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HARWICH CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018 6:30 P.M.

DONN B. GRIFFIN ROOM, HARWICH TOWN HALL

Present: Brad Chase, Carolyn O’Leary, Stan Pastuszak, Ernie Crabtree, Mark Coleman, James Donovan and Conservation Administrator Amy Usowski

Call to Order

By Chairman Brad Chase.

HEARINGS

Request for Determination of Applicability

Gertrude Collins, 587 Pleasant Lake Ave, Map 110 Parcel C1-93. Establishment of a view corridor.

Presenter: Gertrude Collins.

Owner would like to selectively prune vegetation for establishment of a view of the pond by trimming vegetation down and limbing to create a view window. Usowski stated the work is limited to her property and is in line with Harwich guidelines. One large, uprooted pine will be removed. There will be a pre-work site visit with the contractor to discuss protocol. Removal of vines and bittersweet in the understory can be done manually and with no chemical treatment. Donovan would like the red maple to remain and it was agreed that one or two pitch pines would be removed instead. There will be no pruning from April 1st to August 1st unless it is determined by Usowski that no nesting is occurring. **Motion to find a negative 3 determination by Carolyn O’Leary and seconded by Brad Chase. Motion approved unanimously.**

Notices of Intent

Marie Logan, 11 and 13 Brian Way, Map 104 Parcels E2-1 & E2-2. Construct 5-bedroom dwelling, install water main, hydrant and service.

Presenter: Dan Ojala.

Proposed new dwelling with septic and water service near Long Pond. The project is no closer than what is existing and there is a modest increase in square footage in the 50'-100' buffer. The project occurs on two lots, but are being treated as one and development of both lots will not occur. The house location cannot be adjusted due to size and location of the septic system. There will be mitigation plantings and a drain to gather runoff. The majority of the new garage is located outside of the 100' buffer. Usowski stated she is fine with the removal of locust trees but the cedars should be saved. NHESP has given approval with no special conditions. Chase would like assurance that the project will not be any closer to the resource area than what currently exists and it was decided the deck will be pulled back two feet. The water line will be disturbed only in grassed areas. Donovan would like a condition stating that only native grasses be used for the lawn and no use of fertilizer, irrigation, herbicides or pesticides. The area under the deck will be planted, but if nothing will grow a pervious material will be put down.

Public Comment: Steve Swain, abutter. He is concerned about the lawn going right up to the pond and the potential for future fertilizer use and he would like a native vegetation strip between the lawn and the water. He also questioned if the third lot was buildable. Usowski stated that buildability is a complicated question and would have to be reviewed by various departments to determine. Ojala would like to keep the lawn as is to allow for access and kayak use. He will leave the area between the water and mitigation plants natural. All lawn area is to be seeded with a native grass mix and will not be turf. The plan needs to be revised to show two foot building change, clarification of the garage, cedars and number and spacing of plantings. Bidders must be informed about the water depth. **Motion to approve, pending revised plans, by Ernie Crabtree and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved unanimously.**

Darlene & Robert Turner, 18 Strandway, Map 1 Parcel J1-5A & J1-90. Proposed steps, dock and dredging (continued hearing). **Motion to continue until May 16th by Brad Chase and seconded by Stan Pastuszek. Motion approved unanimously.**

Mark Russo, 5 Salt River Ln, Map 4 Parcel A1-B3. Proposed shorefront protection (continued hearing). The applicant requested to continue. **Motion to continue by Brad Chase and seconded by James Donovan. Motion approved unanimously.**

Discussion

177 Forest Street: Nick Crawford and Steve Szafran present.

Crawford showed a sample management plan for restoration of the native community with mitigation plantings and invasive species management. There will be 1,000 sq. ft. of mitigation. The full restoration plan will be submitted by June 18, 2018 for the July 5th hearing. Chase does not view the invasive species management as mitigation for the wall and is in favor of the draft plan Usowski created; he would also like the top of the bank to be planted adjacent to where the infraction occurred in order to protect against future encroachment. Usowski stated that a deadline needs to be set for the wall removal and it was decided the wall needs to be removed by June 15, 2018. Szafran would like to submit a plan to show something in place of the wall; the Commission is not in favor of any structures and would prefer the slope be softened and planted. **Motion to**

issue an enforcement order for the removal of the wall by June 15, 2018 by Brad Chase and seconded by Stan Pastuszak. Motion approved unanimously.

Orders of Conditions

Mark Corliss, 254 Bank St, Map 32 Parcel B1. Construction of a pool, barn/garage and fence. Motion to approve the Order of Conditions by Brad Chase and seconded by Ernie Crabtree. Motion approved unanimously.

Robinson Lee, 55 Snow Inn Rd, Map 15 Parcel N3-0. Reconstruction of an existing licensed dock and dredging. Motion to approve the Order of Conditions, with salt marsh mitigation wording, by Carolyn O'Leary and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved unanimously.

Martin and Kathleen Crane, 0 & 35 Walther Rd, Map 16 Parcels W1 & T10. Proposed raze and replacement of existing home and associated site improvements. Motion to approve the Order of Conditions by James Donovan and seconded by Carolyn O'Leary. Motion approved unanimously.

Mark Russo, 5 Salt River Ln, Map 4 Parcel A1-B3. Proposed fiber rolls. Motion to approve the Order of Conditions by Brad Chase and seconded by Carolyn O'Leary. Motion approved unanimously.

Jennifer Taylor Chiasson & Jane Ayoub, 17 & 23 Sound View Rd, Map 26 Parcel L1-11 & L1-10. Proposed vegetation management in order to maintain a view corridor. Work will take place in the 50' buffer zone to a coastal bank, on the coastal bank, within LSCSF and in the 200' riverfront area.

Jane Ayoub, 23 Sound View Rd, Map 26 Parcel L1-10. Proposed vegetation management and establishment of a view corridor, the removal of asphalt and wooden patio to be replaced with pervious materials. Work will take place on and in the 50' buffer zone to the top of a coastal bank, within LSCSF and in the 200' riverfront area.

Jennifer Taylor Chiasson, 17 Sound View Rd, Map 26 Parcel L1-11. Proposed vegetation management in order to maintain a view corridor and the proposed removal of 4 trees and mitigation plantings. Work will take place on and in the 50' buffer zone to a coastal bank and in the 200' riverfront area.

Paul Ayoub would like to discuss the conditions for 17 and 23 Sound View Road at the next meeting. Motion to continue to May 16, 2018 by Carolyn O'Leary and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved unanimously.

Certificates of Compliance

Alan McMullen, 702 Route 28, Map 15 Parcel K1-8. Parking lot with on-site storm water drainage provided. **Motion to approve by Brad Chase and seconded by James Donovan. Motion approved unanimously.**

Kelly Sattman, 0 Lynch Lane, Map 65 Parcel N5-7. Restoration activities. **Motion to approve by Ernie Crabtree and seconded by Stan Pastuszek. Motion approved unanimously.**

Robyn Michaels, 28 Catharine Rose Rd, Map 100 Parcel J10. Screened porch. **Motion to approve by Carolyn O'Leary and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved unanimously.**

Town of Harwich, 715 Route 28, Saquatucket Harbor, Map 15 Parcel T3. Remove underground fuel tanks. **Motion to approve by Stan Pastuszek and seconded by James Donovan. Motion approved unanimously.**

Discussion and Possible Vote

116 South Street-The owner could not attend tonight's meeting, so this will be discussed on May 16, 2018.

There was a request from a property owner to use the Thompson's Field parking area on September 8th to provide parking for a small event being held at the owner's home. They will be encouraged to have no more than 15 cars and to use the areas furthest from the trails. **Motion to allow the use of the parking lot by Brad Chase and seconded by Mark Coleman. Motion approved unanimously.**

Harwich Wetland Protection Regulations- Chase submitted wording to prohibit the storage of docks in the resource area and 50' buffer zone. He may craft language for freshwater vs. tidal water.

Motion to adjourn and enter executive session and not to return by Brad Chase and seconded by Carolyn O'Leary. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes Transcribed by Nicole Smith, Assistant Conservation Agent.