

Minutes of a Conservation Commission – 7 October 2020

Members present: Jeff Carlson, Christina Brown, Bob Avakian, Geoff Kontje, Lil Province

Absent: Peter Vincent, Stuart Lollis

Staff: Jane Varkonda, Lisa Morrison

Gouveia – 7 Nora’s Lane Request for a determination of applicability to install a swimming pool. Reid Silva and Ted Rosbeck were present for the applicant. Proposed pool will be adjacent to a man-made pond. The agent reports that the pond is not supporting any wetlands vegetation, the area is already cleared, and recommends a negative determination. Pond is lined with a PVL liner and sand is placed on top. The pond is filled by well water and has mechanical aerators to keep it clear. The pond is approximately 12-feet deep in the middle. Carlson made a motion to issue a negative determination. Vote to be postponed to 21 October for advertising.

Waterman – 44 Caleb’s Pond. NOI to renovate and add to an existing dwelling and install a new septic system. Brown made a motion to continue the hearing to the next meeting, 21 October, and schedule site visit. Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

Lee Family Trust – 100 Cow Bay Road. NOI to rebuild existing beach cabana. John Lolley was present for the applicant. Lolley reported that this is one of the last cabanas along Cow Bay to be renovated. Several of the support members have rotten out, as has some of the framing. The applicant would like to raise the cabana and make it wheelchair accessible. The cabana is adjacent to the road, so it will be easy to access the site.

Avakian asked if the roof and walls will be saved. Lolley replied that is the intention. The cabana would be raised approximately 5-feet, about the same height as others in the area. The intent is to raise the cabana high enough so that the underframing can be kept dry and not buried in sand. The cabana was rebuilt about 15 years ago.

Province made a motion to continue the hearing until 21 October for a site visit. Kontje seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

Kidder - 45 Chappaquiddick Road. NOI to upgrade existing septic system. Tracey Smith from SBH was present for the applicant. Existing system has failed. The proposal involves adding a new leaching field that will be mounded to achieve the necessary separation from ground water. Brown asked why the system failed. Smith replied that she did not know, but she believes that the old system was kept when the house was built in 2004. Carlson made a motion to continue the hearing to the next meeting, 21 October and schedule a site visit. Province seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

Chui – 26 Orr Lane. NOI to construct new dwelling, pool, and related site activities. Doug Hoehn, Sasha Robinson-White, and Gerry Conover were present for the applicant. A report of the site visit by Kontje and Province was given. The pool will be located in an area that is already established lawn. Minimal grading will be required for the project.

Kontje noted that a corner of the patio stairs crosses into the 100-foot zone. Robinson-White agreed to angle the stairs so that they will be outside of the 100-foot zone.

Agent proposed the following condition: prior to any work commencing on site, the small, low-lying wet area adjacent to the salt marsh be added to the plan with the stipulation that no mowing or alteration of vegetation should take place in this area.

Province made a motion to issue an order of conditions with the proposed condition, as well as standard conditions for both construction and pool installation.

Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

Other Business:

Assistant reported that she had spoken with Alan Gowell about the plaques for Ovid Ward and Richard Knight. Mr. Gowell will forward on pricing information in the near future.

Minutes of 23 September 2020 were approved.

Order of conditions for the Greenhill pool were also approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Approved: _____