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**Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: October 4, 2021**

**Commissioners Present:** Vice-Chair Carol Girard-Irwin, Commissioners Bob White, Diane Messinger, Linda Noons-Rose, Larry Lown (arrived late). **Others Present:** Emily Beebe, Conservation Agent

**The Chair called the meeting and public hearings to order at 5:04PM and provided virtual instructions.**

**High Head Conservation Area Management Plan Implementation, Fred Gaechter of the Truro Conservation Trust (TCT):** Mr. Gaechter, of the Truro Conservation Trust, and Mark Robinson, of the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, reviewed the management plan for the High Head Conservation area which included a system of trails and the installation of benches and educational stands. The Trust would be the stewards of the property but under the oversight of the Commission. Commissioner White requested that the patch of blueberries be accessible via the trail system. Mr. Gaechter stated that it was already a part of the plan.

**Motion:** Commissioner Messinger moved to proceed with the project.  
**Seconded** by Commissioner Noons-Rose. **Vote: 4-0-0, motion carries.**

**Public Hearing: Amendment to the Truro Conservation Regulations relative to Ecological Restoration Projects (ERP):** The purpose of the revision was to clear up the language around ERPs being covered by the State requirements within 310CMR and not under the local bylaw and regulations.

**Motion:** Commissioner White moved to approve the amendment.  
**Seconded** by Commissioner Noons-Rose. **Vote: 4-0-0, motion carries.**

**Request for Determination of Applicability: 642 Shore Rd, Unit 7 – William Purman:** Chris Russell, contractor, represented the project which he described as a 1:1 replacement of an existing deck.

**Motion:** Commissioner White moved to approve the application as a negative 3.  
**Seconded** by Commissioner Noons-Rose. **Vote: 4-0-0, motion carries.**

**Request to Amend an Order of Conditions: SE# 75-1060, Pamet Harbor Yacht Club, 7 Yacht Club Rd:** The Agent informed the Commission that this was approved at the previous meeting under the WPA and local regulations, but that it should only have been approved under the local regulations. She added that the request had been re-advertised.

**Motion:** Commissioner Messinger made the finding that the proposed plan provides a greater amount of environmental protection than the original plan that was approved by the Commission and was issued an Order of Conditions.

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**Seconded** by Commissioner Noons-Rose. **Vote: 4-0-0, motion carries.**

**Motion#2:** Commissioner Noons-Rose moved to approve the revised plans under the Truro Conservation Bylaw.

**Seconded** by Commissioner White. **Vote: 4-0-0, motion carries.**

**(Commissioner Lown joined the meeting).**

Abutter Barbara Cordi-Allen stated that she supported the septic system upgrade but felt that there was inequity in approvals. The Agent added, for the record, that the Allen's do not have any applications currently in front of the Commission.

**Motion#3:** Commissioner Messinger moved to close the hearing.

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

**Notice of Intent: 72 Depot Rd, Anne Robertson & Mary Perkins, SE# 75-1125**

**(continued from 9/13/2021):** David Lajoie of FELCO, Inc., represented the applicants. Mr. Lajoie discussed the current proposal which was adjusted based upon discussions at previous Conservation Commission meetings. He stated that the existing house lies within the 100-200' riparian zone and is also within the 50-100' buffer zone to the top of a Coastal Bank. The project included the demolition of the existing structure up to the foundation and then the rebuilding of a new structure on the existing foundation with an addition. All the work would be within the 200' riparian zone but the addition would be outside of the 100' buffer zone. The proposed garage had previously been sited within the 200' riparian zone but was moved to be outside of jurisdiction. Mr. Lajoie added that there would be a slight modification to the deck on the south side. The Agent did not agree with the delineation of the Coastal Bank and suggested referring the filing to a consultant. Mr. Lajoie asked why the coastal bank delineation hadn't previously been questioned. Discussion ensued regarding the consultant. The homeowner expressed frustration with the process. The Agent stated that the alternative analyses that had been previously submitted did not meet the requirements of the local regulations and that there really had been no discussion from the Applicant's side, on how the project met the standards to grant a variance. Mr. Lajoie went over the timeline of changes to the project based upon discussions at previous hearings and expressed his frustration with the process. The Agent and Mr. Lajoie went back and forth about the inadequacy of the filing. The homeowners asked for a list, in writing, of all of the items that the Commission needed. Commissioner Girard-Irwin said that provision of documents that supported the variance request was the onus of the owner.

**Motion:** Commissioner White moved to start the consultant process as described in the bylaw.

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

***The meeting was continued to December 6, 2021.***

**Field Change: Determination of Applicability, 209A Shore Rd, Silva Family**

**Heritage Trust:** The Agent informed the Commission that the Applicant would like to enlarge an existing elevated deck on the back of the home under the existing approval. Jason Silva, property owner, explained that they would expand the area of an elevated deck that would use the existing footings; therefore, there would no additional disturbance.

**Motion:** Commissioner Messinger moved to approve the field change.  
**Seconded** by Commissioner Lown. **Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.**

**Administrative Reviews**

**209 & 218 Shore Rd:** trenching for utility work

**Motion:** Commissioner Noons-Rose moved to approve the application.  
**Seconded** by Commissioner White. **Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.**

**11 Castle Rd:** removal/trimming of trees

**Motion:** Commissioner Lown moved to approve the application.  
**Seconded** by Commissioner Messinger. **Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.**

**Public Comment:** none

The Commission discussed setting up a joint meeting with the Climate Action Committee.

Commissioner Lown moved to adjourn.  
**Seconded** by Commissioner White. **Vote: 5-0-0, motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Arozana Davis



