

Meeting Minutes - Chilmark Conservation Commission
November 3, 2022 (9 am)

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

Commissioners absent: Sarah Khedouri, Doug West (Associate Member)

Staff: Kara Shemeth (Agent)

Public in attendance: Michael Barclay, Reid Silva, Tim Rich
9 am - Meeting called to order

Discussion Item: Michael Barclay – 96 Squibnocket Lane

Michael shared copies of the plans and explained that they would like to extend an approved retaining wall, which doubles as egress from the basement, 13' and have it return to the building. Natural grade was going to be utilized to the west but it seems that extending the retaining wall is a better option for keeping rainwater out of the area and stabilizing the grade. The retaining wall will be approximately 24" tall. The proposed extension is 3'-5' into the buffer zone.

Action: A motion was made, and seconded, to note that this was an insignificant change to the approved plan and that the extension of the retaining wall be approved.

Passed unanimously (Chris Murphy's internet connection dropped during the vote)

Notice of Intent

Applicant: Ryhs Eppich

Address: 192 South Road (AP 177-1)

Representative: Reid Silva (VLS)

Project: Construction and maintenance of an elevated walkway to access Chilmark Great Pond. A mowed grassy path currently exists where the elevated walkway is proposed.

Documents shared: aerial, site plan

Reid explained the proposal to install a walkway with cedar posts and light penetrating sections where the walkway crosses salt marsh. The end is a larger (6'x8') "L" due to a family member being in a wheelchair and the necessity of having room to maneuver the chair safely to turn around.

The elevation will follow the unofficial Chilmark walkway guidelines of having the surface of the deck either 3.5' above the ground/ marsh bottom or 6" above the tallest grasses, whichever is lower, allowing for both light penetration and safety. Reid noted that the decking will be around elevation 6.5" and the pond only gets up to elevation 5' so it won't be submerged when the pond is high.

Action: A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the project as presented with standard walkway/ stair conditions:

- Light penetrating decking is required over the salt marsh
- The decking of the walkway will be either 3.5' above the ground/ saltmarsh surface or 6" above the tallest grasses
- The portions of the decking towards the end will have the property's map and lot clearly marked so that it may be tracked if it gets washed out by any storms.

Passed unanimously with 1 abstention (Chris Murphy – dropped out of zoom during part of presentation)

Unanticipated Item:

Tim Rich spoke to the Shotnaigher Lane issue and let the Commissioners know that there is a delay in the surveyors office and he is doing all he can to move things along.

Commissioners asked that the as-built plan be submitted for the next meeting.

Continued Hearing:

Frank V. Sica - 0 Gosnold Way (AP 20-28) Representative: Reid Silva, VLS
Reid stated that he was still waiting on Wilkinson to reflag the wetlands.

Action: If the new wetlands locations are not submitted for the next meeting, the current ones will be held as the delineation and the posts should be installed.
Passed unanimously

Action: motion to approve the 10/6/22 minutes
Passed unanimously

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am
Respectfully Submitted by kara shemeth, Conservation Agent
Minutes to be approved at a future Conservation Commission Meeting