

Conservation Commission
Zoom Minutes April 20, 2021 9:00 AM Town Hall
FINAL

Present for the Conservation Commission and attending the zoom call were:

Chris Murphy, Chairman, Joan Malkin, Pam Goff, Sandy Broyard, Candy Shweder, Doug West, Russell Maloney, and Kara Shemeth (staff).

Also in attendance: Reid Silva (VLS), Walter Meinelt, Kimberly Angell, Jane Greene, Ursula Goodenough, Brian Wall, Sarah and Bob Nixon, Caroline Van Valkenburgh, John Packer, Brian Madden (LEC), Susan Stammel, Peter Loges
John Abrams, George Sourati,
Commissioner Bob Hungerford did not attend.

ZOOM Meeting ID: 932 7016 8467

Mr. Murphy brought the meeting to order at 9:05 AM

Continued Public Hearing - NOI SE 12-863 - Of a Feather LLC

Representative: Reid Silva, Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering)

Address/AP: 146 Quenames Road; AP 23-7:

Eligible voters: Chris, Pam, Candy, Joan, Russell, Doug: All voters were present and Mr. Murphy opened the continued hearing at 9:05 am.

Reid Silva presented a new plan with revised locations, reduced structure sizes, newly extended wetlands delineation and more topography. The applicant wanted the new plan to be seen by the Conservation Commission prior to submitting the full application to NHESP. The NHESP submission will include the revised structure (reduced from 4000 sq ft to 2100 sq ft of living space, footprint is 3515 sq ft including decks), revised proposed location (166' from wetlands) and a wildlife/habitat management plan for the property, primarily focusing on habitat management for foraging and breeding of the Norther Harrier. According to Mr. Silva, the new size and location of the house reduces the area of impact and provides greater distance between the proposed project and the resource areas.

Discussion:

Commissioners felt there was need for a site visit to see the new location after discussion of the new location.

There was discussion regarding the site of the structure, and it was asked why, if there is an option for a location above 10', is that not THE option? Reid spoke to the desirability of this location, they have 60 acres and want to put the house in the proposed area responsibly. Commissioners asked to see alternative sites above elevation 10'.

The risks to the resources area were discussed and Reid pointed to potential flood damage to the septic tanks and structure as possible risks and stated that

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he felt that the designs presented meet the standards to mitigate those risks as much as possible.

Reid Silva requested a continuance to May 18th.

ACTION: A motion was made by Russell Maloney to continue the hearing to May 18th at 9 am via Zoom

The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor via a roll call vote.

The hearing was closed at 9:56am.

Possible Violations at 16 Harbor Hill – Pier work SE12-706 (Expired) and SE12-855 (not recorded) – RMJ Dock LLC - 16 Harbor Hill (AP 27.1-104)

It was brought to the attention of the Conservation Commission by Russell Smith (letter on file) that there were possible violations regarding pier work at 16 Harbor Hill.

Upon inspection it was determined that work had begun. The applicants were issued a stop work order and asked to come to this hearing to discuss the matter.

It was determined that there were two violations.

1. The Order of Conditions (Se12-855) issued in Feb 2020 had not been recorded.
2. The pre-construction meeting between the Board Administrator and the contractor had not taken place.

The applicant acknowledged these and assured the Commission that they would be remedied.

ACTION: A motion was made by Pam to write letter to applicant and property owner and have the CA visit site with contractor prior to construction continuing.

The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor via a roll call vote.

The draft 4/6/21 meeting minutes were reviewed. Upon Commissioner feedback several edits were made and the Commission determined it would be better to review the edited minutes and approve them at the next meeting.

The next zoom meeting will be Tuesday 5/4/21 at 9:00 am with no scheduled site visits.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Kara E. Shemeth, Board Administrator