 2021. **Seconded** by Commissioner Noons-Rose. **Vote: 6-0-0, motion carries.**

Notice of Intent: 8 Stick Bridge Rd, Robert Christopher Anderson & Loic Rossignon, SE# 75-1122: David Lyttle, of Ryder & Wilcox, represented the project which included an addition to the dwelling, a patio extension and landscaping. Mr. Lyttle noted that the proposed addition will occur within a relatively flat, clear area and that the only trees that will need to be removed are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction. The work will take place within the outer portion of the Riverfront Area and no work was proposed within the 100' buffer to the Coastal Bank. Annie Gilson represented the mitigation and landscaping portion of the project. She described some minor grading and addressed the native plants that will be used. Commissioner McMahon questioned if additional fill will be needed to level out the patio area. Ms. Gilson replied that they can

use the dry-laid material that is existing. Commissioner Messinger expressed concern over the grading towards the meadow. Mr. Lyttle explained that they will change the grading so that the bottom of the bank extends 2-3' further out than the existing grade. Ms. Gilson mentioned that the steepness of the newly graded slope will be the same as existing. The Agent questioned the amount in sq. ft. of the structure that is within the Riverfront Area. Mr. Lyttle stated that it was 38 sq. ft.

Motion: Commissioner Noons-Rose moved to approve the application.

Seconded by Commissioner McMahon. **Vote: 6-0-0, motion carries.**

After the vote, the Agent suggested the following conditions: concrete overpour shall be cleaned up from the site and properly disposed of; the planting plan is required and not optional; and the notes on the plan are incorporated into the Order.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 0 Fishermans Rd, Cranberry Hill

Association: John O'Reilly represented the project which included the stabilization of a Coastal Bank by way of matting, plantings, and replenishment of 250-300 cubic yards of sand. Commissioner Messinger asked if the applicant had ever used matting on this specific Coastal Bank before. Mr. O'Reilly replied in the negative. No work was planned for the serpentine fence under this approval, but the Commission acknowledged that portions of the fence were in disrepair and would need to be repaired or removed.

Motion: Commissioner White moved to approve the application as a negative 3.

Seconded by Commissioner Girard-Irwin. **Vote: 6-0-0, motion carries.**

Request for Determination of Applicability: 15 Rolling Hills Rd, Mark & Carole

Bradford: Jason Ellis, of J.C. Ellis Design, Inc., represented the project which included the replacement of an existing deck. The Agent reminded the applicant of best management practices regarding the storage of material and equipment.

Motion: Commissioner Girard-Irwin moved to approve the application as a negative 3.

Seconded by Commissioner Messinger. **Vote: 6-0-0, motion carries.**

Administrative Reviews

1.) **8 Falcon Ln:** plantings; approval period until the end of July

Motion: Commissioner Noons-Rose moved to approve the application.

Seconded by Commissioner McMahon. **Vote: 6-0-0, motion carries.**

2.) **52 Castle Rd:** plantings for marsh restoration; Commissioner Messinger questioned the stability of the plants as they relate to tidal flow; Gordon Peabody replied that they were all plants that could tolerate that type of habitat. Discussion ensued about the walking path and the detriment to the marsh.

Motion: Commissioner White moved to approve the application.

Seconded by Commissioner Messinger. **Vote: 6-0-0, motion carries.**

3.) **590 Shore Rd:** beachgrass plantings

Motion: Commissioner Girard-Irwin moved to approve the application.

Seconded by Commissioner Noons-Rose. **Vote: 6-0-0, motion carries.**

4.) **51 Fisher Rd:** new well & trenching; 60-day approval

Motion: Commissioner Lown moved to approve the application.

Seconded by Commissioner Messinger. **Vote: 6-0-0, motion carries.**

Certificates of Compliance:

120 Prince Valley Rd, SE# 75-1045

Motion: Commissioner Noons-Rose moved to approve the Certificate.

Seconded by Commissioner Messinger. **Vote: 6-0-0, motion carries.**

Public Comment: none

Conservation Commission appointee to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC):

Motion: Commissioner Lown moved to appoint Diane Messinger to the CPC.

Seconded by Girard-Irwin. **Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries** with Commissioner Messinger not voting.

Minutes:

4/5/2021: Motion: Commissioner Girard-Irwin voted to approve as submitted.

Seconded by McMahon. **Vote: 5-0-01,** with Commissioner Lown abstaining.

Commissioner Messinger moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Noons-Rose. **Vote: 6-0-0, motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted,


Aroza Davis

Approved 7/12/2021, Vote 5-0

