

Conservation Commission  
Zoom Minutes October 19, 2021 9:00 AM Town Hall  
Zoom: 991 5321 2742  
FINAL

Present for the Conservation Commission and attending the zoom call were: Chris Murphy (Chair), Pam Goff, Candy Shweder, Sandy Broyard, Joan Malkin, Doug West (alternate), Sarah Khedouri (alternate) and Kara Shemeth (staff). Commissioner Russell Maloney was not in attendance.

Also in attendance: Reid Silva, Susan Greely, Peter Darling, Matt Tobin, Glenn Provost, Clark Goff, Jody Darrow, Debra Sedino, Doug Best, Bill Rossi, Keith Tully, Brian Curry, Paul Darrow (Mr. Darrow was not able to connect via audio)

Mr Murphy opened the meeting at 9:02 and roll call was taken.

**RDA- Keith & Deb Tully**

Address: 5 Redwing Lane AP 25-110

Representative: Doug Best, D. Best Construction

Project: Construction of an addition to an existing structure, installation of a retaining wall, and related site work. The proposed activity is within the buffer zone and on the north eastern side of the existing structure, putting a road and structure between the resource area and the proposed activity. The site visit took place Monday 10/18/21 at 12 PM.

Mr. Best presented the project and noted that the addition is less than 1000 sq ft and is on the northeast side of the existing structure in an already clear area. The topography will necessitate a 1'-3' retaining wall. The resource area (wetlands and an intermittent stream) are 116' from the nearest portion of the proposed addition and has an established road and the existing structure between the addition and the resource. Mr. Best advised that as when they added the deck in the same area, they would store all equipment and spoils on the east side of the house to put the greatest distance between the materials and the resource.

Following Mr. Best's presentation, Chris Murphy appointed Doug West and Sarah Khedouri as voting members for the duration of the meeting.

**Action:** a motion was made to find a negative determination as presented with the condition that the project adhere to storing materials and equipment on the east side of the house.

Passed unanimously by roll call vote

**Discussion: Fire/EMS Landscape Plan (SE12-877)**

Bill Rossi spoke to the Fire/EMS Building Committee's decision to stick with the proposed wooden walkway, the plans were reviewed and it was stated that the Conservation Commission had suggested a sidewalk type of walk only because the area is pre-disturbed and historically filled and given that, the Commission

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didn't want to hold the project to something unnecessary (ie the wooden boardwalk) that may be required in untouched wetland areas. Mr. Rossi stated that the Building Committee would like to come back to the Conservation Commission with the invasive species removal and replanting plan once the project is done and the impacts of the walkway can be assessed.

**Action:** a motion was made to approve the landscape plan, including the parking design and the walkway, as presented with the understanding that an invasive species removal/ replanting plan will be submitted post construction.

Passed unanimously by roll call vote

### **Discussion: 18 Greenhouse Lane**

Glenn Provost presented the requested site plan of the property, showing the three areas that had been brush cut. Glenn advised that in the three months since the unpermitted cutting was done, all three areas the root systems were still in place and the vegetation is coming back, it is his opinion that the areas will grow back in and that attempting to install plants would do more damage than just letting things regrow. Susan Greely (a member of the Darling family, abutters who own the land where two of the areas were cut) spoke to the success of the regrowth and concurred with Mr. Provost's assessment. Mr. Provost also addressed the jute netting and stated that as requested by the Conservation Commission, it will stay in place and the Darrow's will be responsible for disposal of any portions that come loose.

**Action:** a motion was made to acknowledge that the requirements of the Enforcement Order had been met and nothing further was required regarding the 3 brush cut areas and the jute netting.

Passed unanimously by roll call vote

### **Administration:**

Larsens (SE12-878) - Kara relayed that the Board of Health had asked for the Conservation Commission to approve the replacement of the tight tank at Larsen's during construction. Commissioners felt this fell under the existing conditions that were issued and asked Kara to send the Board of Health a letter affirming their support of replacing the tank.

Fire/EMS (SE12-877) – At their September 21, 2021 meeting, the Select Board voted to request that the Conservation Commission use money from the Wetlands Protection Fund (Fund 27) to pay the LEC consultant invoice (#145983 - \$1,810.67). Kara advised that this is a permissible use of those funds and that there is currently \$28,484.46 in the account.

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**Action:** a motion was made to pay the invoice for \$1,810.67 from the Wetlands Protection Fund (#27)

Passed unanimously by roll call vote

The 10/5 minutes were reviewed and needed some editing, will be reviewed that the 11/2 meeting

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

Respectfully submitted by Kara E. Shemeth, Conservation Agent

Materials Shared at Meeting:

18 Greenhouse Lane Site Plan - VLS

Tully Site Plan – SBH Inc

Landscape Plans – Chilmark Fire EMS Headquarters – September 24, 2021