



TOWN OF

HARWICH

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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HARWICH CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019--6:30 P.M.

DONN B. GRIFFIN HEARING ROOM, HARWICH TOWN HALL

Present: Brad Chase, James Donovan, Mark Coleman, John Ketchum and Conservation Administrator Amy Usowski.

Call to Order

By Brad Chase.

HEARINGS

Request for Determination of Applicability

Jason Tribush, 64 Deep Hole Road, Map 16 Parcel M5. Addition, new deck and minor grading. **Motion to continue by Brad Chase and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved unanimously.**

David Crosbie, 481 Depot Rd, Map 36 Parcel B1. Determine if area is in jurisdiction.

Presenters: Paul Shea, David Crosbie

A test hole was done on December 14, 2018 about 125 ft. from the Crosbie property line. The hole was about 28 inches deep and groundwater was observed at 26” and no mottling was observed. Mr. Shea believes that this area is not a wetland and that no buffer zones occur on the Crosbie property. Usowski agrees that the property is not in jurisdiction. Donovan is ok with saying the Crosbie property is out of jurisdiction, but not the entire bog area. Alan Hall, owner of the bog, spoke regarding the history of the property and the need for water to be pumped to that bog in order to be functioning. **Motion to find a Negative 1 Determination that the area described in the Request is not an area subject to protection under the Act or the Buffer Zone. This area includes the area from the test hole through the Crosbie property. Motion made by James Donovan and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved unanimously.**

Notices of Intent

Theodore Borman, 176 John Joseph Rd, Map 72 Parcel T1. Vista prune. **Motion to continue to January 16, 2019 by Brad Chase and seconded by James Donovan. Motion approved unanimously.**

Town of Harwich, Hinckley's Pond, Map 91 Parcel K4. The treatment of Hinckley's Pond with aluminum sulfate/sodium aluminate to bind phosphorus (continued hearing). **Motion to continue to February 6, 2019 by Brad Chase and seconded by James Donovan. Motion approved unanimously.**

Ken & Brenda Weeks, 116 South St, Map 21 Parcel G1-7. Storage of 800 lobster traps from November 1st until May 31st annually. **Motion to continue to January 16, 2019 by James Donovan and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved 2-0-2 with Brad Chase and John Ketchum abstaining.**

Rick Vayo, 85 Sequattom Road, Map 101 Parcel W3-2. Bulkhead and boathouse reconstruction, dock construction, access path, stair relocation, tree cutting and site restoration (continued hearing). **Motion to continue to January 16, 2019 by Brad Chase and seconded by James Donovan. Motion approved unanimously.**

Orders of Conditions

Benjamin & Rita Stevens, 19 Wequassett Rd, Map 5 Parcel K1-41. Covered patio. **Motion to approve the Order of Conditions by James Donovan and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved unanimously.**

Kathleen Kirrane, 17 Kildee Rd, Map 13 Parcel S2-36. New septic system, retaining wall, driveway additions. **Motion to approve the Order of Conditions by Brad Chase and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved unanimously.**

Davenport Companies, 0 Main Street, Map 47 Parcel G3-3. Construction of a 2-Family dwelling. The plan was revised to include plantings. **Motion to approve the Order of Conditions, with modifications, by John Ketchum and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved unanimously.**

Certificates of Compliance

Joseph Curran, Inn on the Beach, 16 Bank St, Map 7 Parcel F2. Beach Maintenance.

Fred & Elizabeth Marsh, 23 Bettys Ln, Map 70 Parcel S1-5. Reissuance of a COC for a dwelling.

Motion to approve the two Certificates of Compliance by Brad Chase and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Vote

Reservoir Bogs: Alan Hall spoke regarding his desire for the reservoir bog to continue running. It is an important part of Harwich's history. Chase said this can be added as a future agenda item.

Recommendations from the Real Estate and Open Space Committee: The Real Estate and Open Space Committee has identified several parcels of land that they believe would be good for the Conservation Commission to acquire. These properties are either Town owned, have a tax lien or are owner unknown. The Board of Selectmen own 0 Great Western, 0 Depot and 0 Middle, but the Committee feels the land would be better served under Conservation control. Some of the parcels identified would make the most sense to go to the Water Department, but if they did not want them, Conservation would be the next best option. Donovan stated that developers are finding these owner unknown parcels and purchasing them before the Town has a chance, so it is important to act quickly. Donovan would also like the Town Forest (minus the shooting range) to be in Conservation control as there has been talk of developing it for housing. Chase stated that he thinks the Grassy Pond area is a very high priority. He is ready to accept the recommendations from the Committee. Many other properties were identified, but they have been set aside to sell, for affordable housing or to be added to the tax roll. **Motion to accept the recommendations, as written, with the addition of a section of Town forest. Motion by Brad Chase and seconded by John Ketchum. Motion approved unanimously.**

Island Pond Disturbance: It appears a pathway to the water has been developed and vegetation has been cut. It is unclear who has done the work. It does not appear to be for view purposes and is possibly for fishing access. Usowski will develop a sign to put in the area and may make the path difficult to access and traverse.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the September 5, 2018 meeting minutes by Brad Chase and seconded by John Ketchum.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Brad Chase and seconded by James Donovan. Motion approved unanimously.

In attendance at meeting:

Larry Ballantine, David Crosbie, Paul Shea, Alan Hall

Minutes Transcribed by Nicole Smith, Assistant Conservation Agent.