

Conservation Commission Meeting – 28 February 2018

Members present: Geoff Kontje, Jeff Carlson, Lil Province, Peter Vincent

Absent: Christina Brown, Stuart Lollis, Bob Avakian

Staff: Lisa Morrison, Jane Varkonda

St. John Crackatuxet - Doug & Carla Cooper were present for the applicant. The application is a NOI to trim for view channels and selective removal of cedars on Crackatuxet Cove. The property is accessed through Herring Creek Farm. A previous order of conditions has expired. Ms. Cooper explained that some of the topping will take place within buffer as well as within the wetlands. The vegetation in the wetlands is very dense brush. The project also involves some phragmites removal and a request to allow maintenance of an existing path to the pond. Very little has been done on the site in recent years. After some further discussion Province made a motion to continue the hearing to the next meeting, March 14th, in order to conduct a site visit. Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Walsh Turkeyland Cove - The agent reported on the follow-up site visit to review the proposed restoration planting. Agent recommended that some of the proposed clethra be switched out with other larger shrubs in view channel A and in the adjacent cleared area that is not part of the view channel. Applicant has flagged and put on the plan all the existing trees in both view channels. Applicant need to tag the oak trees they wish to remove near the existing beech tree (to remain.)

Ludwig 70 Pohogonot. Brian Casey of MV Builders Group was present with a sample of the proposed exterior trim color, which was approved. Josh Kochin from Landscape gave an update on the landscape plan. A fescue lawn will be maintained at a maximum of 2500 sq. ft. The lighter green on the plan will be fescue meadow, similar to what was approved on 3 Otter Farm. The meadow is currently oak forest with huckleberry understory. The proposal is to rototill and seed the area with red fescue and sheep fescue. No soil will be imported, the existing soils are weed free and there are no invasives on the property. Province

made a motion to approve the landscape plan as presented subject to final review by the agent. Kontje seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Applicant will return with an exterior lighting plan for review and approval.

Sweet Spot (Ryan) North Neck Road. Judith Villa showed the board several options for the aluminum beach stairs. The board thought Cobblestone Beige and several other colors were fine. They did not like the 'sparkly' option.

Malm Forever Wild Way. Agent reported that the trees that did not thrive in the previous restoration have yet to be replaced. In addition all the miscanthus grass has not been removed nor have all the plantings been tagged. The application for the new house cannot proceed until these items have been addressed. Agent also suggested that if Malm switches landscape contractors, they must return to the Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Approved: _____