

Conservation Commission
Zoom Minutes November 16, 2021 9:00 AM
Zoom: 924 5247 5657
FINAL

Present for the Conservation Commission and attending the zoom call were:
Chris Murphy (Chair), Pam Goff, Candy Shweder, Sandy Broyard, Joan Malkin, Russell Maloney, Doug West (alternate), Sarah Khedouri (alternate) and Kara Shemeth (staff).

Alternate Doug West was not in attendance.

Also in attendance: Tom Wisniewski, Joe Wisniewski, Douglas Liman

Vice Chair Russell Maloney opened the meeting at 9:04 am
Due to zoom difficulties, Mr. Murphy wasn't able to sign on at the start of the meeting.

Public Hearing regarding wetlands violations at 1 Glasshouse Way

Address: 1 Glasshouse Way AP 26-16

Representatives/ Owners: Thomas and Joseph Wisniewski

Kara gave a brief overview of the situation and explained how work had been undertaken by the property owners to do extensive repairs on the studio. They were under the impression that because they were doing the work themselves they did not need permits. The studio is approximately 4' from the stream and the entire property falls within the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction. Since the concerns were raised the property owners have installed siltation fencing in the appropriate areas and the dumpster has been removed.

9:09 am - Mr. Maloney appointed Alternates Doug West and Sarah Khedouri as voting members for the duration of today's meeting

Action: A motion was made to close the hearing.
Passed unanimously by roll call vote

Action: A motion was made to issue an Enforcement Order with the following conditions:

- A plan showing the property lines, wetlands and structures is to be submitted
- Siltation fencing is to be installed per the onsite discussions and stay in place until work is complete
- Debris is to be placed in a covered dumpster daily
- When/ if a new dumpster is brought to the property it is to be placed as far from the resource area as possible and surrounded by hay bales

Administration:

Liman – 34 Blacksmith Valley Road (AP 35-38)

It was recently brought to the attention of the conservation Agent that unpermitted cutting of phragmite took place at the Liman property. There had

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been an Order of Conditions (SE12-777) for this project but it expired in December of 2019. Upon a site visit, the cutting was confirmed. Mr Liman attended today's meeting to discuss the cutting and determine a solution. The previous project was discussed, there had been an effort to create biochar with the cuttings but it proved to be overly intensive. Since it also turned out that the animals didn't care for the cuttings the best course of action was determined to be cutting the phragmite and then burning it on site during the burning season. It was determined that a new notice of intent would need to be filed.

Fools High Tide – 25 East Lane (AP 32-68.1)

Communication was received from the Woods Hole Group with the required bi-annual reports for the local Order and requesting additional cobble per the maintenance plan. A site visit was requested by the Commissioners before granting the request. Kara will coordinate with the Woods Hole Group to schedule the site visit.

Menemsha Dunes were discussed, Kara will look into the permitting requirements for a long term plan to build the dune area back and will talk to Keith Emin about installing some snow fence over the winter in addition to the usual fencing he puts in along the parking area.

Commissioners asked that a letter be sent to the Beach Committee expressing their recommendation that a plan for protecting and revegetating the dune be established.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 am

Respectfully submitted by Kara E. Shemeth, Conservation Agent

Materials Shared at Meeting:

Wisniewski MPP showing Wetlands – 11/30/2000 SBH Inc.
Aerial of Menemsha Dune