

Conservation Commission Minutes 02/07/18

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Present for the Conservation Commission and attending the meeting were: Candy Shweder, Chairman, Joan Malkin, Vice Chairman, Pam Goff, Chris Murphy, Sandy Broyard, Bob Hungerford, Russell Maloney, Maureen Eisner and Chuck Hodgkinson. Chris Kennedy, Janet Weidner, Peter Cook, Eunice Youmans, Jack Klumick, John Armstrong and Elise Elliston also attended.

The meeting came to order at 12:35 PM.

SE 12 – 807; CHRIS KENNEDY FOR THE TRUSTEES; the Brickyard AP 14-4 and Menemsha Hills properties; Ms. Shweder opened the public hearing at 12:36 PM. Mr. Kennedy summarized the land use history of the property and explained The Trustees would like to clear brush and invasive over-growth on approximately 4.7-acres of the Menemsha Hills Brickyard. The existing Blueberry, Bayberry and Huckleberry bushes will remain in place. The purpose is to open the Brickyard for public use and enjoyment, preserve and interpret the natural and cultural resources of the property and preserve rare and endangered species habitat within the lower and upper yards. The area will be maintained as maritime, shrub land habitat. A 1,750 foot-long public walking trail will also be cleared to provide year-round public access to the Brickyard from TTOR's Menemsha Hills Reservation. Two trail loops will also be opened to provide shore access. The area will be mowed one time per year and will not have prescribed burns. A portion of the clearing work is within the second 100-foot wetland buffer zone. Approximately 92,000 sq. ft. of disturbance will take place within the second 100-foot section of the Roaring Brook Riverfront Zone. Elise Elliston asked if rain erosion at the tall stone wall will be managed. Mr. Kennedy confirmed it would be. With no further public comment a motion was made to close the hearing at 12:56 PM. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. A subsequent motion was made to approve the plan as presented. The motion was seconded. In discussion the Commission suggested having the walking trail be five feet wide to help reduce deer tick activity along the trail. The motion came to a vote and passed unanimously with seven in favor.

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY; RUSSELL MALONEY; 245 North Rd.; AP 13-8; Mr. Maloney recused himself from the table and explained he would like to install a french drain at the southeast corner and southern edge of a pre-existing tennis court located within the eastern edge of a wetland. The drain will channel rainwater into the wetland rather than having it flush the court's surface into the wetland. A 64-foot long, 12 inch deep trench will be hand dug and backfilled on top of the drainage pipe. The water will be gravity fed to daylight and a 2-foot square, 6-inch deep gravel surface to prevent erosion. With no public comment a motion was made for a negative determination. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved with seven in favor.

DISCUSSION PLANNING BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE: Ms. Weidner said this is a follow up to the discussion last October 18 regarding the bus U Turn on Menemsha Basin. Ms. Weidner said the Planning Board is abandoning the original idea of a bus U turn running behind the comfort station. As mentioned in the last meeting the Commission pointed out it cannot comment without having the resources properly delineated. In particular, it would like to know where the natural dune begins and the limit of dredge spoils ends. After discussion it was agreed the Commission will have the resources delineated.

DISCUSSION PROPOSED NEW FIRE HOUSE PLAN: This discussion was postponed to the next meeting. The Selectmen are considering a plan to build a new fire house in the town hall parking lot. There is a new parking scheme. The ingress and egress for the fire trucks will go across the land that supports the current fire station to Menemsha Crossroad.

PARTIAL CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE SE 12 – 799; GREAT ROCK BIGHT LTD. PARTNERSHIP; Brickyard Road; AP 9-2.7: Chuck H. explained an Order was issued in Oct. 2017 to install a new well, water line and electric service to the well. The well was installed. The water line and power have not yet been installed. Recommend issuing a partial certification. A motion was made to accept the report and issue a partial certification. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved with seven in favor.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE SE 12 – 792; GRAEME FLANDERS; 10 Highland Way; AP 26-36: Chuck H. explained an Order was issued in June 2017 to replace a failing metal culvert within an intermittent drainage way and install a second smaller drainage culvert to replace this failing drainage way. Approximately 200 sq. ft. of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland was temporarily altered. Recommend the project is in full compliance and issuing the Certificate accordingly. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and declare the project as in full compliance. The motion passed unanimously with seven in favor.

ADMINISTRATION:

Signatures:

Order of Conditions SE 12 – 807; TTOR; AP 14-4.

Determination of Applicability Maloney; AP 13-8.

Partial Certificate of Compliance SE 12 – 799; Great Rock Bight Ltd.; AP 9-2.7.

Certificate of Compliance SE 12 – 792; Flanders; AP 26-36.

The draft January 17, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented by consensus.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21, 2018 @ 12:30 PM.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

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