



Meeting Minutes - Edgartown Conservation Commission  
March 15, 2023 (4 pm)

Commissioners present: Peter Vincent (Chair), Max Gibbs, Geoff Kontje, Jeff Carlson, Lil Province, Christina Brown

Commissioners Absent: Robert Avakian

Staff: Jane Varkonda (Agent), Kara Shemeth (Admin)

Public in attendance: Jess McGroarty (EDG Parks), Glen Searle, Andrew Kelly (Park Commissioners), Chris Scott, Reid Silva (VLS), Rachel Self, Peter Sliwkowski, Robert Hayman, Phil Horton, Edward B. Self

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 4 PM

Continued hearing - Chappy Holdings LLC

Reid Silva

Documents shared:

Continued from 2/8 for pool and retaining wall cross sections

Reid reviewed the updated plan showing the cross sections of the pool and retaining walls and showed the bottom of pool at 7' with groundwater at elev. 3'. He explained the existing grade and showed how they held the pool decking at elevation 16 and the grade will fall to 12' at the bottom of the retaining wall. He noted that they did not find any groundwater at 4' but anticipate it being between 2-3'. He noted the addition of the drywell on the plan.

Commissioner Comment: The Agent asked about the changes in grade and Reid reviewed the changes on the site plan

Public Comment: None

Action: A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the application with standard conditions

Passed unanimously via roll call vote of the members present

Continued Public Hearing - Notice of Intent SE20-1678

Applicant: County of Dukes County

Address: 1 South Beach Park (AP 51-49)

Representative: Town of Edgartown

Project: Applicant is seeking to implement a beach management plan at Norton Point Beach

Continued from 2/22/23

Documents shared: aerial mapping

Commissioners asked about access for Edgartown Shellfish incense holders, Jane Varkonda explained that the shellfish areas will be subject to the input of the Shellfish Warden and will be in accordance with protected species guidelines.

Jane noted that there are 2 days left on the NHESP 30 day review timeline and we should have conditions from them soon.

Commissioner Comment: Commissioners noted that they had reviewed the beach management plan and reviewed procedures for the upcoming bird season. Commissioners asked about the OSV trail map and asked if any were in the intertidal zone. Jane noted that an intertidal zone with shellfish is considered a resources area and without, it is not considered a resource area. It was noted that it is in the beach's best interest to avoid driving in the intertidal area and allowing the salt marsh to stabilize and add another layer of protection for Katama Bay.

Commissioners asked about AWD vs 4WD, Park Commissioner Andrew Kelly advised that they are still seeking information from other beach managers and that it will likely come down to clearance. He also confirmed that TTOR has agreed to sell the air stations to the Town and continue to offer the service for free.

Public Comment: Peter Sliwowski asked about the dog policy and Park Commissioner Kelly advised that they would be utilizing the County dog policy which does not allow dogs. Mr. Sliwowski noted that the MV Beach Goers Access Group's research found that Land Rovers were the biggest culprits for getting stuck in the sand and the data shows that it's more about clearance than anything.

Christopher Scott asked for clarification regarding the dog policy, Park Commissioner Kelly noted they would look into it (it was found that the County website had contradicting information regarding dogs).

The Agent noted that NHESP had 2 more days to comment or the 30 day timeline would expire and the plan would be automatically approved. SHE noted that they had no comments on the initial TTOR application and that had included Norton Point so she did not anticipate any issues with the Town Beach Management Plan.

**Action:** A motion was made, and seconded, to approve subject to NHESP approval and noting that the Shellfish access will be sorted out and the Commission will be updated on AWD vs 4WD.  
Passed unanimously via roll call vote of eligible members present

**Discussion:** There was discussion of the overlap of TTOR passes expiring and Town passes being issued. Jess McGroarty (Parks Admin) noted that this could be clarified at the upcoming County Meeting. Park Commissioners noted that any TTOR/ Town pass overlap will be dealt with in a manner that allows for OSV access.

Minutes:

**Action:** A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the minutes of  
Passed unanimously via roll call vote of eligible members (Peter & Christina abstained)

Conditions Approval:

**Action:** A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the drafted conditions for SE20-1674 Chappy Holding LLC (pier)  
Passed unanimously via roll call vote

**Action:** A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the drafted conditions for SE20-1669 Stueken (pool)  
Passed unanimously via roll call vote

**Action:** A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the drafted conditions for SE20-1673 Wilcox (Septic upgrade)  
Passed unanimously via roll call vote

**Action:** A motion was made, and seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 PM  
Passed unanimously