

Minutes of a Conservation Commission Meeting – 6 January 2016

Members present: Peter Vincent – Chairman, Jeff Carlson, Christina Brown, Lil Province, Bob Avakian

Absent: Stuart Lollis, Geoffrey Kontje

McCargo NOI to license and maintain a seasonal float & spile, Green Hollow. Nelson Smith from VLS present for the applicant. The property is one of two owned by McCargo and is just north of the former Kronkite property. The float will be located on the same side as the existing 'L.' Steve Ewing will do the work. The float will be stored on a deck near the boat house, in an upland location, or fastened to the end of the pier (out of the water). It will be constructed of wood and encapsulated foam. No creosote, or pressure treated lumber will be used. The spile location was approved. Avakian made a motion to approve the project as presented with the usual conditions. Brown seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. No rafting of boats off the end of the pier.

Harmon NOI for licensing and maintenance of groin, pier, and pier extension, North Neck. Richard Barbini was present for the applicant. State and shellfish committee would like the applicant to maintain a 100-foot buffer between any structure and the adjacent eel grass. The agent noted that this is not possible and asked to withdraw the request for the pier extension. The request was amended to just the licensing and maintenance of existing groin, as the existing pier is already licensed. Brown noted that the request to relocate two spiles has also been withdrawn. Brown made a motion to approve the licensing of the groin. Province seconded the motion. Condition: Any repairs to the pier will be made with nonpressure-treated wood. Unanimously approved.

Naftulin NOI replace timber bulkhead with stone revetment. Jim Glavin and Richard Barbini were present for the applicant. A 1971 photo of the Bryant property showing how the bulkhead extended across the entire property was submitted. The Bryant property was eventually subdivided into three lots. In 2003 both Bryant and Naftulin received orders of conditions to maintain and rebuild the bulkheads. The Bryants went ahead and rebuilt the stone revetment on their property. There is increased erosion on the Naftulin property as evidenced by DEP photos submitted by Barbini (Mass DEP Smart Coast). Mr. Barbini noted that the project meets the required criteria, and is not a new bulkhead or revetment.

A letter from Mr. Bryant in support of the project was read.

Approximately 50-feet of the bulkhead remains. Brown asked if there were any softer solutions. Barbini replied that, in his opinion, none would be practical for this site. Carlson gave a brief report of the site visit. The stone revetment will sit right at the bank – the upper part of the bank will be planted with *rosa rugosa*. The ends will be tapered down to meet up with the LeCoq bulkhead on the other side.

All materials will be transported to the site by barge. After some further discussion, Avakian made a motion to approve the project. Province seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Conditions to include: planting plan to be submitted and approved by the conservation agent.

Starr NOI for lateral access stairs on existing pier, Beach Street. Daniel Padien representing applicant. Pier was rebuilt in 1968 and is currently licensed and maintained. Applicant is requesting approval to excavate about 24 sq. ft. in order to install access stairs between mean high and mean low water. No pressure treated lumber or creosote will be used. The intent is to provide access for the public across the pier without them having to cross private property. Avakian made a motion to approve the project as presented. Brown seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Tower Hill Extension to existing pier. Continued to the next meeting, 20 January, for MAC comment.

Land Bank – McCourt [Vincent abstaining] Matthew Dix was present for the Land Bank. The Land Bank was given a view easement by the McCourts in order to maintain views across the property out to the outer harbor. The work will involve the removal of some Japanese pines and the pruning of some understory to varying heights between 10 and 3 feet – in order to provide a view of the beach as well. Mr. Dix said that the project would be assessed annually to determine if any maintenance cutting would be required. Debris will be hand-carried off the property and all work will be done by hand. Mr. Dix said that he hoped to do the work in April, but needs to coordinate it with Mr. McCourt. Agent will be on hand to monitor any cutting.

Chris Ordway, a neighbor, asked to be notified when the cutting begins. He was concerned that too much clearing could indicate to the public the possibility of beach access. Mr. Dix said he will monitor the situation.

The board voted to issue a negative determination of applicability.

Rubin Request for a determination for the selective cutting of vegetation was continued at applicant's request.

Cameron Request for a determination of applicability to repair an existing concrete wall. Dudley Levick was present for the applicant. The project involves the replacement of three 8-foot sections on the south end of the wall. Mr. Levick noted that five years ago, he replaced two sections on the north side of the wall. He said that he will use simple board forms and hand tools to break apart the deteriorated portions of the wall. The new sections will be buried approximately one foot. There will be no heavy equipment on the beach. After some further discussion, the board voted unanimously to issue a negative determination of applicability for the simple replacement of a 24-foot section of an existing concrete wall. Simple replacement. Truck will not be on beach – shoot concrete down to work area.

Darman Site work and view channels, Jacob's Neck. *postponed*

Bourne Applicants were told to stop mowing in the wetlands, which they have not done. Agent to issue enforcement order.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Approved: _____

