



TOWN OF TRURO
Conservation Commission
24 Town Hall Road
P.O. Box 2030, Truro MA 02666

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: September 11, 2017

The meeting and public hearings were called to order at 6:03 P.M. in the Selectman's Meeting Room.

Commissioners Present: James Bisceglia, Vice Chair; Diane Messinger; Henry Lum; Larry Lown; Jack McMahon **Others Present:** Emily Beebe, Conservation Agent

75 Depot Road, Town of Truro, Notice of Intent, SE # 75-1015 Proposed dredging of the Inner basin of Pamet Harbor. Don Monroe and Charlie Agro of Coastal Engineering Company represented the project for the Town. The scope included permitting the basin for dredging as needed up to 500 cubic yards per season. They have also applied to the Army Corps of Engineers for permits as the ACOE oversee dredging projects. The Town intends to utilize the County dredge this winter. Based on samples taken this summer, they have determined that the sediment in the basin is sandy and is therefore suitable for nourishment of the beach to the north of the north jetty. The proposal includes a request for a 5 year permit. There was a request that more time be allowed for review by the Beach Committee.

A Motion was made to continue the hearing until October 2 to allow for additional public review and comment, specifically for the benefit of the beach committee. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Lown; Voted unanimously in favor.

23 Perry Road, Notice of Intent, SE # 75-1015

This project includes construction of a single family house, septic system and access by a driveway that cuts across the flood plain and Coastal Bank. This hearing was continued from the August meeting, in order to receive the file number and the comment letter from NHESP. Gordon Peabody from Safe Harbor Environmental co-presented with Tim Brady from East Cape Engineering. Tim described the storm trench design details for the driveway. The Commission discussed the possible **conditions to include the Native planting plan, land management plan, and routine pre-construction conditions.** Motion to approve with those conditions by Commissioner Bisceglia, Second by Commissioner Lum; Voted unanimously in favor.

19 Bay View Road; Karafilian; Request for Determination Application includes replacing the existing deck, cantilevered in part with new footings in the same location, except for one footing, which will be added. All footings are "big-foot" style. Eric Larsen presented the project for A-Line architecture. The Commission established conditions for replanting the disturbed areas, and use of a limit of work fence. **Motion to approve the RDA with a negative 3 determination. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia, seconded by Commissioner Messinger. Voted unanimously in favor.**

17 & 19 Sandpiper Road, Catherine Haynes; Notice of Intent, SE# 75-1021

The project proposal includes construction of a new garage in the buffer zone to an isolated wetland; including a driveway. David Lajoie from FELCO was present to explain the project. He told the Commission that a similar project was proposed and approved by the Commission in 2002 and the Order of Conditions have expired. A driveway is proposed on the east side of the property that would cut down and into the hill to allow entrance into the garage on the backside; this would be a walk-out garage. A studio space is proposed above the garage, which from the house would appear to be the ground level of the structure. A Commissioner asked why the garage was not proposed on the flat portion of the property. The owner responded that using the hill allows less overall disturbance for the structure to be built. There was considerable discussion about how the construction in the buffer zone can be managed to prevent impacts to the wetland. The driveway winding through a steep slope in the buffer was a concern. There was a great deal of discussion about the slope. It was suggested that the Commissioners meet the engineer on-site to look at the stakes and discuss the management of the construction. **Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; second by Commissioner McMahon to continue the hearing to the October 2nd Commission meeting.**

The Commission will meet with the Engineer on-site prior to October 2.

8 Mill Pond Road ; Dennis Tracey, Notice of Intent, SE# 75-1023 The project includes landscaping in Riverfront and in the buffer to a Coastal Bank. This project commenced without prior review or permits in June 2017 and was cited for violations by the Conservation Agent. A cease and desist order was issued. The property owners immediately complied and contacted FELCO to develop a site plan, as required. They appeared before the Conservation Commission in August, also as required. This meeting is their second appearance before the Conservation Commission. Dave Lajoie was present along with Mr. Tracey; Adrian Punch from Harrow and Seed was in the audience on their behalf. They presented an updated site plan showing the areas of disturbance, areas to be planted with native species, lawn area and planting beds. Prior to the meeting they had been contacted by the Agent with comments about the plan, including a request for more specificity about the number and sizes of the plantings proposed.

At the meeting a revised plan was submitted showing that the irrigated turf lawn had been removed. There was discussion by the owner during the on-site earlier that day about removal of invasive plants and re-grading to reduce and distribute the stockpiled materials; however, these activities were not shown or described on the plan. The Agent asked the Commission to continue the matter to the next hearing date and allow a more detailed plan to be submitted. The applicant wanted to move forward as the project had been stopped for three months already and they wanted to start planting when the weather was favorable. There was considerable discussion about allowing the project to go forward to commence stabilization of the area as soon as possible. The Agent cautioned that the plan did not adequately describe all activities proposed, and reminded the Commission that the project had been cited for violations because there was no plan. Commissioner Bisceglia suggested that some limited work may be started if the contractor worked with the Agent. It was agreed that Mr. Punch would contact the agent about conducting some limited work on the property during September to allow them to capture the window of favorable late summer weather for planting grasses.

Motion to continue until October 2 to allow development and submittal of a more detailed plan. **Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Lum. The vote was unanimously in favor.**

503 Shore Road, unit 27; Mary and Jean Moore, SE #75-1019; and, **503 Shore Road, unit 28; Lisa Loveland, SE #75-1020** (Notices of Intent) These applications were heard together, as their proposals were very similar. Both applicants seek to construct decks adjacent to their condominium units at Sutton Place. The property is in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, and on a Barrier Beach. Tim Brady from East Cape Engineering, with Bob Henrique, contractor were both on hand to discuss the projects with the Commission. The applications include on-grade decks. Approval of a similar project was made by the commission last fall. The proposal includes footings to anchor the decks and attachments to the ground and to the house.

An abutter was present who asked what the decks would be made of. The agent clarified that the footings would hold a plate that would be anchored to the deck structure. Notes on the plan would be included in the conditions. **Motion to approve the permit for unit 27, SE#75-1019. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Messinger. The vote was unanimously in favor.**

Motion to approve the permit for unit 28, SE#75-1020. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Lown. The vote was unanimously in favor.

258 Shore Road; (administrative review permit) (Map 36, Parcel 131) Emergency repair to a collapsed cesspool. **Motion to approve by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Messinger. The vote was unanimously in favor.**

Mill Pond Road (administrative review permit) (Truro DPW). Work to repair berm at edge of road and restore riprap profile. **Motion to approve. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner McMahon. The vote was unanimously in favor.**

0 Fisherman's Road (administrative review permit) Neighborhood association request to brush back area surrounding stairs and parking lot. **Motion to approve. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Lum. The vote was unanimously in favor.**

The board discussed moving the regular meeting start time to 6 PM. It was agreed that the Commission would move the meeting time and evaluate the matter again if it became evident that it was too early for members.

The August 7, 2017 minutes were reviewed and edits made by Commissioner Lown. **Motion to approve. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Lown; there was discussion on the suggested edits. The vote was unanimously in favor.**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Bisceglia, second by Commissioner Messinger, the vote was unanimous the meeting was adjourned at 7:14.

Site Visit Minutes

September 11, 2017. Commissioners Messinger, Lown, Bisceglia and McMahon met at 1:00 at the Cobb Library parking lot; Assistant Health/Conservation Agent, Emily Beebe was also present.

The Commission went to **17 Sandpiper Road** and viewed the staked project. They proceeded to **8 Mill Pond Road**, and met the owner, Dennis Tracey who described their vision for the project. The Commission then went to **19 Bayview Road** and viewed the existing deck and footings. They finished at **503 Shore Road**, where they viewed the existing (new) deck, and the area for the proposed decks.

Site visits concluded at 2:50.

Minutes prepared by E. Beebe