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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

HARWICH CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015  
DONN B. GRIFFIN ROOM  
HARWICH TOWN HALL

### MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Walter Diggs, Chairman; Robert Sarantis, Robert Hartwell, Carolyn O'Leary, Brad Chase and John Rossetti

**ABSENT:** Amy Usowski, Conservation Administrator

6:30 PM Call to Order by Chairman Walter Diggs

#### **Request for Determination of Applicability**

6:35 **Karen Decker, 39 Prince Charles Drive, Map 110, Parcel S19** - Replace access stairs to Long Pond including handrail; install pervious pavers to replace existing patio; maintain vegetation.

Presenter: Chris Decker

Mr. Decker described the project. Chairman Diggs read HCC Administrator Amy Usowski's recommendations from her site visit report. HCC recommended that the applicants meet with Ms. Usowski prior to starting work on the project.

**Motion made by Brad Chase to approve the project for 39 Prince Charles Drive with a Negative Determination #3 with condition of approved plantings. Seconded by Bob Sarantis. Voting: 6-0-0.**

#### **Request for Determination of Applicability**

6:45 **Peter Flaherty, 23 Victory Drive, Map 12 Parcel T 4-2** - Remove existing deck; construct addition; build new deck off of the new addition.

Presenter: Michael London - M.J. London Construction

Mr. London described the project. Chairman Diggs read the recommendations of Ms. Usowski from her site visit report. She recommended approval of the project with the stipulation that all roof runoff go into drywells, or if there is not enough separation to groundwater that there be french drains along the foundation of the addition.

**Motion made by Bob Sarantis to approve the project for 23 Victory Drive with a Negative Determination #3. Seconded by Carolyn O'Leary. Vote: 6-0-0.**

### Request for Determination of Applicability

6:50 David Gross-Loh, 39 Strandway Map 1, Parcel J1-31A - Repair/replace a failing foundation.

Presenter: Michael Squire

Project discussed with recommendations of Ms. Usowski. She recommended in her site visit, approval with a Negative #3 Determination so long as the house stays in the same footprint, and no native vegetation is impacted.

**Motion made by Bob Sarantis to approve the project at 39 Strandway with a Negative #3 Determination. Seconded by Bob Hartwell. Vote: 6-0-0.**

### Minutes

**Motion made by Bob Sarantis to approve the Minutes of November 4, 2015 with correction on page 2, paragraph 2 (Change Bob Sarantis to Bob Harwell expressed concern...). Also, page 3, paragraph 1, delete "law of" to issues involved with hard leash law. Seconded by Bob Hartwell. Vote: 6-0-0.**

Minutes: September 28, 2015 - Not available.

Minutes: November 18, 2015 - Not available.

### Notice of Intent

7:00 Donald Eldredge (Peter Hollis owner), 90 North Road, Map 19, Parcel N2 - Construct new single family dwelling, a shed, and a 100 sf patio.

Presenter: Daniel A. Ojala, P.E., P.L.S., Down Cape Engineering, Inc.

Mr. Ojala explained the project with a site plan and project narrative. He said it was a modest project that did require NHESP approval. Wetland delineation approved by HCC.

Bob Sarantis addressed question of moving shed. Presenter said he would like to leave it where it is with mitigation plantings. Mr. Sarantis recommended Mr. Ojala discuss plantings with Amy Usowski while waiting for NHESP approval.

Mr. Ojala said there is a temporary moratorium on the gas line.

Mr. Harwell asked how far the shed is from the buffer. Mr. Ojala stated that it is in the buffer zone, but that they would like to leave it there.

Brad Chase expressed overall concern regarding the footprint and would like a reduction in the footprint as well as mitigation. He asked that the shed and patio be moved 8 to 10 feet.

Mr. Ojala discussed areas where some footprint could be changed, but only minimally (5 ft. or so). Mr. Chase suggested he speak with applicants while waiting for NHESP approval. Mr. Chase also discussed the vegetative buffer with the presenter.

Carolyn O'Leary asked how long Mr. Hollis has owned the property. Mr. Ojala said since 1979.

**Motion made by Brad Chase to continue until December 16, 2015 and that calculation of square footage be discussed with Ms. Usowski. Wait for NHESP approval. Also, require high quality buffer strip plantings. Seconded by Bob Hartwell. Vote: 6-0-0.**

**Notice of Intent**

**7:26 Jacob F. Brown, II, Trustee, 27 Proprietors Way, Map 90, Parcel B2 - Remove two sheds; construct one new shed/bunkhouse.**

Presenter: Daniel A. Ojala, P.E., P.L.S. , Down Cape Engineering, Inc.

Chairman Diggs read Ms. Usowski's recommendations from her site visit report. Mr. Ojala said he agrees with Ms. Usowski. No shed replacement.

**Motion made HCC said it was a refreshing creative approach.by Bob Sarantis to approve the project for 27 Proprietors Way with the condition they discuss vegetative protocol with Ms. Usowski. No letter needed. Seconded by Bob Hartwell. Vote: 6-0-0.**

**Notice of Intent of Intent - Continuance...**

**7:30 PM Wychmere Inn, LLP, 4 Cove Landing Road, Map 115, Parcel R2 - Bank stabilization utilizing soft structure fiber rolls and the establishment of maritime plant communities on the bank and buffer zone. Existing wooden seating area at top of bank is proposed to be replaced with dry-laid stone pavers.**

Presenter: Ben Wollman, Wilkinson Ecological Design

Mr. Wollman discussed plan. He has a meeting scheduled on Monday morning, December 7<sup>th</sup> with Amy Usowski and Chris Clark. He understands NHESP approval is required. Amy Usowski has also recommended to him that he seek approval by letter to the BOS to allow the applicant to put fiber rolls up to the property line.

Brad Chase recommended a written letter regarding nourishment, fiber rolls, and NHESP approval for the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Wollman stated that there is a 10 year life to rolls with nourishment.

**Motion made by Brad Chase to approve the project with the conditions that an annual written report on nourishment be sent to the Conservation Commission and approval is received from NHESP. Seconded by John Rossetti. Vote: 6-0-0.**

**Notice of Intent Continuance ...**

**7:45 Wychmere Pines Associates, Inc., 0 Mill Road, Map 8, Parcel S6 - Proposed vegetation and beach front management activities to include revetment work.**

**Motion made by Bob Sarantis to continue to December 16, 2015. Seconded by Bob Hartwell. Vote: 6-0-0.**

**Certificate of Compliance**

**J.M. O'Reilly Associates, Inc., 6 Williams Way Map 50, Parcel N2-26 - Construction of single family dwelling.**

**No paperwork. Defer to next meeting.**

**Discussion: Land management at various conservation parcels  
7:50**

- Fencing at Thompson's Field
- Proposals for next two weeks
- Proposal for water fencing
- Need for concise plan for Thompson's Field

**Motion made by Bob Sarantis to withdraw request for \$53,000 for fence and water from CPC application for Thompson's Field. Seconded by Carolyn O'Leary. Vote: 4-1-1.**

**Adjourn**

**Motion to Adjourn made by Bob Hartwell at 8:16 PM. Seconded by Bob Sarantis. All in Favor.**

**Minutes transcribed by Marie Hickey, Board Secretary**

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**SIGN IN SHEET  
December 2, 2015**

<b>Kris Ramsay</b>	<b>728 Great Fields Road, Brewster, MA 02631</b>
<b>Don &amp; Cindy Eldridge</b>	<b>3 Jasper Moor Road</b>
<b>Mike London</b>	<b>752 Depot St., Harwich</b>
<b>Ben Wollman</b>	<b>28 Lots Hollow Rd., Orleans, MA 02653</b>
<b>Dan Ojala PE PLS-DCE</b>	
<b>Mel Brown Bride</b>	<b>66 Spring St., Marion, MA</b>

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