

Minutes of a Conservation Commission Meeting – 2 December 2015

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

Staff: Jane Varkonda, Lisa Morrison

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Heilbronner-Ponda. Request for a determination of applicability to install a new septic, Golf Club Road. BOH has approved. Agent noted that it is the only location on the lot where the septic could be located without it being mounded. Brown made a motion to issue a negative determination. Province seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

CONTINUATIONS:

Mariano. License & maintain existing revetment, Earl Avenue. Richard Barbini representing applicant. Applicant needs to apply for a Chapter 91 license and needs a local order of conditions. Barbini said that the revetment is in good shape – no work is planned. The applicant would like to be able to perform routine maintenance, should it become necessary. Province made a motion to approve the order with the condition that any rebuilding of the revetment would require the filing of a notice of intent. Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Darman/Darman. 9 & 11 Jacob's Neck. Melissa Thomas of Seascape Designs and Robert Maxwell, caretaker, were present for the applicants. Applicant would like to take out approximately 11 dead oaks in the view channels.

Kontje asked if a fairly large oak near the beach with a substantial root mass was one of the trees that would be cut. Ms. Thomas pointed out that it was leaning at a 45-degree angle. Mr. Maxwell suggested that it be pruned rather than cut.

The agent's notes indicate that on both lots some cutting of the understory outside the boundaries of the view channels seems to have been done.

Brown pointed out that the Commission does not give blanket permission to cut dead trees – as they provide valuable habitat. Carlson said the illegally cut understory needs to grow back.

There was some discussion about how many view channels had been originally permitted – two to secure permission from the Boldwater Architectural Review Committee. Both hearings were continued to the next meeting, 16 December.

Purvis. Installation of swimming pool and related structures, Swan Neck. Reid Silva present for the applicant. Stones have yet to be removed from the bank. Continued to next meeting, 16 December.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Vincent reported that town counsel had not yet finished reviewing/revising the Katama Farm lease. He suggested that a special meeting be scheduled as soon as the lease is finalized at town counsel.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

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