

**TOWN OF TRURO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**
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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: November 6, 2023

Commissioners Present: Chair Carol Girard-Irwin; V. Chair Linda Noons-Rose; Commissioners Larry Lown, Clint Kershaw, Bob White, Diane Messinger

Others Present: Emily Beebe, Conservation Agent; Courtney Warren, Assistant Conservation Agent.

This was a remote meeting. Chair Girard-Irwin called the meeting and public hearings to order at 5:00 p.m. and provided the virtual meeting instructions and thanked retiring Commissioner Larry Lown for his many years of service to the Town.

Notice of Intent: 544 Shore Road, Beach Townhomes Condominium Trust (SE#75-1171): install bulkhead; Barrier Beach, Coastal Beach, Coastal Dune, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (Map 7, Parcel 5) This was continued from 10/2/2023. The applicant asked to withdraw the Notice of Intent. **Motion:** Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved to accept the withdrawal; **Second:** Commissioner Diane Messinger; **Vote:** 6-0-0; the motion passed.

Notice of Intent: 432 Shore Road Unit 8, Travis & Anne Zukowski (SE#75-1191): renovate existing building onto flood compliant foundation with two additions to footprint; Barrier Beach, Coastal Dune, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. (Map 9, Parcel 8.8) The applicant requested a continuance to the December 4th meeting. **Motion:** Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved to continue the hearing until December 4, 2023; **Second:** Commissioner Bob White; **Vote:** 6-0-0; the motion passed.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 37 Ryder Beach Road, Harriet R Meiss Trust: septic upgrade; Barrier Beach and Land Subject for Coastal Storm Flowage. (Map 63, Parcel 9) Laura Schofield, Schofield Brothers, represented the project, and described the cesspool upgrade for the seasonal dwelling. Both cesspools on the property were proposed to be abandoned and filled, but the Commissioners requested that the cesspools be removed. The system design will accommodate a future retrofit to an enhanced I/A system. The well will be relocated to the north of the cottage along the property line. Construction access will be from the driveway, and disturbed area will be revegetated with American beach grass after the installation. They propose replacement of the walkway that currently exists on the property but are unsure of the exact configuration due to needing to account for mobility issues. It was agreed that if the walkway will be a one-to-one ratio replacement, it is approved under this RDA. If it needs to be in a different location, a new filing will be submitted. **Motion:** Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose moved for a negative 3 determination with the condition that any change in the walkway location needs further Commission review; **Second:** Commissioner Diane Messinger; **Vote:** 6-0-0; the motion passed.

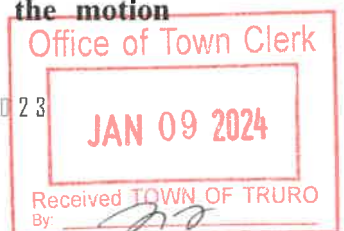
Request for Determination of Applicability: 525 Shore Road Unit 7, Paul & Cheryl

Silvernail: repair walkway; Barrier Beach, Coastal Dune and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. (Map 63, Parcel 9) This application proposed a 1:1 replacement of existing elements with different materials. **Motion:** Commissioner Clint Kershaw moved for a negative 3 determination; **Second:** Commissioner Diane Messinger; **Vote:** 6-0-0; the motion passed.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 11 Knowles Heights Road, Joseph Siciliano & Larry Richardson: cesspool upgrade; Buffer Zone to a Coastal Bank. (Map 24, Parcel 5) Stephanie Sequin of Ryder and Wilcox represented the project for a cesspool upgrade to a title 5 septic system. The system itself is outside of jurisdiction, but the proposed building sewer line and cesspool are within jurisdiction. Ms. Sequin described the construction protocol for the site, and restoration of the disturbed areas with American beach grass. The design will require Board of Health variances. Chair Girard-Irwin confirmed that the cesspool will be removed instead of being filled and abandoned. **Motion:** Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose moved for a negative 3 determination with the condition that the cesspool be removed; **Second:** Commissioner Diane Messinger; **Vote:** 6-0-0; the motion passed.

Notice of Intent: 522 Shore Road, Sutton Place Condominium (SE#75-1187): coastal stabilization; Barrier Beach, Coastal Dune, and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. (Map 7, Parcel 8) This matter was continued from 10/2/2023. Chair Carol Girard-Irwin noted that the site was not staked but that the coir logs would be up against the landward side of the existing drift fence. Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose asked about the beach access pathways staking. Stan Humphries said that the beach access was included in the Order for the previously approved sturdy fence project and shared a sketch from that filing. Commissioner Clint Kershaw was concerned about protecting the dune area, and asked if an additional dune could be re-built on the landward side of the coir logs. The Agent asked about protecting the dune to the west of the sturdy fence, adjacent to the Ebbside. Mr. Humphries asked for a continuance to the December 4th meeting to discuss these items with the client. Paul Shea was representing Ebbside and stated that the association supports a shoreline stabilization project for Sutton Place but has concerns that it could be potentially destabilizing for Ebbside, further undermining their foundations. Ebbside would like the ability to repair any such damage immediately. **Motion:** Commissioner Clint Kershaw moved to continue the hearing until December 4, 2023; **Second:** Commissioner Diane Messinger; **Vote:** 6-0-0; the motion passed.

Notice of Intent: 566 Shore Road Ocean Breeze Condominium (SE#75-1186): shoreline stabilization; Barrier Beach, Coastal Dune, and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. (Map 5, Parcel 29) This matter was continued from 10/2/2023. Stan Humphries represented the project proposal which has been revised to include additional sand nourishment and plantings. A single beach access path and the construction access path were shown on the revised plan. Commissioner Clint Kershaw asked about increasing the elevation of the nourishment from 12 feet to 14 feet. The Commissioners and representative agreed to a condition to increase the dune elevation from 12 feet to 13 feet NAVD. **Motion:** Commissioner Clint Kershaw moved to approve the Notice of Intent with the conditions; **Second:** Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose; **Vote:** 6-0-0; the motion passed.



Notice of Intent: 22 Resolution Road, James & Anne Marie Corner (SE#75-1190): construction of two additions; Buffer Zone to a Coastal Bank. (Map 45, Parcel 68) John O'Reilly represented the project to construct two small additions to the seasonal single-family dwelling. The existing pervious driveway and walkways will be reconfigured, and stormwater from the roof has been addressed. The Commissioners were impressed by how well vegetated the site was and no opportunities for mitigation were found. Abutter, Fred Fehlau, emailed support for the proposed project. And abutter Jo Citron stated that she felt the project was well designed. **Motion: Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose moved to approve the Notice of Intent; Second: Commissioner Diane Messinger; Vote: 6-0-0; the motion passed.**

Extension Request: 4 Kill Devil Rd, SE# 75-1102 **Motion: Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved to approve a 3-year extension; Second: Commissioner Clint Kershaw; Vote: 6-0-0; the motion passed.**

Field Change: 40 Corn Hill Rd, SE# 75-1139 The applicant submitted a plan to add native plantings and reduce lawn area. **Motion: Commissioner Diane Messinger moved to approve the field change; Second: Commissioner Clint Kershaw; Vote: 6-0-0; the motion passed.**

Certificates of Compliance: (1) 584 Shore Road (SE# 75-742); (2) 49 Fisher Rd (SE# 75-1093) **Motion: Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance Requests; Second: Commissioner Bob White; Vote: 6-0-0; the motion passed.**

Minutes: August 7, 2023, September 11, 2023, October 2, 2023 There was discussion about some minor edits to the minutes. **Motion: Commissioner Clint Kershaw moved to approve the minutes as amended. Second: Commissioner Larry Lown; Vote: 6-0-0; the motion passed.**

Agreement for judgement- 3 Corn Hill Path, The Agent gave a brief description of the status of the appeal. **Motion: Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved to accept the agreement for judgement as presented; Second: Commissioner Diane Messinger; Vote: 6-0-0; the motion passed.**

Commissioner Lown made a motion to adjourn the meeting and stated that it had been a very informative experience working with the Conservation Commission. **Second: Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose; Vote: 6-0-0; the motion passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Emily Beebe

