



TOWN OF

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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HARWICH CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019--6:30 P.M.

DONN B. GRIFFIN HEARING ROOM, HARWICH TOWN HALL

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

Call to Order

By Chairman Brad Chase.

HEARINGS

Request for Determination of Applicability

Edward Acton, 3 Bluebird Ln, Map 73 Parcel H227. Septic system and landscaping.

Presenters: Dan Croteau, Ed Acton

The applicants would like to trim some trees, remove some plants and install a new septic system. Native plantings of inkberry, sweet pepperbush and arrow wood will be done. The holly trees will be kept, but transplanted. Usowski recommends approval with a negative 3 determination. Donovan would like the willow to be replaced with a red maple or birch. **Motion to find a negative 3 determination by Stan Pastuszak and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved unanimously.**

Notices of Intent

Jamie Kline, 61 Bells Neck Road, Map 18 Parcel K6. New dwelling and appurtenances.

Presenters: Dan Croteau, Jamie Kline.

Mark Coleman is abstaining.

They are proposing a new dwelling on a vacant lot with a raised septic system. A wetland delineation was done by Paul Shea and was confirmed by Moran Engineering. The whole property is in the floodplain and there are various wetlands surrounding the property. Usowski

would like a third party review since the lot is so tight and just a foot or two can make the difference between meeting regulations or not. The Commission will hire a wetland specialist and then Moran will put their flags onto the plan. **Motion to continue to June 5, 2019 by Brad Chase and seconded by Stan Pastuszak. Motion approved 5-0-1 with Coleman abstaining.**

John and Lauren Powers, 3 Davis Ln, Map 7 Parcel J9. Additions and renovations.

Presenter: Stephanie Sequin

The applicant is proposing a bump out addition, 2nd story additions to the house and guest house, roof deck and stairs, removal of decking from covered porch to expose existing stone patio and a septic upgrade. The septic upgrade is outside of the 100' buffer.

They are proposing a bump out addition, 2nd story addition, add 2nd story to guest house. Replace roof that connects two buildings with a roof deck and stairs. Remove decking of covered porch and use existing stone patio that is under the deck. The septic needs to be upgraded, but is outside of 100' buffer. Coverage is increasing by 262 sf and they are proposing 540 sf in mitigation plantings. The additions are no closer to the resource area than existing and they are in disturbed areas. Usowski stated that the manicured mulched area should be left to naturalize by not placing any more mulch and plant some grasses. Fertilization should cease as well. Overall the project is an improvement because of the proposed plantings. The Commission would like a planting plan that shows where the native plants will go and how the ornamentals will be removed/transplanted. **Motion to continue to May 15, 2019 by Brad Chase and seconded by John Ketchum. Motion approved unanimously.**

Joseph Preston, 0 Sequattom Rd, Map 101 Parcel W2-C. Storm damage repairs.

Presenter: Dan Croteau

The SE # and NHESP comments have not been received yet. The applicant is proposing to replace two wooden walls with a concrete block wall. He would like to replace the shed and raise it so water doesn't get in. The top of bank would be seeded with a conservation grass mix and would like to do sand nourishment. Usowski stated it is essentially all repair work and the hardscaping is not increasing. She would like to see some native plantings done and for fertilizer use to stop. Coleman is not in favor of the wall because of how much disturbance will be necessary to install it. He and Ketchum think plantings would be better for the area. Croteau will discuss some softer solutions with the homeowner. **Motion to continue to May 15, 2019 by Brad Chase and seconded by James Donovan. Motion approved unanimously.**

Dan & Jan Speakman, 4 Shady Dr, Map 73 Plot X-180. New dwelling and appurtenances.

Applicant requested a continuance. **Motion to continue to May 15, 2019 by Brad Chase and seconded by Stan Pastuszak. Motion approved unanimously.**

William and Caroline Counselman, 5 Fiddler's Landing, Map 6 Parcel A1-8. Installation of a rock revetment.

Presenter: Charlie Agro

The applicant would like to install a low profile rock revetment for a house built in 1969. They will re-grade and plant with native grass to help with top down erosion. Part of the revetment

will be covered and planted. Usowski is concerned with potential damage to the salt marsh and suggests a hybrid solution with hard and soft elements. Coleman suggested a base of town stones and increased plantings as he didn't see the necessity of such a large structure. The Commission agreed that south of the dock there are erosion issues, but it is not clear north of the dock is eroding. Pastuszak suggested establishing a baseline and monitor to see if there is erosion. Chase would like a more detailed alternatives analysis. **Motion to continue to June 5, 2019 by Brad Chase and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved unanimously.**

Request for Extension Permit

Oyster Creek Preservation, Allens Harbor Inlet, Maps 5 & 6. Maintenance dredging.

Presenter: Arlene Wilson

An OOC was received on December 7, 2016, but due to the permitting process they could not do the work. The 401 permit took 20 months to issue and the Army Corps permit did not come until January. November 1st is the first availability they will have to dredge. They would like a 3 year extension to allow for dredging, follow-up survey and to review the work to see if anything else needs to be done. The post dredge survey will be done within 30 days of dredging. **Motion to extend the permit for three years by James Donovan and seconded by Stan Pastuszak. Motion approved unanimously.**

Steven Szafran, 177 Forest St. Permit has expired.

Presenter: Steven Szafran

Work was unable to be completed and Szafran would like one more year to finish. Usowski stated that the planting needs to be done this spring and that more effort needed to be made. Chase is not comfortable allowing an extension because it has been over 30 days since it expired and he does not believe this should have been a discussion item, but rather a public hearing. Pastuszak and Ketchum believe some sort of extension is necessary to allow for the planting to happen and then it will be revoked if not done in a timely manner. **Motion to approve an extension to August 1, 2019 with the condition that the plantings are done before then. Motion by Ketchum and seconded by Pastuszak.** If plantings are not done by that time work will have to cease and a new Notice of Intent will have to be filed. **Motion was a non-action with Coleman, Ketchum and Pastuszak for the motion and Donovan, Chase and McGuire are against.** Chase would like him to refile. Szafran stated they are currently working on the roof and it is important for them to at least make it water tight. McGuire began a motion regarding having plantings in by June 30th, but was interrupted and the motion was never finished or seconded. Chase would like a formal request for extension. He agreed that roof work could continue, but he would like mitigation for letting the permit lapse. **Motion to have a formal extension request within a week and to allow for roof work to continue provided progress is made on the plantings. Motion by Brad Chase and seconded by Paula McGuire. Motion approved unanimously.**

Orders of Conditions

Town of Harwich, Red River Beach, Map 17 Parcel Z1-B. Extend existing revetment. NHESP had more questions and more information was provided. An Order of Conditions cannot be issued at this time.

Alison Ferrandi & Rachel Smith, 47 North Rd, Map 19 Parcel S2. Upgrade septic system. **Motion to approve by Mark Coleman and seconded by James Donovan. Motion approved unanimously.**

Great Woods LLC, 7 Great Woods Rd, Map 104 Parcel E8-1-2. Removal of parking area, installation of walkway, beach modifications. **Motion to approve by John Ketchum and seconded by Stan Pastuszek. Motion approved unanimously.**

Request for Certificates of Compliance

Katharine Seufert Green, Dark Horse Realty Trust, 2261 Rt 28, Map 119 Parcel N5. Deck addition, landscape improvements.

Gregory & Itsuko Watanabe Herrema, 142 & 148 Long Pond Dr, Map 102 Parcels A1-2 & A6-A-1. Dwelling and dock.

Scott Sullivan, 5 Uncle Harry's Rd, Map 40 Parcel B1-2. Dwelling.

Motion to approve the Requests for Certificate of Compliance by Brad Chase and seconded by Stan Pastuszek. Motion approved unanimously.

Other Business

The Commission would like to consider having a working group to manage Bells Neck in regards to the bog as well as violations that occur on the land such as poaching. This group would consist of Commissioners and members of the public. Usowski will ask the Town Clerk about voting issues if Commissioners are on a working group or sub-committee.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Brad Chase and seconded by Stan Pastuszek. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes Transcribed by Nicole Smith, Assistant Conservation Agent.