

Minutes of a Conservation Commission Meeting – 4 September 2013

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

Absent: Edo Potter, Bob Avakian

Staff: Jane Varkonda, Lisa Morrison

Public Hearings:

LEONARD Replace existing dwelling, upgrade septic, Fowler Avenue. Richard Barbini representing applicant. Applicant owns two separate lots, both with an existing structure. The lot on the Boulevard has a fairly recent septic system. The Fowler Avenue lot has a decrepit two-bedroom structure that the applicant would like to tear down and build a four- bedroom. Mr. Barbini noted that the new structure is in the shore zone and can therefore be no more less than 10% larger than the original dwelling. The two lots will share an upgraded septic system. Province made a motion to continue the hearing until September 18th to allow for a site visit. Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

MS. BARE REALTY TRUST Construct dwelling, pool, pool house, 5 Briggs Road. Doug Hoehn representing applicant. Adam Moran, the builder, was also present. Landscape will attend next meeting and present the landscape plan. The 9.2-acre lot is currently vacant; all work will be outside the 100-foot zone. Wildlife inventory is being prepared by Doug Cooper.

Joe Barkett was present, representing abutter Dr. Charles Carl, who objects to pool and the noise and light pollution associated with it. He said he has not yet seen the plans and asked about the square footage. Mr. Hoehn said that the house has approximately 5500 square feet of living space. Vincent said he would like a letter of approval from the Water Company.

Roger Beach, a direct abutter, shared the same concerns. Province made a motion to continue the hearing until September 18th to allow for a site visit. Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

CARUSO Renovation/addition, garage, pool - South Water Street and Dunham Road. Robbie Hutchison, Patrick Ahearn, and Doug Hoehn representing applicant. Site is 1.2-acres and is the former Washburn property. Mr. Ahearn said that the intent is to maintain the historic nature of

the house while renovating and adding to it. Vincent asked if the applicants would be willing to give the town a view easement. Hutchison said that she thought there was already a view easement. Ahearn commented that an easement would not be an issue for these applicants. Hutchison said that the owners want to restore the wetland on the property, which has become overrun with knotweed and porcelain berry. They also plan to remove the asphalt parking area. The pool will be located in the interior of the lot in an area that is currently lawn. The applicants are also proposing to install brick sidewalks in front of the house and bury the utilities.

The agent said that she would like a full-size plan of the property that includes elevations.

Mr. Ahearn noted that the plan has been thoroughly reviewed and approved by the HDC. The new plan will raise the house approximately 22-inches.

The agent asked for details about the pools filtration system.

Hutchison noted that the applicants are also asking to manage the invasives on the property, possibly using the 'bloody glove' herbicide treatment.

The applicant is aware that they need to file with NHESP.

Judy Buehler, an abutter, said that she approved the plan and was especially looking forward to the restoration of the property and the removal of invasives. She said that the property really needs to be cleaned up. Province made a motion to continue the hearing until September 18th to allow for a site visit. Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

ISRAEL Installation of a new drainage system, Starbuck Neck. Richard Barbini representing applicant. Applicant recently received permission to construct a garage with apartment above and they need to be able to dewater the foundation. Water will be directed into the drainage system, as will subsequent roof run-off. Province made a motion to approve the project as presented. Lollis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

HOMLISH Unauthorized cutting of path and view channels. Reid Silva was present for the applicants. Mr. and Mrs. Homlish were also present. Former Cherchio. View channel was over-cut this spring, and a path was brushcut. Mr. Silva explained that the Homlishes were told to file a notice of intent but that the filing has been delayed because there are trying to negotiate with a neighbor, Mr. Marushka, regarding the location of the path. Mr. Silva noted that an easement exists across three lots to enable the owners of the northern lots to have access to the pond. The easement is recorded in Land Court. The Homlishes are hoping that Mr. Marushka agrees to a smaller path, rather than the path across the whole of his property. He will need to be part of the application, as some of the work will be on his property. Mr. Silva

said that Mr. Marushka seems to be hoping for no path at all. A notice of intent will be filed as soon as they are able to work out a solution.

Mr. Homlish apologized to the board for the unauthorized cutting. He said he was not aware that he needed permission as the easement and the path were on the deed.

RANKOW There have been several complaints by neighbors that Mr. Rankow installed a marine pedestal and cleats on a bulkhead prior to receiving his Chapter 91 license from the state. The Commissioners noted that the pedestal had been approved locally in a notice of intent, and that no photograph of the pedestal had been required.

Kathleen Sullivan, of Ellen Kaplan's office, was present for the Reeds, and had a number of questions. Peter Weissman objected to the fact that the area was being used as a dock and was inhibiting the use of both the Reed and Vietor property. He said that no one in Edgartown had such a large pedestal. Commissioners said that they understood the neighbors concerns, but that their concerns are not really addressed under the wetlands protection act but were a matter for the Marine Advisory Committee and Chapter 91.

The Commissioners authorized the agent to pursue proposal to remove Japanese knotweed from Wilson's Landing and the town's property off Slough Cove.

Staff was asked to devise some general view-channel clearing regulations and guidelines, perhaps in the form of a statement of purpose.

Peter Vincent asked if the board wished to comment on the on-going discussions relating to the timing and the location of the great pond openings.

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

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