



Meeting Minutes - Chilmark Conservation Commission
December 8, 2022 (8:45 am) via Zoom

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

Staff: Kara Shemeth (Agent)

Public in attendance: John Freedman, Kathy Coe, Reid Silva

8:47 am - Meeting called to order

Request for Determination

Applicant: John Freedman

Address: Beach Lot (AP 29-28)

Project: temporarily installation of a 4' snow fence in a beach path that has suffered wash over in recent winters

Site Visit: Monday 12/5/22

Documents shared: aerial

John Freedman was in attendance at the recent Coastal Conference and would like to install some snow fence for a few months this winter, on private property, to see if it results in gathering sand and narrowing the pathway existing pathway that took heavy damage during Hurricane Sandy.

Commissioners applauded the goal and there was discussion about different methods. Kara noted that she had contacted several people involved in permitting and their feeling was that since it was such a small area and small time period, and RDA would suffice, if it becomes a long term or larger project then it would need further permitting.

Action: A motion was made, and seconded to find a negative determination noting that fencing nor lathes would impact the resource area.
Passed with 5 in favor and 1 against

Request for Determination

Applicant: Chilhead Ventures, LCC

Address: 512 North Road (AP 27.1-85)

Representative: Reid Silva (VLS)

Project: Applicant is seeking permission to remove an existing patio at the Homeport Restaurant, excavate, replace a failing pump chamber then restore patio as previously existing

Site Visit: Monday November 14, 2022
Documents shared: site plan, aerial

Reid explained the site (the Homeport) and that the pump chamber needs to be replaced. During the sale & transfer inspection, the inspector noted that the top of the pump chamber was cracked and should be replaced. The pump chamber is fully within the dry set bluestone patio. It will be very contained, existing wooden stairs will need to be removed and then rebuilt. Work will be done from the patio or road. The stone retaining wall will not be disturbed. Reid expects the work to take a couple weeks to complete. It was noted that the system is already a denitrifying system.

Action: Motion was made, and seconded, to find a negative determination and condition that the contractors meet on site with the Conservation Agent prior to work beginning and that all staging take place in the parking lot.
Passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Admin:

Action: A motion was made, and seconded, to allow the Chair to approve the FY24 budget and skip the 12/22/22 meeting
Passed unanimously via roll call vote.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 am

Respectfully Submitted by kara shemeth, Conservation Agent
Minutes to be approved at a future Conservation Commission Meeting