Conservation Commission Minutes 06/06/18

FINAL

Present for the Conservation Commission and attending the meeting were: Joan Malkin, Chairman, Bob Hungerford, Vice Chairman, Chris Murphy (arrived at 12:37 PM), Candy Shweder (left at 12:50 PM), Sandy Broyard and Chuck Hodgkinson. Reid Silva, John Abrams, Greg Milne and June Manning also attended. Russell Maloney, Maureen Eisner and Pam Goff did not attend.

NOI SE 12 – 814 REID SILVA FOR HELEN BENHAM; 24 Windy Gates Road; AP 30-106.1: Ms. Malkin opened the public hearing at 12:30 PM. Mr. Silva reviewed the site plan dated 5/1/18 to build a 16' X 13' screened porch (208 sq. ft.) a portion of which is over the footprint of an existing deck. The porch adds 48 sq. ft. to the deck footprint and will have sonotube supports. Approximately 100 sq. ft. of existing deck will be removed on the southeast side of the house. The house is in the buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The closest portion of the screened porch is 17 feet from the wetland edge.

The Commission discussed the site and resources observed over several previous site visits and the impact of the proposal on the resources. With no public comment a motion was made to close the hearing at 12:36 PM. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Mr. Murphy arrived at 12:37 PM and was not eligible to vote. A subsequent motion was made to approve the plan as presented with the following special conditions: 1. The screened porch shall have slats in the floor and never become enclosed living space. 2. All construction debris shall be removed from the site daily or stored in a covered dumpster located in the driveway. The motion passed with three in favor, one opposed (Ms. Malkin) and one abstention (Mr. Murphy).

DISCUSSION SE 12 – 709; REID SILVA FOR RICHARD AND LISA ZABEL; 225 State Rd.; AP 33-121: Mr. Silva explained an Order was issued in August 2014 to install a walking path and stairway down to the shoreline on Quitsa Pond. The owner would like to install a 10' X 6' kayak storage rack 15 feet from the top of the Coastal Bank. He added approximately 18' X 10' of brush would need to be cut for the rack. Ms. Shweder had to pick up Rick and left the meeting at 12:50 PM. After much discussion on the potential impacts a motion was made to declare the proposal as inconsequential to the approved scope of work. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved with four in favor. A second motion was made to approve the proposal with the condition that a revised site plan shall be provided showing the clearing and kayak rack locations before any work begins. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously with four in favor.

ADMINISTRATION:

The review of the draft May 16 meeting minutes was postponed to the June 20 meeting.

Signatures:

Order of Conditions SE 12 – 814; Benham; AP 24-1.

Ms. Malkin read a draft performance review for Chuck H. This will be submitted to the Executive Secretary.

Mr. Murphy proposed changing the Commission's meeting date and times to later in the afternoon or early evening because the current time is difficult to meet with other daily commitments. He added if an abutter is working they would not be able to attend a mid-day hearing. After much discussion Chuck H. said he would send a schedule of possible dates and times to the Commissioners that takes into consideration the meeting times and places for other town boards. The Commissioners will then send their comments to Chuck for consolidation and review at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 20, 2018 @ 12:30 PM.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 1:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Chuck Hodgkinson, C.A.S.