



TOWN OF TRURO

Conservation Commission

24 Town Hall Road
P.O. Box 2030, Truro MA 02666

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: April 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Selectman's Meeting Room.

Commissioners Present: Jim Bisceglia, Vice Chair, Diane Messinger, Larry Lown and Jack McMahon

Others Present: Emily Beebe, Assistant Health/Conservation Agent

Members from the friends of the Herring River (Don Paladino, Carole Ridley) made a brief educational presentation for the Conservation Commission and public about the restoration project.

The public hearings were called to order at 6:35 P.M.

Head of the Meadow- Gordon Peabody of Safe Harbor described the process Safe Harbor employed, pro bono for the Town of Truro to restore the Coastal Dune at the Head of the Meadow beach parking lot. The project has been underway for the past 4 years, during which time Safe Harbor, the Truro DPW and volunteers planted beach grass, and used bio-mimicry to attract sand and build the Coastal Dune. He estimated that the dune has grown 3 to 4 feet this winter alone. When the project began, the beach was significantly closer to the parking lot. He felt it was a good time to hand the project back to the Town of Truro. He recommended an annual assessment be done by the Conservation Agent to determine future management strategies. The Commission thanked him for his work.

11 Coast Guard Terrace (notice of intent), SE#75-1006; Robinson Investment LLC, expand deck and move stairway, Buffer Zone to Coastal Bank. (Map 34, Parcel 1). This hearing was continued from March 6.

Tim Brady of East Cape Engineering was present to discuss the project, and revisit questions from the first hearing. At the on-site there was discussion about modifying the work limit and questions about why the deck stairs would be moved, and questions about drainage from the grass roof. Mr. Brady reported that the owners wanted a ground-level outside shower. Mr. Brady discussed the performance standards of the stability of the coastal bank, relative to the process to add the outdoor shower. The retaining wall and stairs on the northwest corner of the property was built without a permit, not shown on the site plan, and apparently located on the abutting park property. The Commission discussed removal of this feature. Mr. Brady offered to re-grade and plant this area.

There was a brief discussion about the access path over the top of and down the Coastal Bank. This path appears to be in the Right-of-way that is deeded to 11 Coast Guard terrace and the abutters. It was agreed that the grassy roof could be allowed with conditions restricting fertilizers or chemical treatments.

Mr. Brady marked up the site plan, showing the outdoor shower with a gravel base and the changes to the work limit that eliminates a large area at the northeast side. Further conditions restrict use of fertilizers or chemicals on the lawn and require removal of the retaining wall/stairway; re-grading and planting. **Motion to accept the site plan as**

revised at the table and dated 4-3-17, and with the conditions noted. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Messinger; Voted 3-0-1. Motion approved.

36 Shore Rd (notice of intent), SE 75-1009, Town of Truro, upgrade septic system, Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetation Wetland (Map 36, Parcel 130). John O'Reilly of JM O'Reilly Associates was present to describe the project to upgrade the septic system for the recreation/beach-sticker office building on Shore Road. The existing cesspool has failed. The proposed system will have a septic tank with pump chamber and raised pressure dosed leaching bed contained in a concrete retaining wall. There was discussion about the replacement of post and rail fence on the site, as the town needs; also use of crushed shell for the driveway area as needed; planting of native shrubs/grasses as needed.

Motion to accept the site plan as proposed with the construction protocols. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner McMahon; Voted 4-0-0. Motion approved.

670 Shore Road, unit 5; (administrative review permit) to fill and add patio (Map 2, Parcel 12.5) Condition of pervious patio. **Motion to approve by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Larry Lown; motion unanimously approved.**

566 Shore Road; (administrative review permit) for seasonal snow fence (Map 5, Parcel 29). The property manager, Myrum management, was present to discuss their application. The proposed fencing plan has been the same program for many years. This program, though well-intentioned has allowed the foot traffic to dominate much of the dune area and has killed/discouraged the spreading of beach grass. The agent recommended approval of a revised fence configuration that would have less open space and focus building the fore dune, and also change the orientation of the path from the beach to an angled, rather than perpendicular path. It was agreed that a revised configuration be developed to reduce the vulnerability to flooding and storm damage. **Motion to approve the certificate of compliance conditioned upon submittal of a revised plan. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Messinger; motion unanimously approved.**

218 Shore Road; (administrative review permit) sand nourishment (Map 17, Parcel 18) Al Silva was present to discuss his nourishment program. **Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Lown; motion unanimously approved.**

Review of draft beach raking regulations/requirements - Al Silva presented the draft regulations, dated March 30. He brought the Commissions attention to the language in the draft regulations that address the portions of Beach Point within the mapped habitat of MESA, as administered by the MA department of fish and wildlife, division of Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP). He also described how the wrack line must be cleaned of human debris (plastic/trash) before it is moved back below the tide line.

Commissioner Lown asked why it's important to clean the beach. The discussion included reasons why other Cape Town's clean their beaches. The regulation attempts to

educate the public and establish a permitting template for activities that are currently on-going, and un-permitted.

Al mentioned that there are communities and States where the beach is groomed, which is not what is proposed. The Commission wants to continue the discussion at the next meeting. A public hearing will be scheduled. The Commission thanked Mr. Silva for his work.

8 Horseleech Road, (Certificate of Compliance) (Map 62, Parcel 2) Motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Larry Lown; motion unanimously approved.

617 Shore Road, (Certificate of Compliance) (Map 3, Parcel 3) Motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Larry Lown; motion unanimously approved.

6 Castle Road, (Certificate of Compliance) (Map 50, Parcel 146) This request for a Certificate has requested on-going conditions be approved for maintenance of vegetation. Motion to approve the certificate of compliance. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Larry Lown; motion unanimously approved.

0 Head of the Meadow Beach Road ; (administrative review permit) Request by DPW to extend split rail fence, plant beach grass, move shed south and close off path in order to consolidate the access, remove timbers from volley board court. Motion to approve the administrative review permit, by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Messinger; motion unanimously approved.

Corn Hill Beach; (administrative review permit) install new memorial benches (1 is replacement). Motion to approve the administrative review permit. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Lown; motion unanimously approved.

75 Depot Road, Pamet Harbor; (administrative review permit) DPW proposes to rebuild stairs, as a direct one-to-one replacement (Map 50, Parcel 18). Motion to approve the administrative review permit. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Lown; motion unanimously approved.

277 Shore Road, #24; (administrative review permit) water line trenching & meter (Map 13, Parcel 23) Motion to approve the administrative review permit. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Larry Lown; motion unanimously approved.

476 Shore Road; (administrative review permit) nourishment landward of bulkhead (Map 8, Parcel 26) Request condition of permit validity for 6 week term. Motion to approve the administrative review permit as conditioned. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Larry Lown; motion unanimously approved.

497 Shore Road, unit 2; (administrative review permit) to build an outdoor shower (Map 7, Parcel 1.2) **Motion to approve the administrative review permit. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner Jack McMahon; motion unanimously approved.**

31 Knowles Heights; (administrative review permit) to rebuild stair (work under expiring Order of Conditions) all work is on existing framework of stair stringers and post. No ground alterations. (Map 35, Parcel 8) **Motion to approve the administrative review permit. Motion by Commissioner Bisceglia; Seconded by Commissioner McMahon;; Approved unanimously.**

The Minutes of March 6, 2017 were discussion and corrections made. **Motion to approve the minutes February 6, 2017; Motion by Commissioner Lown; second by Commissioner Bisceglia. Approved unanimously.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lown; second by Messinger; **Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:36.**

Site Visit Minutes

April 3, 2017. Commissioners Messinger, Lown, Bisceglia and Noons-Rose, met at 1:15 at the Cobb Library parking lot; Assistant Health/Conservation Agent, Emily Beebe was also present.

The Commission went to 11 Coast Guard Terrace where they met Mr. Tim Brady on site. The Commissioners viewed the project site as staked and asked questions about the project.

The Commission went to 36 Shore Road, and viewed the area which was staked.

Site visits concluded at 2:15.

Minutes prepared by E. Beebe