



TOWN OF TRURO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Conservation Commission REMOTE Meeting Minutes: October 5, 2020

Commissioners Present: Vice-Chair Bob White, Commissioners Larry Lown, Diane Messinger, Carol Girard-Irwin, & Linda Noons-Rose. **Absent:** Commissioner Deborah McCutcheon and Chair Jack McMahon. **Others Present:** Emily Beebe, Conservation Agent

The meeting and public hearings were called to order and virtual instructions were given.

Notice of Intent: 4 Kill Devil Rd, Peter & Nancy Rhoades, SE# 75-1102 (continued from 9/14/2020): David Lajoie, of FELCO, Inc., and Peter Rhoades, homeowner, came back before the Commission. Mr. Rhoades proposed keeping the stair where it exists and changing the direction of the top of the steps to the south to make the bottom section tighter to the bank/dune; the bottom section would be removable and taken off seasonally. A revised plan was not submitted to reflect the proposal, as the homeowner was asking for guidance before spending money on a revised plan. The Agent stated that the Applicant should keep the beach stairs at least 18-24" above the grade and requested further information on how they plan to restore the area under the existing beach stairs to be reflected on the revised plan. The Commission suggested to add a good amount of sand, jute mat, and aggressively plant it. Commissioner Girard-Irwin questioned how the removable section would be secured to the stair. Mr. Rhoades stated by bolts or a track system. Mr. Lajoie asked for a continuance so that he could work on a revised plan. **Motion:** Girard-Irwin moved to continue the hearing to November 2, 2020. **Seconded** by Noons-Rose. **Vote: 4-0-0**, with Commissioner White not voting.

Notice of Intent: 8 Castle Rd, M. Louise Briggs, #75-1105: David Lajoie of FELCO, Inc., presented the revised plan which included the tightening of the work limit, removal of ailanthus trees (after a site-visit with the Conservation Agent), and some dead tree removal on the north east side of the house. The Agent read sections of a letter from the abutter at 6 Castle Rd into the record. The abutter addressed concerns regarding zoning, dead trees within the right-of-way and near electrical lines (the Agent felt this could be addressed with an ongoing condition incorporated into the Order), limit of work, private wells, and trees located in between the two homes. The homeowner stated that she had Eversource to the property to assess the danger of the tree limbs near the electrical lines. According to the homeowner, Eversource stated that no limbs needed to be removed at this time. The Agent suggested hiring an arborist to assess the Norway maple to make sure that the construction will not have a negative effect on it. Ms. Briggs agreed. Commissioners White & Girard-Irwin felt that the guarantee of protection of private wells was not something the Commission could place within the Order. The Agent stated that the standard conditions addressing construction are geared towards protecting private wells. The Commission discussed the Norway maple and other vegetation that may be

affected. Mr. Lajoie said the machinery should be accessing the property from the north and not the east side and that the Norway maple was not within the work limit. The abutter joined the conversation and addressed her concerns for the Norway maple. The Agent suggested the following conditions: 1.) dead trees and branches in the right-of-way can be removed, this condition shall be an ongoing condition; 2.) ailanthus on the Coastal Bank shall be removed and shall continue to be allowed to be removed; 3.) Norway maple on the property line shall be reviewed by a certified arborist to assess if any of the work will have a negative effect on it and if so, what mitigation can be done; 4.) no refueling within the resource area; 5.) standard concrete protocol; 6.) work limit shall be extended to hug the perimeter of the driveway on the north side; 7.) work limit shall include erosion control on the south property line; and 8.) excavation work shall occur from the driveway side.

Motion: Messinger moved to approve the application as condition.

Seconded by Girard-Irwin. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Notice of Intent: 503 Shore Rd, U:21, #75-1083: Applicant requested a continuance to December 7, 2020.

Motion: Messinger moved to continue the application to the December 7, 2020 meeting.

Seconded by Girard-Irwin. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Request for Determination of Applicability: 586 Shore Rd, Leonard & Susan

Connolly: Susan Connolly, homeowner, described the project which included closing in three sides of an existing porch to create a mudroom on the Shore Rd side of the home. The Commission felt the hand-drawn plans were confusing and asked the Applicant to come back before them with more detailed plans.

Motion: Lown moved to continue the application to the November 2, 2020 meeting.

Seconded by Messinger. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Definitive Subdivision Plan: 1 Amity Lane, J.M. O'Reilly: The Agent informed the Commission that the 2 out of the 3 lots will be sold to Truro Conservation Trust. No activity in jurisdiction is proposed.

Request for Extension: 466 Shore Rd, SE# 75-0830: The Applicant requested a 1-year extension for the repair of the bulkhead.

Motion: Girard-Irwin moved to approve the 1-year extension.

Seconded by Noons-Rose. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Certificate of Compliance: 574 Shore Rd, SE# 75-0895

Motion: Lown moved to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

Seconded by Messinger. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Administrative Reviews

432 Shore Rd – replace dboses

2 Meetinghouse Rd – dead tree removal

Motion: Messinger moved to approve 432 Shore Rd & 2 Meetinghouse Rd as submitted.

Seconded by Noons-Rose. **Vote: 5-0-0**

31 Knowles Heights Rd – sand nourishment; **conditions:** re-vegetation with American beach grass is required.

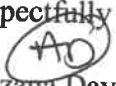
33 Knowles Heights Rd – sand nourishment/berm; **conditions:** re-vegetation with American beach grass is required.

Motion: Messinger moved to approve 31 & 33 Knowles Heights Rd as conditioned.

Seconded by Girard-Irwin. **Vote: 5-0-0**

Lown moved to adjourn. Seconded by Girard-Irwin.

Respectfully Submitted,


Arozana Davis

Approved 4-0-0 on 3/1/2021

