Minutes of a Conservation Commission Meeting - 22 July 2015

Members present: Peter Vincent – Chairman, Lil Province, Stuart Lollis, Jeff Kontje

Absent: Christina Brown, Bob Avakian, Geoffrey Kontje

Staff: Lisa Morrison, Jane Varkonda

MacKenty NOI to construct new dwelling and barn, install septic, and related site improvements, off West Tisbury Road. Tracey Smith from SBH representing applicants, Michael & Lisa MacKenty, who were also present. Agent pointed out that because the site is in the Pond's District, the applicant needs to submit a rendering of the dwelling from water as well as a wildlife inventory. The septic will be located 204-feet from the edge of the wetlands, the house about 160-feet from the wetlands. Septic has been approved by BOH. Continued to next meeting, 12 August, for site visit.

Reagan NOI for new garage, porch, and deck – 289 the Boulevard. George Sourati representing applicant. Former LaCroix property. The new owners would like to add a deck and a porch – both which would extend beyond the preapproved footprint. They would also like to construct a garage that would be approximately 59-feet from the edge of the wetlands. Continued to 12 August for site visit.

Bourne NOI for unauthorized landscape activities, The Boulevard. Reid Silva of Vineyard Land Surveying was present for the applicant, Jason Bourne, who was also present with his family. Property is adjacent to Anthiers Pond. Property was purchased recently, and the applicant began landscaping using an off-island firm. No permits were applied for. The applicant would like to install a shell driveway, finish a dry-laid stone patio, add cobblestones and plantings, and relocate flagpole. The house has been around since 1903 – the John Hall family has owned it since 1923.

Mr. Silva explained that the applicant is not trying to expand the house. The applicant is also asking permission for the existing kayak rack, which was there when the property was bought. The meadow has been established for a long time; the applicant would like permission to maintain.

Lee Dumont, a neighbor, said she had had a problem with the crew working late into the night with heavy equipment. Mr. Bourne apologized and said that it would not happen again. Continued to 12 August for site visit and revisions to the plan, including contours.

Green Pastures Association Request for a determination of applicability to install a temporary kayak rack on Green Pastures Association Common Land. Laura Pla representing the association. Existing trees will block the rack from public view and no trees will need to be cut

for installation. The location will be on an easement granted in perpetuity from the Healeys to the Green Pastures Association. Ms. Pla submitted a copy of the minutes from the GPA Annual Meeting showing that there was unanimous support for the project. Carlson made a motion to issue a negative determination. Province seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Ms. Pla said that the rack will be stored on her property during the off-season.

TTOR Chris Kennedy and Chris Bruno, Assistant Superintendent for Chappy were present for the determination. The walking trail was wiped out because of Norton Point breach. The new trail will be just wide enough to accommodate a tractor and it will be sited so as to avoid cutting any trees. There will be three areas cut through to the edge of the bluff to accommodate benches and a split rail fence for safety as the bluff is fairly steep. Currently the slope is about 90 degrees, soon it will erode back to about 60 degrees. The applicant will return for permanent stairs when the area stabilizes. Lollis made a motion to issue a negative determination of applicability. Province seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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