

Minutes of a Conservation Commission Meeting – 29 January 2014

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

Absent: Edo Potter

Staff: Lisa Morrison

GOLDSTEIN – NOI to renovate an existing dwelling and add deck, Caleb's Pond Road. Kara Shemeth of SBH representing applicant. Applicants want to change a stone patio to a mahogany deck and renovate a section of the house. No expansion of the footprint is proposed, although there will be some changes to the roof. New deck will be at finished floor level with a few steps down to the lawn. No new septic system is planned. Dick Knight, builder, noted that the part of the structure to be renovated is on a cement slab. They plan on removing the slab and putting in a crawl space. Minimal excavation will be required. Brown asked if the existing pier is licensed. Shemeth said she did not know, but would find out. Avakian made a motion to issue an order of conditions for the project. Conditions to include: 20-foot construction zone delineated by silt fencing, hay bales until project completed. Brown asked for a 10-foot no mow zone at the top of the bank to stabilize bank and help with erosion.

MARX – Stone revetment, North Neck Road. Jim Galvin of Deca and Carlos Pena of CLE engineering were present for the applicant. The property has about 200-feet of frontage and they have lost about 10 or 15 feet of bank. Most of the erosion is fairly recent. The applicant would like to stabilize the bank to try to alleviate some of the erosion. The bank is between 10 and 11 feet high. The property is adjacent to Filley and Plum. The proposal is to use rough-faced granite blocks – each between 2 and 4 tons – to help break up some of the wave action. The stones would have gravel and filter fabric behind them. Mr. Pena said that he has done projects for Oak Bluffs and worked on the lighthouse for the town of Scituate.

The stones will be brought to the site by barge and set with an excavator. Woody Filley noted that his family has agreed to allow access across their property for some equipment.

The work will not begin until next winter.

After some further discussion, it was agreed to continue the hearing to the next meeting, 12 February, and schedule a site visit.

Richard Knight, a Chappaquiddick resident, said he was greatly concerned about armoring the shoreline. He said that with rising sea levels, the board will get more requests. Brown pointed out that DEP only permits those houses built before 1978 to be protected by armoring.

ISRAEL – Richard Barbini was present to request an amendment to a previously issued order of conditions for a garage/guest house on Starbuck Neck to allow for the discharge of water into the adjacent marsh. The basement of the proposed structure is 10-feet, which is partially in the water table. The Commission voted to continue the discussion to 12 February in order to notify the abutters. Mr. Barbini noted that the work will take about two months.

FOLLIARD – As requested, the applicant’s agent submitted a proposal for protecting the historic Pagoda tree. The Commission needed more details as to how the proposed construction will affect the health of the tree, as well as an in-depth plan for protecting the tree during and after construction. The matter was continued to the next meeting so that a qualified arborist could meet with the Commission, the highway superintendent, and the applicant’s representative. No work on this portion of the property should proceed prior to this meeting.

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

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