

Minutes of a Conservation Commission Meeting – 12 June 2013

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

Absent: Bob Avakian

Staff: Lisa Morrison, Jane Varkonda

Schifter - Rebuild the coir envelope system, Pocha Road Ext. George Sourati was present to request permission to system. Mr. Sourati explained that because of the unusually high winds and storm conditions over the last two months, the system has basically failed. A plan of the proposed rebuilding was submitted. Mr. Sourati said that they are still hoping to move house the first week in July. Mr. Sourati said that they have already placed 8000 cu yds of material on the beach for nourishment. The agent has been receiving reports every two weeks. Most of the excess material has been used up, about 500 cu yds remain. Sand excavated from the terrace will be used to fill the new coir envelopes.

Several members of the Commission were concerned that the hole left by main house excavation. Carlson asked why the system needs to be rebuilt if it has to be removed two weeks after the house move is completed.

The agent pointed out that the order of conditions allows for maintenance of the system. It also mandates that the failed envelopes must be removed before the material washes out to sea or onto other properties. Mr. Sourati was directed to submit a plan for the retrieval of all material. A site visit to the property was scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 13th.

Barris – Renovation/reconstruction of dwelling, 35 Dunham Road. Doug Hoehn and Gerry Conover were present for the applicants. Former Arundale property. Mr. Hoehn explained that the existing structure had a number of disconnected renovations over the years. The new owner would like to unify those renovations. All the work will take place within the existing footprint, except for one small addition. The overall footprint will be reduced by 250 s.f. The gross square footage will be reduced by about 50 s.f. total. (The 10% shore zone addition allotment has already been used up for this property.) The existing foundation is in poor condition and the perimeter is crumbling. The applicants propose to raise the house and put in a partial basement and crawl space. A silt fence will be installed for the duration of the project

and all work will be staged from the inland side. No landscaping is proposed as part of this application.

Mr. Ahearn noted that the plan is also before the Planning Board for a special permit as the structure exceeds the height restriction, even though the proposed is lower than what currently exists. The existing widow's walk will be removed.

After some further discussion, Potter made a motion to issue an order of conditions. Lollis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Conditions to include: silt barrier, excavated materials removed on a daily basis.

Greer/Kohlberg - Request for a determination for the installation of a solar array, Swan Neck.

Jeff Thors was present for Bill Bennett. Mr. Thors explained the project and noted that it will take approximately 3600 s.f. of a field bordered by 20-foot high scrub oaks. He said that the array will not be visible from the road or to neighbors. The array will be supported by steel i-beams. The project has been filed with MESA as well as with the Commission. Vincent said he thought the project would have little or no effect to the interests protected under the bylaw or the act. Potter made a motion to issue a negative determination of applicability. Province seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Tomason - Reestablish view channel after enforcement order, off Meetinghouse Way. Josh Kochin of Landscape was present for the applicant. The proposal involves the removal of ten additional trees in the view channel and maintenance of the existing understory. The trees will be flush cut. Agent noted that all remaining trees in the view channel should be surveyed on a plan. Mr. Kochin noted that the understory has matured to a good height. No cutting is planned, but they would like to be able to maintain it at the current height of 4-feet.

Richard Brown, an abutter, objected to the project saying that Mr. Tomason has a history of ignoring orders of conditions. He said he thought that Mr. Tomason should do an inventory of all the trees on his property.

After some further discussion, Province made a motion to approve the project as presented with the following conditions: current survey – which includes the trees to be cut, if a contractor other than Landscape is contracted to do the work, that contractor must contact the conservation agent prior to any work on the property.

Vose/Tower Hill - Request for modification to allow a 4 x 4 landing addition to an existing set of beach stairs. Doug Hoehn representing applicant. Landing will be supported by two 4x4 posts. Potter made a motion to approve the request. Lollis seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved.

Job's Neck – 3 Otter Farm - Request to revise order of condition for addition. Tom Wallace present for the applicant. Mr. Wallace reminded the Commission that this is a 25-acre site, of which 5.8 acres will be developed, the rest will be managed for moth habitat. At 20-foot height, the proposed addition will be lower than the majority of the house. It will house an indoor swimming pool and gym. Province made a motion to approve the request. Potter seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

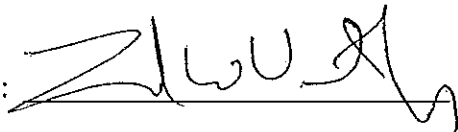
CR at Katama Airfield/Management Plan. A copy of the final draft of the cr and management plan were submitted to the board. The agent mentioned that she had seen some promotional materials for the airport that mentioned helicopter landings. She noted that this is not permitted under the management plan. Agent will contact the airfield commissioners.

Pennywise Path CR – A copy of the revised cr was submitted for review.

Farm Institute Agent told the board that the FI would like to be able to use some of the farm for overflow parking of about 160 cars during the Possible Dreams Auction, which will be held at the Winnetu. Various routes were discussed. There will be parking attendants present. Agent will contact the neighbors along Aero Ave for comment. Agent noted that the highway superintendent has promised to grade the road.

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

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Wallace', written over a horizontal line.