

Minutes of a Conservation Commission Meeting - 11 September 2019

Members present: Peter Vincent - Chairman, Bob Avakian, Christina Brown, Lil Province, Jeffrey Carlson

Absent: Stuart Lollis, Geoffrey Kontje

Staff: Jane Varkonda, Lisa Morrison

Public Hearings:

VOUGHT NOI for the construction of guest house, upgrade septic, and related site activities, 12 Jane's Cove. Reed Silva and Nick Waldman, designer, were present for the applicant. There is an existing house and boat house on the property.

The flood zone, which is at elevation 10, cuts through a portion of the proposed 2-bedroom 830 sq. ft. guest house, which will have a crawl space foundation.

Site is regularly brush cut. Silva said that the structure will be designed to comply with flood standards. After a brief discussion the Commission voted unanimously to continue the hearing to the next meeting, 25 September, and schedule a site visit. Agent asked that both the wildlife assessment and the wetlands delineation be updated.

At approximately 5:15 the Commission voted unanimously by roll call vote to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation and to return to regular session at its close.

The board reconvened in regular session at 5:52 p.m.

Other Business/Continuations:

DEKKER – Cow Bay. Kate Devane from Donaroma's was present to discuss reorienting the pool and doing some additional grading so that the pool does not rise above the grade quite as much. The retaining wall near the pool is 8-feet high, they would like to mound up soil so that it is no more than 4-feet high. The agent noted that the new structure is very visible from the public way and asked that a plan be developed for screening the structure. After some further

discussion, Province made a motion to continue the hearing until the next meeting, 25 September, and schedule a site visit. Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

SULLIVAN – 32 Ocean View Avenue. The Commission received a request from George Brush, attorney for the Reilys, to issue a cease and desist order for unauthorized work in the flood plain. The Reilys abut the Sullivan property. The Conservation Agent outlined the situation in her meeting notes [attached – dated 11 September 2019]. In the Agent’s opinion the Sullivans are in compliance with their order of conditions. There were some irregularities between the plans submitted to the Planning Board and to the Commission and the flood zone delineation was omitted from one of the plans. The agent explained that work is often permitted in the flood plain. She also explained that the Commission has no jurisdiction over views from private property. The agent plans to contact DEP and then have the Sullivans return to the Commission to amend their order for work in the flood plain, which includes the retaining wall and driveway that are at the center of the controversy.

HORVITZ – Fuller Street [See agent’s notes, attached] The agent reported that a survey should be completed tomorrow, which will clarify whether or not the land used for the turn-around belongs to the town or to Mr. Horvitz.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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