

TOWN OF

HARWICH

732 Main Street
Harwich, MA 02645

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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**HARWICH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015 - 6:30 PM
SMALL HEARING ROOM
HARWICH TOWN HALL**

MINUTES

Present: Walter Diggs, Jane Fleming, Dean Hederstedt, Robert Hartwell, Brad Chase, Conservation Administrator, Amy Usowski and Shelagh Delaney, Board Secretary

Absent: Robert Sarantis, John Rossetti

6:30 pm Call to Order, Walter Diggs

6:32 pm Notice of Intent; Bruce & Susan Garrett, 58 Fox Run, Map 32, Parcel X3-6 –
Construction of a garage to be accessed from existing driveway; possible re-routing of water line between house and proposed garage if it is found to be within the foundation work area; work within buffer zone to an abandoned cranberry bog.

Dan Croteau of Moran Engineering Assoc., Inc. represented Bruce and Susan Garrett and offered that the plan is straight-forward with the proposed garage being more that 50' away from the wetland and flood plain limit and 100' setback in the front. He said there would be a few trees removed.

Amy Usowski agreed that the plan was clearly staked and inquired about the roof run-off. Dan Croteau noted that there would be a graded pitch toward the northeast, away from the wetlands. Amy recommended the project with the proper grading, a 2 to 1 replacement mitigation and shrubs that would match what is currently growing and re-seeding with fescue or Cape Cod cold season grasses. Bob Hartwell and Jane Fleming wanted to see some plantings along the northeast side to limit erosion. Amy suggested these be added to conditions.

Jane Fleming moved to accept the plan as presented with the addition of plantings on the Northwest side of garage. Bob Hartwell seconded. All in favor. Project with conditions approved.

6:45 pm ORDERS OF CONDITIONS

Colin & Robin Fuller, 26 Kevin Road, Map 81, Parcel A32 –
Amend an existing Order of Conditions to allow for a stem wall foundation in place of a sono-tube foundation for the proposed garage. Previously approved under DEP file # SE 32-2177. Work to occur within the 100' buffer zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Amy Usowski noted that this plan has been approved but for a section on page 2. The 12 x 18 garage was originally supposed to be on sono tubes but the Building Department requires that there be a 4' stem/frost wall and a gravel trench for run-off. This project still needs approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Jane Fleming moved to approve the second amended Order of Conditions. Dean Hederstedt seconded the motion. All in favor. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting on 3/4/15

Brad Chase found error in the name of the brook behind Brax Landing (1st PP, pg. 2) as it is Cold Brook and not Andrews Brook. Dean Hederstedt found a spelling error in his name.

Jane Fleming moved to approve the Minutes with the changes noted. Dean Hederstedt seconded. All in favor. Minutes of 3/4/15 approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Amy shared a letter received by NSTAR regarding proposed herbicide application along the power lines and natural gas rights of way as well as a response letter written by Amy on 3/18/15 expressing concerns of the Commission including: 1) the maps used by NSTAR are USGS maps and do not show borders well. Amy supplied better maps; and 2) a strong suggestion that NSTAR not use herbicides near wetlands.

Walter Diggs wants to get more information regarding the particulars of the proposed herbicides and a list of the wells in town. Board members Diggs, Hartwell, Fleming, Hederstedt and Chase suggested that Amy change the current response letter to include highlighting the request for excluding sensitive areas and that they would then sign. They did. Amy noted that a second letter would be in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen who have it on their agenda for discussion on 3/23/15. Jane Fleming also wondered if they could ask for monitoring.

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

Brad and Amy said that the shellfish survey regulations are almost ready to go but that maybe they would ask Pam Neubert of Stantec to review and define what is a significant shellfish habitat. There was discussion as to which depth to permit a pier.

Amy asked the Commission to look for redundancies as she has caught quite a bit regarding the 50' No Disturb Zone. There was also discussion regarding the storage of seasonal floats and piers, alternative jurisdictions and fertilizers along waterfront areas, particularly the Herring River, Long Pond and Pleasant Bay including talk about looking for a By-Law change limiting all chemical fertilizers in these areas.

The Commission talked about violation enforcement, fines and possible mitigation procedures at different locations to off-set offenses where mitigation isn't applicable

7:50 pm Motion was made by Dean Hederstedt to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jane Fleming. All voted in favor of adjournment.

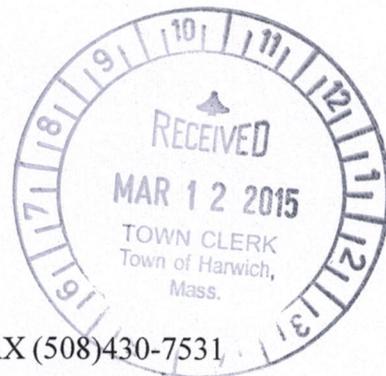
Minutes taken and transcribed by Shelagh Delaney

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Other meeting attendees:

Dan Croteau, Moran Engineering
Bruce Garrett, 58 Fox Run

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CALL TO ORDER

HEARINGS

ALL HEARINGS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION, TAKING OF TESTIMONY, REVIEW OF SUBMITTED PLANS, AND A POSSIBLE VOTE TO APPROVE OR DENY A PROJECT; OR, TO ISSUE A CONTINUANCE TO A TIME AND DATE CERTAIN IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AND REVIEW FURTHER INFORMATION NEEDED.

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Minutes

Minutes shall be subject to review, discussion, editing for suggested changes and/or deletions, and a vote shall be taken for acceptance and approval.

March 4, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes

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A vote shall be taken to approve the conditions as drafted or make any changes as necessary and for issuance of the document

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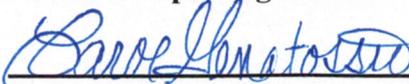
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Possible vote - Changes to Harwich Wetland Protection Regulations

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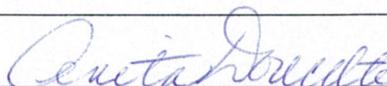
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Harwich Wetland Protection Regulations – Discussion and possible vote....

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