



Meeting Minutes - Edgartown Conservation Commission  
April 5, 2023 (4 pm)

Commissioners present: Max Gibbs, Geoff Kontje, Lil Province, Robert Avakian, Christine Brown, Jeff Carlson

Commissioners Absent: Peter Vincent (Chair)

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

Public in attendance: Abigail Rosen , Brooke Kushwaha

**4:00 – NOI Public Hearing**

Applicant: **County of Dukes County**

Representative: Town of Edgartown

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

Project: Implement additional/alternative OSV access at Norton Point Beach

Documents shared: aerial plan

Jane Varkonda reviewed the additional access and explained how the OSV access via the cross over (the only ocean side access) is closed due to shorebird activity. The proposed area allows for access to the ocean side by installing a new OSV trail from the interior trail to the ocean side. This area has no bird activity and was used up until 2021 for OSV access and has the support of DEP and NHESP.

Commissioner Comment: Commissioners asked if this was proposed as a permanent crossover. Jane noted that it could be if the birds don't like this area and the sand stabilizes it is a very good option for an alternative access.

Public Comment: None

**Action:** A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the application as presented.

Passed unanimously via roll call vote of members present

With nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:10 PM