

## Minutes of a Conservation Commission – 9 November 2016

Members present: Lollis, Brown, Avakian, Carlson, Vincent – Chairman

Absent: Province, Kontje

Staff: Varkonda, Morrison

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

LONG NOI to construct retaining wall and minor expansion of lawn, Snow's Point. Valci Carvalho of Garden Beautifiers was present for the applicant. The intent is to construct a retaining wall between 18 and 16 inches high to define the edge of the lawn and prevent lawn irrigation from feeding the invasive vegetation (poison ivy, etc.) that is growing along the perimeter of the existing lawn. The wall will be located approximately 200 feet from the water (Katama Bay) and 55 from the edge of the wetland. Property was previously restored by Carlos Montoya. water.

Mr. Carvalho said that the applicant would like to plant grass in the area where the weeds are removed on the landward side of the wall and native vegetation on the water side. The wall will be dry set and will be constructed approximately 8 inches below grade. Mr. Carvalho said it will not be visible off-site.

Carlson made a motion to approve the project as presented. Lollis seconded the motion. Condition: Irrigation heads in the lawn should be moved so they do not spray into the adjacent wetland. A detailed drawing of the wall construction, including a cross-section, should be submitted prior to starting construction.

SPRAGUE Request for determination for a two-story addition, Haystack Lane. Chris Alley representing applicant. Currently there is a 20 x 20 one story house with loft, a garage, and a shed on the property. The applicant would like to construct a two-story addition. The house will have a total of two-bedrooms. Height to top of ridge is approximately 23-feet. Cedar shingles will be used. The property is served by town water. The wetland is across the road and approximately 180 feet away. The property is in the Coastal District and will need a special permit from the Planning Board. Brown made a motion to issue a

negative determination of applicability. Avakian seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

RORER Request for a determination to upgrade septic system, Menemsha Avenue. Chris Alley representing applicant. Plastic tanks will be used, which only require the use of a small excavator. Directional drilling will be used which saves the terrain from being torn up in order to connect the tank to leach field. Gabe Bradley will be doing the excavation. Brown made a motion to issue a negative determination of applicability. Avakian seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

HALBERT (Continuation – Peter Vincent abstaining) NOI to construct 330 foot revetment. Hearing was continued so that the applicant could submit a description of the construction methodology. [See letter from DECA dated 14 October 2016]. Project will be coordinated with already permitted project on the adjacent Bennett property.

Michael Tompkins from VLS was present for the applicant. The Fynbo revetment on the other side has also been approved. This revetment will tie in on both sides. The existing timber walls will be removed after the revetment is complete. Work will begin as soon as possible. Lollis made a motion to approve the project with conditions. Brown seconded. Unanimously approved by all those voting.

#### MEMORIAL WHARF

A modified lighting plan was reviewed, using dark sky compliant fixtures. Avakain suggested that the lights on the gable end be lowered to the same height as the lights on the side of the building, so one would not be looking up at it.

Parking lot lights will be fully shielded. Stair lighting was fine.

Replacing outside - down lights ten inside. 9.8 watts. 60 watt light bulb. Okay.

Joanne Gosser. If too bright, will ask for lower wattage.

MUSKODAY FARM (PV abstaining) Proposed modifications to the trail system submitted by Bill Veno were approved.

Next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

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

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_