



**TOWN OF**

**HARWICH**

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**HARWICH CONSERVATION COMMISSION - MINUTES**

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**THURSDAY June 22, 2023 – 6:30 PM**

**TOWN HALL - GRIFFIN ROOM – HYBRID PARTICIPATION**

**Commissioners and Staff Present:** Chairman John Ketchum, Jim Atkinson, Alan Hall, Wayne Coulson, Stanley Pastuszak, Mark Coleman, and Conservation Administrator Amy Usowski

**Commissioners Absent:** Brad Chase, Sophia Pilling

**Audience and Representatives Present:** Lynn Hamlin, Trudy Collins and Ann Collins

**Call to Order**

Chairman John Ketchum called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

**The following applicants have filed a Request for Determination of Applicability**

**Nancy B. Taylor Realty Trust**, 17 Soundview Rd, Map 26, Parcel L1-11. Removal of cesspools and upgrade to Title V septic system.

Lynn Hamlin, of Hamlyn Consulting, was present as representative for the property owner and discussed relevant portions of the application, noting even with multiple resource areas this septic upgrade is still straightforward.

Ms. Usowski added the applicant requested the removal of three hazardous pitch pine, infested with Pine Bark Beetle be added to this application. She stated the new septic will be in the 50' buffer, but the leaching field would be outside the 100' buffer and have about 20' of groundwater separation and recommended an approval of both the hazardous tree removal and septic upgrade with a Negative 2 determination.

Mr. Coulson stated the cesspool contents be removed from the property, not just backfilled. Ms. Usowski said she could add it to the conditions.

Mr. Atkinson moved to approve the Request for Determination of Applicability with a Negative 2 Determination to include removal of three hazardous pitch pines. Seconded by Mr. Coleman. No Discussion from the Board. Vote 6-0. Motion carries; Request approved.

**The following applicants have filed a Notice of Intent**

**Gertrude Collins**, 587 Pleasant Lake Ave, Map 110, Parcel C1-93. Creation of an on-grade path to water, pruning to create a view corridor and a small landing near pond.

Trudy and Ann Collins, property owners, were present and discussed relevant portions of the case, noting they have no access to the pond due to vegetation and would like to create a 4' path, view corridor and small seating area to gain access.

Mr. Usowski stated the property was previously permitted for a one-time pruning, however the vegetation grew back quicker than expected. So, this permit would allow continuous maintenance of the path and view corridor. She furthered to say the proposed 4 x 6 platform is a new structure within the 50' No Disturb Zone and would require a Variance from the Commission. She said the Commission cannot vote until Natural Heritage responds because the property is mapped as estimated and priority habitat for rare species.

The Board, the Applicants and Ms. Usowski discussed the deck in the 50' buffer and Mr. Coleman suggested large pavers or stones instead of a new structure.

Mr. Atkinson moved to continue the case to July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Coulson. No discussion from the Board. Vote 6-0. Motion carries; case continued.

**V & J Helfrich Realty Trust II**, 33 Snow Inn Rd, Map 8, Parcel P3. Proposed addition to existing single-family dwelling. *Requested continuance to July 19, 2023.*

Mr. Ketchum stated the Applicant requested a continuance to July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Mr. Atkinson moved to continue the case to July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Coleman. No discussion from the Board.

Vote 6-0. Motion carries; case continued

**The following applicants have requested a Certificate of Compliance:**

**67 Lower County Rd, DEP SE32-2363.** Add additional float to existing dock.

Ms. Usowski stated she did an inspection, and the property is in compliance. She recommended a Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Atkinson moved to issue the Certificate of Compliance for SE32-2363. Seconded by Mr. Coleman. No discussion from the Board.

Vote 6-0. Motion carries; Certificate of Compliance issued.

**Discussion and Possible Vote:**

**Bells Neck Land Management Plan Amendments**

The Board and Ms. Usowski decided to discuss the Amendments at the next meeting.

**Board Reorganization**

Mr. Coleman moved to retain John Ketchum as Chair and Jim Atkinson, as Vice Chair. Mr Ketchum and Mr Atkinson agreed to fill the role if approved. Duly seconded.

Vote 6-0. Motion carries.

The Board discussed filling the vacant position because this is the end of Stan's term and he is stepping down from the Commission. Mr. Ketchum suggested the alternate member, Ms. Pilling be recommended to the Selectman. Ms.

Usowski stated she e-mailed Ms. Pilling to see if should would be interested in filling the vacancy, and has not heard back, but there the Board can still take a vote tonight.

Mr. Atkinson moved to recommend Sophia Piling, subject to her agreement, to the Selectboard to fill the vacancy. Seconded by Mr. Coleman. No discussion from the Board,  
Vote 6-0. Motion carries.

Mr. Hall asked if the Board would be open to discussing opening each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The members of the Board have no issue and agreed to start each meeting with Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Minutes**

No minutes to approve.

### **New Business**

Mr. Coulson stated the gas station next to Dairy Queen has a new fence and asked if they have proper permitting.

The Board discussed the progress of Main Street Bog after it was on Selectmen's Agenda.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm Seconded by Mr. Coulson  
Vote:6-0. Meeting adjourned

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