

Meeting Minutes - Chilmark Conservation Commission  
October 6, 2022 (9 am)

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

Commissioners absent: None

Staff: Kara Shemeth (Agent)

Public in attendance: Tracey Smith (SBH), Thomas McAlister

9 am - Meeting called to order and Doug West appointed as a voting member.

**Request for Determination**

Applicant: Charles Russell Twist

Address: 32 Abel's Neck Road (AP 31-4)

Representative: Tracey Smith (SBH)

Project: Installation of a new well within the buffer zone

Documents shared: Site Plan

Tracey Smith explained that the Twist's currently share a well with a neighbor and that it is a seasonal well. The applicant plans to install a new septic system in the near future and given the location of existing neighboring septic systems and the future septic on locus, the proposed well location is the best spot to meet necessary setbacks.

There was discussion regarding the need to mandate the upgrading of old septic systems with Commissioners noting the importance of protecting the resources and the triggers of upgrading a system being ineffective in their opinion. Other Commissioners felt it was overstepping to make an applicant upgrade a system that had passed state inspection, especially as the application was for a well in the buffer zone.

**Action:** A motion was made, and seconded, to postpone the application and send it back to BOH for review.

The motion did not carry. 3 yes, 5 no.

**Action:** A motion was made, a seconded, to find a negative determination with the following conditions:

- Additional siltation protection be installed along the stone wall as well as along the line shown on the plan
- A letter be sent to the BOH asking that they consider the Con Com's concerns regarding older systems and nitrogen levels when reviewing older septic systems.
- A letter be sent to the applicant asking that the septic system be upgraded as soon as reasonably possible.\*

The motion passed 7-1 with Chris Murphy voting in the negative



### **Request for Determination**

Applicant: SGF Properties LLC

Address: State Road (Quitsa Access) (AP 33 107 & 108)

Representative: Thomas P. McCalister

Project: work on an existing boathouse. Previous Order has expired, proposed work entails repairs to the roof of the boathouse only.

Documents shared: Kara shared a recent aerial of the site.

Mr McAlister explained that the boathouse is in need of a new roof and storms in recent years have ripped shingles off to the extent that the sublayer of the roof is exposed and the contents are in danger of damage.

Pam Goff gave a site report noting that the project should not affect the resource and recommended that provisions be made to catch building materials and debris while the work is being done.

There was discussion of the kayak storage in the marsh that was observed on the site visit. It was determined that the kayaks were not the property of the applicant. Kara will reach out to the Darling family and request that they and the others who utilize the access make a second temporary kayak rack like the one observed on a previous site visit.

**Action:** A motion was made, a seconded, to find a negative determination with the following conditions:

- Applicant is to notify the Conservation Agent when work is scheduled to begin
- Contractor is to meet on site with Conservation Agent to review the Commission's concerns regarding debris
- Contractor is to use the best available practice to ensure that no debris goes into or is left in the resource area, ideally some sort of catchall attached to the building that allows for shingles and debris to fall directly into it and be removed from the resources area.
- Debris is to be removed daily with no equipment staged in the resource, staging must stay in the "landing"/parking area.

Passed unanimously.

### **Continued Hearing:**

Frank V. Sica - 0 Gosnold Way (AP 20-28) Representative: Reid Silva, VLS

Kara advised that she had spoken with Reid and he was still waiting on Wilkinson to reflag the wetlands and that he hopes to have the revised plan for the next meeting. IT was noted that fines should be considered in this violation.

**Admin:** Review/approve minutes from 9/1 & 9/15

**Action:** A motion was made a seconded to approve the minutes with minor grammatical edits.

Passed unanimously.



**Agent Updates:**

- Kara shared pictures of Shotanigher Lane and advised that Candy had met onsite with Adam from White Bros. and that SBH was working on an as-built plan. All parties are interested in resolving this and are working on solutions.
- It was noted that the letter regarding the Squibnocket Parking Paving had not been sent and that it should be reviewed and sent.
- Kara noted that a private group has expressed interest in providing sand for Squibnocket Beach and have enlisted the Wood Hole Group to develop a plan and file a NOI. They will need to get permission from the Select Board to file a NOI for Town property.
- At Tuesday's Select Board meeting, Kara updated the Board on the CZM Grant and they voted to allow Tim Carroll to sign the necessary contracts (CZM and Woods Hole Group) on their behalf.
- Kara spoke with Kristen Gaegan and Sheriff's Meadow who advised that the DEP would be issuing a superseding Order of Conditions for the Roth Woodlands Culvert. There has been no word from DEP regarding this yet.
- Sandy advised the group that the Martha's Vineyard Coastal Conference was on again after a 2 year covid hiatus. It will be held at the Martha's Vineyard Film Center on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 am

Respectfully Submitted by kara shemeth, Conservation Agent

Minutes to be approved at a future Conservation Commission Meeting