

Minutes of a Conservation Commission Meeting – 23 January 2019

Members present: Bob Avakian, Lil Province, Stuart Lollis, Peter Vincent - Chairman, Jeff Carlson.

Absent: Geoffrey Kontje, Christina Brown

Staff: Jane Varkonda, Lisa Morrison

Public Hearings:

CHAPPY POINT Flagpole. Peter Wells made the presentation. Richard Knight was also involved in the project, but was unable to attend the hearing. Mr. Wells submitted a photo showing the proposed location of the flagpole adjacent to the ferry shelter. The flagpole had been on Memorial Wharf but was blew down and broke in a recent storm. Mr. Wells noted that there will be one small light on the top of the flagpole. The pole will also be used to raise the hurricane warning flag when appropriate. Province made a motion to issue a negative determination of applicability. Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

ZINS Request for a determination of applicability for the selective removal of vegetation, Edgartown Bay Road. The conservation agent made the presentation noting that the area is near the road and is a “tangled mess of bittersweet.” After some further discussion, Province made a motion to approve the removal of nuisance vegetation and issue a negative determination. Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the condition that the conservation agent meet on site with the landscape contractor prior to commencement of any work. Unanimously approved.

Continuations:

ATHEARN ACQUISITIONS (HOLIDAY) Review lighting/landscape plan, Plantingfield Way. Continued to next meeting, 13 February 2019.

GAMMILL/ALEXANDER Review landscape plan, Plantingfield Way. Kris Horiuchi was present for the applicant. A revised plan for mitigation planting in the buffer zone was discussed. A 10-foot ‘no mow’ zone was established to help shield the

house from the pond. A plan for planting shrubs such as Viburnum, bayberry, clethra, with underplantings of rosa rugosa was also discussed. Horiuchi said that these plants will grow between 8 to 10 feet high and will fare better than trees in windy conditions. The intent of the plantings adjacent to the house is to mitigate some of the light and reflection from the first floor windows. Lollis made a motion to approve the revised plan with the condition that the proposal be revisited after two full growing seasons to ensure that the plants are thriving and have not been cut back. Applicant to enter in to a two-year maintenance contract with landscaper. If the plantings are not thriving after two growing seasons, the Commission reserves the right to revisit the proposal. Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

McCourt Proposed modifications to guest house, off Chappaquiddick Road. Kris Horiuchi was present for the applicant. Horiuchi reminded the board that back in May they conducted a site visit and found various small discrepancies to previously approved plans. She said that this was partially the result of the McCourts changing architects. The changes consisted primarily of modifications to decks and boardwalks. The changes were not approved back in May as there were several more serious violations on the main house. The McCourts have posted a bond to ensure that those violations were remedied. Province made a motion to approve the modifications to the guest house as presented. Avakian seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Ryan NOI for revetment, North Neck Road. Continued to February 13th.

Chiu Determination, Orr Lane. Continued to February 13th.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Minutes of the January 9th meeting were approved and signed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved: _____