



Meeting Minutes - Chilmark Conservation Commission  
July 6, 2023 (9 am) via Zoom

Commissioners present: Candy Shweder (Chair), Sandy Broyard, Pam Goff, Sarah Khedouri, Joan Malkin, Russell Maloney, Chris Murphy

Staff: Carolyn Stoeber

Public in attendance: Reid Silva, Gary Mottau, Jane Rabe

**Admin/ Discussion:**

Reid Silva will present a restoration plan that Carlos Montoya is working on for the area between the EMS site at the Town Hall and the fire station site where the boardwalk is located at the next meeting.

The immediate concern was the failure after heavy rains earlier in the week. Reid presented a plan and narrative that includes adding silt barriers. A review of the reasons for failure were: 1 - no Cape Cod Curb/Berm on the asphalt to direct runoff into the retention area; and 2 – at the stairway, not removing unsuitable material and compacting under the stairs before pouring the concrete.

The Commissioners discussed that severe weather events will become more common in the future and asked for the mitigation plan proposed to become more robust against future weather events. Reid noted that there is currently a large retention area, but that a secondary retention area is being added; and the berm will be effective to direct the water in the correct direction, but he thought a silt fence at the top edge of the parking lot could be added and silt fencing could also be staked to the top of the concrete curb by the stairs, at least until all the vegetation is established.

The commissioners asked about the maintenance needed for this system and requested that a memo be sent to the Town Administrator to maintain the drainage systems with a special note that keeping the property free of leaf litter will be the major component of maintenance, adding that a spring and fall cleanup would be important yearly to keep large blockages as well as fine material from compromising the drainage system.

**Action:** A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the plan presented by Reid Silva with the following conditions: A notice to the town be given to perform spring and fall cleanup, a revision to the plan by Reid Silva to include siltation fencing at the top of the slope by the stairs.

Passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Action:** A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes of 1/5, 2/2, and 3/16 as amended.

Passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The Chair added a discussion item: whether the electrical work by Eversource will require an RDA. The Commissioners reviewed the map of the project area and noted the two streams the project will traverse.

**Action:** A motion was made, and seconded, that the Eversource request to do electrical work on Menemsha Crossroad will require an RDA.

Passed unanimously by roll call vote.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58am.

Respectfully Submitted by Carolyn Stoeber  
Minutes to be approved at the 8/3/23 Conservation Commission Meeting