

## Minutes of a Conservation Commission Meeting – 16 April 2014

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

Absent: Bob Avakian, Christina Brown, Edo Potter

Staff: Jane Varkonda, Lisa Morrison

HOMLISH Boldwater. NOI to create a path to the pond. Reid Silva present for the applicant. Mr. Silva noted that earlier in the year, Homlish came before the Commission for unauthorized cutting in view channels and the creation of an illegal path on their own as well as on the neighbor's property. There is an easement over the neighbor's property, but the Homlishes have not yet been able to work out an agreement with their neighbors the Maruskas. This NOI is to create a path to the water entirely on their own property so that they may at least use their kayaks. The Boldwater Architectural Review Committee has approved both the view channels and path. Continued to the next meeting, 7 May, for site visit.

CARLUCCI Faulkner Drive, off Edgartown Bay Road. NOI to extend existing pier. Richard Barbini representing applicant. Proposal involves extending a small el by 20-feet, and adding a float. Division of Marine Fisheries has no concerns. Applicant is also proposing to add 4 fixtures to the pier. All will be down-turned and fully shielded. Province made a motion to issue an order to conditions. Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved pending MAC.

SMITH Request for a determination of applicability for Joe and Ryan Smith for an aquaculture project. Proposal is similar to an earlier project approved for Roy Scheffer and son. The Shellfish Committee and the Selectmen have also approved the project. Paul Bagnall spoke in favor of the project, saying that this area is one of the ten they hope to permit in the near future. The shellfish will be grown in bags on the bottom, approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile off-shore. No rafts will be used. Province made a motion to issue a negative determination of applicability. Lollis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

ORDWAY Request for a determination of applicability to replace a septic system, off Chappy Road. New system will be located on the landward side of the house in an existing lawn area. Province made a motion to issue a negative determination of applicability. Lollis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Continuations:

SCHWARTZ Forever Wild Way. NOI to construct new dwelling, garage, pool, etc. Doug Cooper, Chris Alley, and James Moffatt of Hutker Associates – all present for the applicant. Application is under the local bylaw only - in Zone 2 of the Ponds District. Mr. Cooper submitted the wildlife

assessment/inventory. The lot is fairly open, not quite a sand plain grassland, but fairly typical of the area.

Mr. Alley noted that the access is still under discussion. The only lawn proposed will be within the 30-inch stone wall that will surround the house. The applicant plans to file the final landscaping plan when the house is underway. Three cedars from the house site will require transplanting. The house itself will be constructed of cedar with red cedar trim. The height will be just below 26 feet. Because the lot is so open, the house will be quite visible from the Great Pond. The footprint will come in around 3700 s.f. – however in order to keep the scale down only portions are two-story.

Carlson asked whether or not it would be good to keep the cedars in front of the house to soften the view. The Commission had concerns about the wall of windows facing the pond. They asked the applicant's representatives to consider a landscaping plan that would shield the windows from the pond, especially at night. Continued to May 7<sup>th</sup> to allow the applicants and their representatives to develop a plan to mitigate the impact on historic views and vistas from the pond.

WEEDON Expand/repair bulkhead, off Plantingfield Way. Jim Glavin representing applicant. Area has eroded quite a bit in recent storms. Water is being carried over the existing timber bulkhead and scouring it out from behind. The proposal involves adding more stones and extending the bulkhead. Glavin noted that the area is bracketed by groins that should mitigate end-effect erosion. Arthur Allen, who is an abutter, is in favor of the proposal. Bitzer, who will be paying for the project, is very concerned about the effect of erosion on his 1920 house.

The agent pointed out that vertical seawalls are no longer permitted. After some discussion, it was agreed to allow the revetment, but not the bulkhead. Lollis made a motion to approve the revetment with the understanding that the stones will be brought in from the land side and will follow the contour of the bank. Mr. Glavin noted that some fill will need to be brought in to fill behind the stones. A condition was added that a grain-size analysis be done on the fill to ensure compatibility. Unanimously approved.

CHIU Unauthorized cutting in the wetland and on Sheriff's Meadow Property, Orr Lane. Bernard Chiu, Michele Casavant, attorney, and Doug Cooper were all present. Mr. Chiu bought the property in January and hired Chris Miller from Miller Landscaping to do some cutting and trimming. Mr. Miller never applied for a permit and also cut down some vegetation on Sheriff's Meadow property. Mr. Chiu has resolved the matter with Sheriff's Meadow. The Commission's concern is primarily in the area directly in front of the house that is actually in the wetlands. The chairman said that he would like Chris Miller to attend the continuation of this meeting. Mr. Chiu has hired Doug Hoehn and Doug Cooper to do survey and develop a restoration plan. Ms. Casavant said that it should be ready by the end of May. Carlson made a motion to allow for the extension of time period on the restoration order. Lollis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

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