

Meeting Minutes - Chilmark Conservation Commission
August 2, 2022 (9 am)

Commissioners present: Sandy Broyard, Chris Murphy, Pam Goff, Russell Maloney, Doug West, Sarah Khedouri, Joan Malkin

Commissioners absent: Candy Shweder (Chair)

Staff: Kara Shemeth (Agent)

Public in attendance: Reid Silva Carlos Montoyo, David Damroth, Barbara Lee, Phil Wallis, Gabby Bretton, Paul Slavin

Meeting called to order and Doug West appointed

9:00 – Notice of Intent – Public Hearing

Applicant: Chesapeake Realty Trust

Address: 0 State Road (AP 33- 146)

Representative: Chris Alley, SBH

Project: Application to install a conduit using directional drilling.

Documents Shared: Site Plan, Aerial

Chris Alley shared the site plan and reviewed the resource areas. Locus is a 20' strip of land that runs from State Road to Quitsa Pond. There is a footpath with railroad tie treads leading down to a boardwalk that leads to the kayak storage/ shack area. It was noted on the site visit that when the time comes to replace the boardwalk, a NOI should be filed and the walkway brought into compliance (ie higher).

Historically the Association has run a power cord from an abutting property to run a bubbler to keep the water around the pier from freezing and lifting it out of the ground/pond. This directional drilling proposal would set a utility pole at the roadside of the property and directionally bore down the slope and under approximately 64' of wetland, coming up in the vicinity of the existing shed. Depending on how the drilling goes, it may be better to allow for a post at the end of the boring to hold the power rather than aiming for the shed (which isn't in the best shape). This would allow flexibility with the boring and eliminate trenching to get to the shed. Chris estimated that it was probably a day's work.

Action: A motion was made, and seconded, to close the hearing.
Passed unanimously.

Action: A motion was made, and seconded, to approve with standard conditions and the following additional conditions:

- Conservation Agent is on site for boring

- Siltation fencing will be installed if it is determined to be necessary to avoid runoff into the pond.

Passed unanimously via roll call vote

Discussions:

6 Eddy Farm Road/ VOLF Stonewall: Site Plan shared by Reid Silva

Reid showed the updated plan with the wall labeled “to be removed” and the area to be restored continuing into the area past the wall.

Phil Wallis explained that VOLF took a hard look at the DEP advice that referenced “replication” and asked that the Commission give VOLF a month to develop a plan to provide for restoration of the lost resource on the VOLF property and leave the wall intact. They are looking into an Ecological Restoration on the property and the merits of this route were discussed.

- Where would the restoration be located?
- What's the current state of the area?
- Details of the existing flora & fauna
- Details of stone wall and planting maintenance going forward

Action: A motion was made, and seconded, to accept the 7/19/2022 minutes with the minor edits as noted and adding a note regarding the site inspection at the Tabor House property.

Agents update: An abutters appeal of the RMJ Dock Order was received. The Order has not been issued as of today, it will be officially issued once the final signature has been received.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 am

Respectfully Submitted by kara shemeth , Conservation Agent

Minutes to be approved at the 8/16/22 Conservation Commission Meeting