



Meeting Minutes - Chilmark Conservation Commission
June 7, 2022 (9 am)

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

Commissioners Absent: Doug West

Staff: Kara Shemeth (Agent)

Public in attendance: Reid Silva, Carlos Montoya, Paul Slavin, William Henchy,

Action: Sarah Khedouri appointed as a voting member

9:02

Request for Certificate of Compliance

Applicant: RMJ Dock, LLC

Address: 16 Harbor Hill Lane (AP 27.1-104)

Project: SE12-855

The Conservation Commission has an as-built plan on file that verifies that the pier was built according to the plan approved by the Order of Conditions (SE12-855). A site visit took place on May 31, 2022 with the Agent and Commissioners.

Action: A motion was made and seconded to issue the certificate of compliance for SE12-855

Passed unanimously via roll call vote

Discussion Items:

6 Eddy Farm Road - Wetlands Violations/ Fines

Prior to the meeting, Commissioners were sent a breakdown of possible fines based on the Chilmark Wetlands Protection Bylaws.

Concerns were raised regarding the stone wall and Commissioners decided that the stone wall would be discussed further once Paul Slavin and Susan Waitzkin had been able to discuss the matter with Vineyard Open Land Foundation as it is on their property.

Points were made regarding the lack of education, especially regarding within the landscaping industry on the island. Kara will follow up with other island Agents and the MVC regarding the idea.

After discussion, Commissioners suggested that the fine should be \$2000 to the homeowner and Kara will look into the feasibility of fining the contractor.

Action: A motion was made and seconded to issue a \$2000, non-criminal fine for violations of the Chilmark Wetlands Protection Bylaw to Paul Slavin and Susan Waitzkin of 6 Eddy Farm Road.

Passed via roll call vote 6 yes 1 no (Maloney)

CZM Grant update

Kara advised that the Conservation Funds that the Commission has access to via the monies collected from wetlands filing fees are not able to be used for a project like this. There is a CZM grant available for projects like this, the application is complex and due by June 13. Kara requested permission to have the Woods Hole Group (WHG) get involved with the application and execution of the project.

Action: A motion was made and seconded to allow the Agent to pursue the CZM grant with the Woods Hole Group.

Passed unanimously via roll call vote

Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from April 2022.

Passed unanimously via roll call vote with 1 abstention (Malkin)

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 am

Minutes to be approved at the 6/21/22 Conservation Commission Meeting