

## Conservation Commission Minutes 03/06/19

FINAL

Present for the Conservation Commission and attending the meeting were: Joan Malkin, Chairman, Bob Hungerford, Vice Chairman, Sandy Broyard, Chris Murphy, Pam Goff and Chuck Hodgkinson. Reid Silva, Margaret Maida, Beth and Paul Henry Mayhew, Chas. deGeofroy and Rachel Hickey also attended. Maureen Eisner, Candy Shweder and Russell Maloney did not attend.

The meeting came to order at 12:30 PM.

**POSTPONED PUBLIC HEARING FROM FEBRUARY 6, 2019; NOI SE 12 - 837; REID SILVA FOR RACHEL GRACE HICKEY; 35 Menemsha Crossroad; AP 26-137, 138:** Ms. Malkin opened the public hearing at 12:31 PM. Mr. Silva summarized the comments made at the site visit and reviewed a revised site plan dated 3/6/19. He pointed out the woody swamp wetland was re-delineated using soil borings. The wetland delineation changed the edges of the wetland which allowed the relocation of the new house farther back (east) and upland from Menemsha Crossroad. The current dwelling is located within the swamp wetland. The current house, porch and decks have a 1468 sq. ft. footprint. The new house will have a frost wall foundation and a footprint of 1293 sq. ft.—175 sq. ft. less than the current house.

He pointed out there is a deed restriction on the back half of the two lots that does not allow the house to be located even farther from the wetland. There will be some disturbance within the wetland to excavate the foundation. A few trees on the north and south sides of the house and within the wetland will also need to be removed. The house's current footprint will be filled with excavation spoils and restored with a native wetland meadow seed mix. There is also a section that will become a no mowing area. Ms. Mayhew asked how far the house will be from her lot line. Mr. Silva said 61 feet. The Commission thought this was a significant improvement over the original plan. With no further public comment a motion was made to close the hearing at 12:54 PM. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. A subsequent motion was made to approve the plan as presented with the following special conditions:

- The staging area will be located in the current parking area.
- Siltation fencing with staked coir logs shall be installed and approved by the Conservation Agent (CA) before work begins.
- These siltation barriers shall be maintained in good condition and left in place until the new plantings are established.
- The proposed no mowing areas shall be delineated with stones approximately 2' X 2' X 2' in size.
- A landscape plan shall be approved by the Commission or its designee before work begins.
- The excess excavation spoils shall be removed from the site.
- All debris shall be removed from the site daily or, stored in a covered dumpster located within the staging area.
- The re-calculated resource area impacts shall be provided before the Order is issued.
- A revised site plan identifying the staging area, siltation barrier locations, the walking paths, parking area, no-mowing areas and location of the stone markers delineating the edge of the no mowing areas to the CA before work begins.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved with five in favor.

**DISCUSSION REID SILVA FOR OCEAN VIEW FARM ROAD ASSOCIATION:** Mr. Silva explained there is a failed culvert on Ocean View Farm Road. The stream is currently running over the roadway. He shared photos of the flooding and ice. He asked if an Emergency Certification could be issued to allow Mr. deGeofroy to clear the debris and temporarily open the culvert and water flow. He added a formal stream crossing will be designed and filed as a Notice of Intent for the permanent solution. The Commission asked when the work would begin as the Certification is only good for 30 days of work. Mr. deGeofroy said he could begin on March 18. A motion was made to have the Conservation Agent issue the Emergency Certification starting March 18 and expiring on April 16, 2019. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved with five in favor.

### **ADMINISTRATION:**

The draft February 20, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as amended by consensus.

Signatures:

Order of Conditions SE 12 – 837; Hickey; AP 26-137, 138.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 20, 2019 @ 12:30 PM.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

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