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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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HARWICH CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020--6:30 P.M.

DONN B. GRIFFIN HEARING ROOM, HARWICH TOWN HALL

Present: Brad Chase and Conservation Administrator Amy Usowski. Members participating remotely include John Ketchum, Ernie Crabtree, Stan Pastuszak, Mark Coleman and Carolyn O’Leary.

Call to Order

By Chairman Brad Chase.

HEARINGS

Requests for Determinations of Applicability

Krista Plante, 12 Aaron’s Way, Map 60 Parcel G7-5. Proposed addition. **Motion to continue to April 1, 2020 by Brad Chase and seconded by Stan Pastuszak. Motion approved unanimously.**

Jeffery & Karen Dunn, 49 Nons Rd, Map 5 Parcel W1-20. Deck expansion. **Motion to continue to April 1, 2020 by Brad Chase and seconded by John Ketchum. Motion approved unanimously.**

Moran Engineering, 113 Brooks Rd, Map 12 Parcel L4. New septic system. **Motion to continue to April 1, 2020 by Brad Chase and seconded by Stan Pastuszak. Motion approved unanimously.**

Mary Jane Chase Trust, 1039 Rt 28, Map 35 Parcel S2. Confirmation of resource area delineation. **Motion to continue to April 1, 2020 by Brad Chase and seconded by Carolyn O’Leary. Motion approved unanimously.**

Request for Change in Plans

Eric and Reva Fischman, 39 Strandway, Map 1 Parcel J1-31A. Removal of an existing patio and construction of a new screen porch.

The applicant would like to remove the existing patio and replace with a screened porch which will result in a reduction of hardscape. To account for the reduction in hardscape they would like a reduction in amount of mitigation required. Usowski recommends approval since it is less than what was previously approved. Any mitigation to still be installed shall be at the top of the coastal bank. O'Leary stated concern with turning patios into structures. Crabtree has no issue with the change but would like the condition that there is no chemical application on the property. Ketchum stated that none of the already installed mitigation shall be removed. **Motion to approve the change in plan by Brad Chase and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved unanimously.**

Notices of Intent

Christian Davenport, 0 Old Campground Rd, Map 30 Parcel C11. Construction of a duplex.

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Motion to continue the two Old Campground Rd hearings to April 1, 2020 by Brad Chase and seconded by Carolyn O'Leary. Motion approved unanimously.

Vincent Helfrich, 33 Snow Inn Rd, Map 8 Parcel P3. Emergency repair to existing bulkhead. **Motion to continue to April 1, 2020 by Brad Chase and seconded by Ernie Crabtree. Motion approved unanimously.**

Wychmere Harbor Club, 23 Snow Inn Rd, Map 8 Parcel P2. Emergency repairs to existing boat house & accessory structure. **Motion to continue to April 1, 2020 by Brad Chase and seconded by Ernie Crabtree. Motion approved unanimously.**

Requests for Extensions

Peter & Valerie McNeely, 12 Mill Rd, Map 8 Parcel T4. Vegetation management. Request for 1-year extension.

The applicant would like a one year extension to ensure survival of the plantings. **Motion to approve by Brad Chase and seconded by Carolyn O'Leary. Motion approved unanimously.**

Belmont Condominium Trust, 1 Belmont Rd, Map 1 Parcel C1-1. Beach cleaning. Request for 3-year extension.

The applicant is requesting a 3-year extension to continue beach raking/grooming. They have not been removing the codium from the beach, just moving it. Reports at the end of each year have been submitted and they are keeping up with all plover monitoring. There is a condition on the permit that states a small amount of nourishment is allowed if necessary. **Motion to approve by Brad Chase and seconded by Ernie Crabtree. Motion approved unanimously.**

Steven Szafran, 177 Forest St, Map 31 Parcel C2. Additions and renovations. Request for 3-year extension. **Motion to continue to April 1, 2020 by Brad Chase and seconded by John Ketchum. Motion approved unanimously.**

Request for Certificate of Compliance

Davenport Companies, 375 Main St, Map 47 Parcel G3-3. New duplex.

The applicant has submitted the as-built and it matches the approved plan. **Motion to approve by Brad Chase and seconded by Carolyn O’Leary. Motion approved unanimously.**

Order of Conditions

Brian & Elizabeth Dolan, 3 Lincoln Ave, Map 6 Parcel G3-1. Addition, decks and mitigation plantings. **Motion to approve by Brad Chase and seconded by John Ketchum. Motion approved unanimously.**

Karen Decker, 39 Prince Charles Dr, Map 110 Parcel S19. Seasonal dock. **Motion to approve by Brad Chase and seconded by Ernie Crabtree. Motion approved unanimously.**
Violation update: The property manager believes it was the homeowner that did the unpermitted cutting. Usowski recommends a \$300 fine, removal of the cut debris to allow re-sprouting and planting of any resulting bare areas with native vegetation. Crabtree would like the condition that work be done by a professional rather than the homeowner. **Motion to support the recommendation by Brad Chase and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved unanimously.**

Discussion and Possible Vote

11 Harbor Way: The applicant would like to add two helical anchors to the north and south sides of the fish house for added stabilization. The helical anchors would be installed landward and then tied to the fish house. Work will be done when the area is dry and not flooded. Usowski believes the work is minor and would normally be able to be done under an Administrative Review, however, with the contentious nature of this project, she wanted to bring it to the Commission. **Motion to approve the Conservation Administrators recommendation by Brad Chase and seconded by Carolyn O’Leary. Motion approved unanimously.**

51 Dunes Rd Violation: Usowski counted the removed trees and 31 were removed that were greater than 3” in diameter. The homeowner will be charged \$300/tree with a resulting fine of \$9,300. They will have to plant in a 2:1 ratio of half trees and half shrubs. At a later date the homeowner would like to discuss the planting requirement due to the hefty fine.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Brad Chase and seconded by Ernie Crabtree. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes Transcribed by Nicole Smith, Assistant Conservation Agent.