



TOWN OF

HARWICH

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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**HARWICH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, September 16, 2015 - 6:30 PM
Small Hearing Room
HARWICH TOWN HALL**

MINUTES

**Present: Walter Diggs, John Rossetti, Robert Sarantis, Bob Hartwell, Brad Chase, and
Conservation Administrator Amy Usowski**

6:35 Call to Order by Chairman Walter Diggs

6:35 Request for Determination of Applicability

Christopher & Lisa Barton, 11 River Pine Circle, Map 11, Parcel P3-15- Raise and re-build an existing sunroom within the footprint of the existing building.

Dan Croteau of Moran Engineering and builder Tom Turketta were present to represent the applicants, and they described the project. The existing sunroom is old, poorly constructed, and has both carpenter ant and termite damage. They would like to replace in the same footprint on a slab foundation. Amy recommends approval of the project with a Negative 3 Determination. Brad Chase asked questions regarding the orientation of the open patio and the age of the sunroom.

Bob Sarantis MOVED and Bob Hartwell SECONDED approving the project with a Negative 3 Determination. All in favor, motion carried.

Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Commission:

Al Silverstein - 5 Edith Grove Rd.

Homeowner Al Silverstein and representative Mark Burgess of Shorefront Consulting wished to ask the Commission how to move forward on their deck/dock project. The DEP Chapter 91 program will not issue a license for the deck below MHW of the pond, but pushing it into the buffer zone would put it within the Conservation Commission's 50' No Disturb Zone.

Mark Burgess read a letter dated August 25, 2015 to the Commission describing the history of this project. Amy reminded the Commissioners of their discussion on this property at the last meeting. There was discussion regarding decreasing the size of the deck, on how they are going to bring the dock in and put it out every year, and on winter storage.

Ultimately the Commission advised the applicant to come back with a request for an Amended Order of Conditions, stating it would be in their best interest to keep to a 4' wide width of the stairs and deck, but perhaps the landing could be 4' wide by 8' long in line with the staircase.

Orders of Conditions

Gregory & Itsuko Wantanabe Herrema, 148 Long Pond Drive, Map 102, Parcel A6-A1-Constuction of a new dwelling with appurtenances.

After review of the draft Order, Bob Sarantis MOVED and Bob Hartwell SECONDED approval of the Orders of Conditions as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Certificate of Compliance

Alan & Maureen Jamal, 3 Shore Rd, Map 2, parcel A2-4- Demolish existing dwelling and reconstruct new dwelling.

Amy Usowski explained that this project had had some issues over the years, and that she has not been able to fully review the request. She asks that the commission continue this until October 7, 2015.

Brad Chase MOVED and Bob Hartwell SECONDED continuing discussion on this Request for a Certificate of Compliance until October 7, 2015. All in favor, motion carried.

Helen Murdock, 81 Sequattom Rd, Map 101, Parcel W2-C- Reconstruction of pier.

Amy stated that she had done a site visit and all was in compliance. Bob Sarantis MOVED and Bob Hartwell SECONDED granting a Certificate of Compliance. All in favor, motion carried.

Fred & Betty Marsh, 45 Indian Trail, Map 34, Parcel K3-1- Installation of utilities to service a single-family dwelling.

Amy Usowski stated the utility work was completed accordingly. Brad Chase MOVED and Bob Hartwell SECONDED granting a Certificate of Compliance. All in favor, motion carried.

Town of Harwich/Michael & Darlene Carucci, 47 Old Wharf Rd, Map 17, Parcel N2- Salt marsh restoration.

Amy stated that the town had to ask the Carucci's to be co-applicants as some of the work for the Red River Salt Marsh restoration project back in 2012 was to take place on their land. Granting this Certificate of Compliance would take this off their deed. The monitoring is on-going, so the Town is not requesting a Certificate of Compliance at this time.

Bob Sarantis MOVED and Brad Chase SECONDED approving the Certificate of Compliance for the Carucci's. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion:

Management of Conservation Parcels- There was discussion on when to have a public meeting and file the CPC application for a fenced-in dog area at Thompson's Field Conservation Area. The Commission agreed to put it on for discussion at the end of the October 7th meeting to prepare for an October 26th public hearing on the topic. Amy will investigate if the multi-purpose room in the community center is open and if it could be taped.

Brad Chase MOVED to approve filing a CPC application for both Thompson's Field for \$50,000 and for \$70,000 for construction of the artificial reef. Bob Sarantis SECONDED. All in favor, motion carried.

Eversource:

Amy stated she had had a conversation with Bill Hayes of Eversource. He said that the technicians in the field had GIS capability and the maps they use for well and wetland mapping are far superior to what they provided the town in their YOP and what the town provided for them. He said they would be in Harwich this week and then also sometime in October for touch-up treatments on the ROWs. The Commission recently sent in a joint letter with the Selectmen stating they were not in favor of spraying herbicides and that they have concerns that the operatives are not following the Best Management Practices outlined in the YOP and the 5- year plan.

8:32pm- Bob Sarantis MOVED and Brad Chase SECONDED adjourning the meeting. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken and transcribed by:

Amy Usowski, Conservation Administrator

Others in Attendance:

Dan Croteau

Al Silverstein

Tom Turketta

Mark Burgess

Mike MacAskill