



TOWN OF TRURO

Conservation Commission

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Minutes

Site Visits

January 6, 2014

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

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

Others Present: Emily Beebe-Health/Conservation Field Agent, Nicole Smith-Secretary

8 Hatch Rd: The Commission viewed the pool that is to be filled and the pool building and deck that will be torn down.

13 Abby Ln: David Lajoie of Felco Engineering met the Commission on site. Members viewed the area where the proposed septic system will be placed and the vegetation that would need to be removed.

41 Pond Rd: The Commission viewed the proposed deck changes. Diamond Pier footings should be mentioned at the meeting.

378 Shore Rd: The Commission viewed the area where the proposed deck would be placed. Vegetation would have to be removed.

2:30 P.M. site visits concluded.

**Regular Meeting
January 6, 2014
6:30 P.M. in Selectman's Meeting Room**

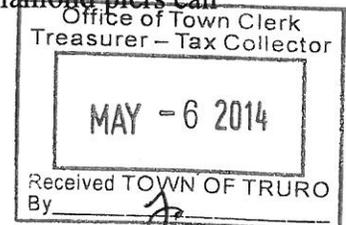
Members Present: Linda Noons Rose, Larry Lown, Diane Messinger, Deborah McCutcheon (Chair), Peter Romanelli, Al Silva, Sarah Benjamin
Others Present: Patricia Pajaron-Health/Conservation Agent, Nicole Smith-Secretary

Others Present: David Lajoie, Stephen Goodwin, Harry Palmer, Gordon Peabody, Colleen Weatherbee, Peter Staaterman, Audrey Cerra, Jim Sexton, Tim Brady, Don Bliss

Motion to approve minutes from 12/2/2013 with the following addition to 403 Shore Rd site visit: include that the barrier had not been put up. Motion by Romanelli, 2nd by Silva. Unanimously Approved.

Conservation Commission Policies, Procedures and Regulations: Public comment by Jim Sexton regarding page 17-coir tube circumference and whether or not a 12 foot circumference was correct. Per the Commission 12 foot circumference is the correct amount. Sexton also raised a question about the fee schedule in regards to fencing fees and whether the town is receiving double fees. Per the Commission the applicant pays the local fee and the DEP fee separate and DEP gives the town a portion of their fees. Lown suggested we do not charge per linear foot and to look into vista pruning charges. Motion to approve regulations excluding the fee schedule until the Commission is able to review further by Lown, 2nd by Messinger. Unanimous. Motion to have Lown review the fee schedule and report to the Commission in 3 months by Lown, 2nd by Romanelli. Unanimous.

378 Shore Rd, Notice of Intent by Stephen Goodwin, SE# 75-0929: Stephen Goodwin and Harry Palmer presenting. Proposal to replace lower rotting timbers which will require adding footings and add a deck behind the porch to within 2 feet of the sea wall. Diamond Piers will be used which will allow for a smaller hole. McCutcheon asked if building the deck will cause all of the vegetation in the area to die. Palmer stated that most of the area is already without vegetation due to the walkway. The area currently contains fill and beach grass seeds. There will be standard spacing between decking slats so that some light can get through-approximately ¼ inch. The Commission stated a ½ inch spacing is required and the deck should be 18 inches above ground. Goodwin expressed that he would like to have the deck lower and keep wind from blowing underneath and at 18 inches he would have to add a stair for people to safely step off the deck. The point of having it higher is to allow sand to move and for grass to grow. Public comment by Audrey Cerra of 372 Shore Rd. She is opposed to adding deck and believes that it does not enhance the area. Cerra believes it would be destructive and does not want it to be detrimental to the sand at Beach Point. McCutcheon noted that there is very little grass on the sides of the house. Goodwin stated that the area was hardened and gravel was put down by the previous owner. McCutcheon said it is possible that as a mitigation practice beach grass could be planted on the side of the house. Goodwin stated he plans on working on that area in the future. Lown asked what the Diamond piers can



hold. Palmer replied that they are rated to hold up decks and covered walkways, but some can hold entire buildings. Benjamin stated that they are easily removable and are ideal for areas where disturbance is trying to be avoided. Motion to approve project as submitted with usual conditions with the additional special conditions that the deck be raised 18 inches from grade to the top of deck, that there be a ¼ inch spacing between slats and all disturbed beach grass be replanted by Silva, 2nd by Romanelli. Unanimous. Cerra asked about equipment needed and where it would be. Palmer stated there will be no heavy equipment. For the Diamond Piers all you need is to dig a small hole and drive the pins in with a breaker hammer.

11 Longnook Rd, Abbreviated Notice of Intent by Peter Staaterman, SE# 75-0932:

Linda Noons Rose and Diane Messinger recuse themselves. Staaterman stated that he is raising the road by a foot to a foot and a half to be able to access the area more carefully. McCutcheon asked for clarification on whether a portion of this land is shared. Staaterman replied that it is but they were notified and have no concerns. Motion to approve NOI as submitted with the usual Order of Conditions by Silva, 2nd by Romanelli. Approved 5-0-2 with Messinger and Noons Rose abstaining. Motion to lift the enforcement order by Silva, 2nd by Romanelli. Approved 5-0-2 with Messinger and Noons Rose abstaining.

Offshore of 654 Shore Rd, Request for Administrative Review/Change in Plans by Dana Pazolt, SE# 075-0883: Pazolt would like to utilize the rest of the property to extend the aquaculture farm, however, there is eel grass in the area. Nothing would touch the bottom except during the most extreme low tides. This would be a floating farm and has a footprint of a 1 foot circle. The Commission would need a plan of where the current grant is and how far it will be extended as well as a proposal of how Mr. Pazolt would like the existing Order amended. Lown questioned why he was coming to the Commission first. Pazolt responded that if the local board gives approval than the Army Corp would most likely approve an individual permit as well. Pazolt will bring a site plan and proposal to the February 3rd meeting. Benjamin asked if there was any issue with navigation. Buoys mark the area and there were no issues other than a boat detaching from its mooring. Pazolt has been very happy with the success of this system and would like to improve upon it. The placement of buoys will be marked on the plan as well. Motion to continue until February 3rd meeting by Silva, 2nd by Romanelli. Unanimous.

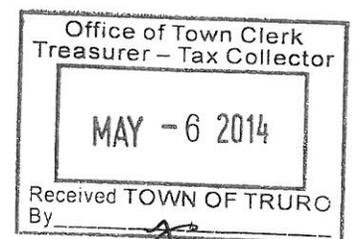
8 Hatch Rd, Request for Determination of Applicability by Felco Engineering, Inc. for John Rice: Sarah Benjamin recused herself. David Lajoie presented proposal. The property is for sale and the property shape will be changed to create more lots. The new property line would encroach on the pool building. The building would be taken apart by hand. Once the timber is gone the pool will be filled in with sand and the foundation would remain. The deck on the back of the building will be removed as well. McCutcheon asked where the new property line will be. Lajoie stated they do not know officially yet. No excavating will be done. McCutcheon asked what equipment will be used. Lajoie responded that people will remove the building piece by piece and all work will be done from the driveway. There will be no disturbance in the buffer zone. Silva

proposed that this would qualify for negative 3--it is within the buffer zone but will not cause damage to resource area. McCutcheon asked if the chemicals from the foundation would leach into the ground water if it was not removed. It was decided that it would not cause any more harm than any other foundation. Motion to find that the work is in the buffer zone but will not cause damage to the resource area by Silva, 2nd by Romanelli, Unanimous.

41 Pond Rd, Notice of Intent by Felco Engineering, Inc. for Richard Balzer & Patricia Bellinger, SE# 75-0930: David Lajoie is present. McCutcheon stated the Commission is concerned about the work limit and expansion of the deck. The top of the bank is well vegetated and it is best if the vegetation is not disturbed. McCutcheon questioned if the work can be done using Diamond Piers. Lajoie stated that Diamond Piers would be fine instead of using sonotubes. The engineering would need to be done to determine what is needed. It could be possible to move the work limit from 5 feet to 3 feet. Silva explained that Lajoie would send specs to the Diamond Piers company and the company lets you know what size you need. Motion to approve with usual Order of Conditions and with additional conditions that Diamond Piers need to be used according to the company's specifications, the work limit is reduced to 3 feet and all vegetation in disturbed areas is replanted with native plantings to the same density as is currently present by Silva, 2nd by Romanelli. Unanimous.

13 Abby Ln, Notice of Intent by Felco Engineering, Inc. for Albert and Barbara Lilley, SE# 75-0931: David Lajoie is present. The proposal is for a septic system upgrade with no change in building or use. Felco Engineering will try to keep the vegetation that is present between the leech area and Abby Ln. There is no other place to locate the leach field. This is a gravity system. There was some concern about the amount of trees but since they are mostly locust they are not of concern. Motion to approve with the usual Order of Conditions by Silva, 2nd by Romanelli. Unanimous.

Lots 1 and 2 Knowles Heights Rd, Administrative Review by Don Bliss, SE# 075-0907: Tim Brady and Don Bliss are present. Beach stairs were approved with original OOC as long as they came back with details and an engineered plan instead of a concept plan. McCutcheon stated an Amended Order of Conditions should be done so that it could be conditioned. There will be a closing on a lot on January 24th and the stairs need to be approved before the closing. This would become the plan of record for the original OOC and accept this as a part of the original Notice of Intent. Lown asked if the Commission should accept 3 landings. Brady replied that the slope changes throughout the property and landings are really just raised boardwalks to get from one area of stairs to another. Lown noticed that lot 1 had a lot of fill. Bliss stated they are trying to find someone to take it and if they can't they will move it. Benjamin questioned the spacing between the deck and the beach. Brady stated they tried to make the elevation of the entire area raised to 18 inches in as many places as possible, however, it is difficult with the slope of the bank. Motion to approve plan of November 26th, 2013 as the plan of record for the construction of stairways with as-built to be provided by Silva, 2nd by Lown. McCutcheon is abstaining. Approved 6-0-1.



Discussion of Emergency Permit for Ballston Beach by Safe Harbor Environmental: Gordon Peabody, Colleen Weatherbee presenting. Safe Harbor was required to create an artificial dune that was only 8 feet high. This dune provided minimal performance. Beach grass and biomimicry were placed in the center area. An area of risk was identified before the recent storm and biomimicry was placed in that area but there wasn't enough time to gain enough sand. A long term management plan needs to be developed. It is critical to maintain the dune for the town and the residents living in the area. No new sand will need to be brought in. All beach grass that was washed away was gathered and stored so it can be reused shortly. NHESP is requiring the specific slope of the dune for bird management. Romanelli asked if it will be town responsibility to fix the slope of the area every time nature changes it. Peabody replied it would be best to evaluate shorebird activity in the area. Silva asked if there is a way to have NHESP allow us to increase the height of the dune. Peabody stated that currently work has to take place on town property only and we need to move with caution. The Emergency Permit was signed off on by Agent Pajaron.

Requests for Certificates of Compliance:

596 Shore Rd Unit J, Henry Stoll and Don Dizon, SE# 075-0891: Site visit done on 12/11/13 and the gutters to downspouts has not been completed.

7 Depot Rd, Bruce Decker, SE# 075-0788 and SE# 075-0790

1 Noah's Way, Bruce Decker, SE# 075-0812

Motion to deny a Certificate of Compliance for 596 Shore Rd, Unit J and to approve Certificates of Compliance for 7 Depot Rd and 1 Noah's Way by Romanelli, 2nd by Silva. Unanimous.

Al Silva announced that on Jan 20th at Seashore Point Chet Lay will be discussing old maps of Truro and the evolution of Beach Point.

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

Adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully,



Nicole Smith
Conservation Commission Secretary
Approved May 5th, 2014; 6-0

