

## Minutes of a Conservation Commission Meeting - 9 October 2013

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

Absent: Lil Province

Staff: Lisa Morrison, Jane Varkonda

HOMLISH – (former Cherchio property) Create new view channel and maintain existing channel, Boldwater. Reid Silva of VLS was present for the applicants, M/M Homlish, who were also present. NOI was filed as a follow-up to an enforcement order for the creation of an authorized pathway. It was noted that the path was cut 6 to 8 feet wide, not the usual 3-feet. The Homlishes have an easement over the neighbors' property and they are currently trying to work out a solution. The path is not currently part of this notice and the path will be abandoned and allowed to grow back. They are hoping to return with a plan for the path in the spring.

The understory in the existing view channel was cut to elevation of 2-3 feet in portions. The applicant is applying to maintain the understory at a height between 4 and 6 feet. In the new view channel, some limbing is also proposed.

Mr. Homlish explained that the view channel existed when they bought the property. There was discussion about whether or not large trees were removed from the channel. The order of conditions for the property has long since expired. The agent asked that the stumps of the removed oaks be put on the landscape plan, as well as the location of those areas to be maintained at a height of 4-feet and 6-feet.

Fergus Henderson, an abutter, noted that the existing view channel is basically clear cut. He said it differs from other view channels in the neighborhood in that it is basically a rectangle and does not radiate out from a single point. He said it is very visible from the Pond.

Mr. Homlish noted that the majority of work on the view channel was done before they bought the house. Continued to the next meeting, November 6<sup>th</sup>, for site visit.

BRYANT License and maintain two groins and a bulkhead, off North Neck Road. Reid Silva from VLS representing applicant. Bulkhead and groins have been around for over 40 years, but were never permitted by the state. The applicant would like to reface the bulkhead – they are not planning to remove any of the existing bulkhead or expand it in any way. The boards will be placed vertically and toed into the sand. Reface the whole bulkhead. Mr. Silva said that the piles are in good condition. The agent asked that a cross-section of the project be submitted.

Potter made a motion to approve the project as presented. Avakian seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with the condition that no pressure-treated lumber be used.

FELIX NECK Request for a determination of applicability to relocate trails wiped out by storm damage. Philip Hunsaker presenting. Approximately 12-feet and 8-feet, respectively, were lost – preventing access. Three-foot wide trails will be cut with a walk-behind brush cutter. Old sites have bluffs now and the trails will be rerouted to level ground. Avakian made a motion to issue a negative determination of applicability. Lollis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

PKW REALTY (Lemly) Doug Hoehn representing applicant. Stephen Pogue, the architect, was also present. Property is at the end of Pierce Lane – lot was subdivided 10 years ago into four lots. Property is currently vacant lot and very heavily vegetated where it abuts Sheriff's Meadow property. Lot is relatively flat - it drops off only at extreme end. Lot is 10,000 s.f. lot in R-5. Some vegetation along the roadway will be removed to allow for construction. However they will prune and maintain the tree on the street adjacent to the property. Mr. Hoehn said he did not think that public views will be an issue. All work is outside the 100-foot zone. Will return with complete landscape plan after house construction has commenced. House will be 29-feet at the ridge. Proposed house has a footprint of 1600 s.f. Footprint of the garage is 375 s.f.

Rick Baer, an abutter, said that the design of the house is much more in character with neighborhood than some others that have been recently built. He said he would like to see some cedars planted between the properties for screening.

The proposed pool is at elevation 20. The applicants will install a dry well to handle any water that is periodically removed from the pool. Carlson made a motion to approve the project as presented. Potter seconded the motion. Conditions for landscaping and lighting.

DREDGE Paul Bagnall representing dredge committee. Project involves the placement of approximately 3000 cubic yards of dredged material on portions of Fuller Street beach and Lighthouse beach, and the excavation of approximately 1000 cubic yards of material adjacent to the lighthouse. Mr. Bagnall said that the project represents the beginning of a larger rehabilitation. Letters from James Swartz's attorney, Peter Alpert, and the Harbor View hotel were read. Continued to 23 October for site visit and comment from Mass Natural Heritage.

NORTHNECK CHAPPY LLC (Marcy Carsey) NOI to replace existing timber bulkhead with stone revetment, revegetate bank, and rebuild and maintain beach stairs. Former Villard property. Richard Barbini representing applicant. Bulkhead is deteriorating and being undermined. The options have been reviewed and rather than completely rebuilding the bulkhead and installing new pilings, they would prefer to install a stone bulkhead, even though it is five times the cost.

The revetment would be similar to the ones on the Filley and LeCoq properties. They would start the revetment at the toe of bank and go up approximately ten-feet. The bank would be revegetated – it currently has a lot of slash that has been deposited over the years. Mr. Barbini said that the abutter, Mr. Suhler, will allow the bulkhead to extend 30-feet onto his property in order to tie into his bulkhead. All materials would be brought in by barge, including the excavator which will be located on the beach.

Potter commented that the work needs to be done. Brown said that she would like to see a comprehensive plan for the whole area. Barbini said that the majority of engineers would agree that stone is the way to go, it is just really expensive. Barbini commented that revegetation alone just doesn't seem to work in this location. The storms and wave action are just too strong in this area.

Potter made a motion to approve the project as presented. Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with conditions.

[Potter leaves meeting.]

GENDELL NOI to maintain existing pier and add two new pilings. Pier is licensed, but does not have a local order of conditions. MAC has given verbal approval. Townsend Morey, an abutter, spoke in favor of the project. Avakian made a motion to allow continued maintenance and the installation of two new pilings. Carlson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

PLAINE Richard Barbini and Caleb Nicholson for the applicant. Application amended to include replacing the wood bulkhead with stone revetment, exactly the same as Carsey [see above].

Caleb Nicholson discussed the site visit and the location of the retaining wall. A seeding and mowing schedule for the meadow and lawn areas will be submitted. There will be no permanent irrigation, but a temporary system will be used to get the little bluestem meadow started. There is currently scrub oak and invasives in the area. Lawn area will be seeded with drought tolerate species.

Minor view clearing is proposed, which would involve some pruning.

Avakian made a motion to approve the project as amended. Brown seconded the motion. Unanimously approved with conditions.

VOSE – TOWER HILL Request for an amendment to OC to install power, water, and lights to the pier on Dunham Road. Richard Barbini representing applicant. Four down-facing lights are proposed. MAC has given verbal approval. Avakian made a motion to approve the project as presented. Lollis seconded the motion. Condition: No lights on marine pedestal. Pictures of light fixtures and power boxes to be submitted for final approval.

SCHIFTER - Request to maintain bank stabilization system for an additional three weeks. George Sourati present for the applicant. The original agreement called for the envelopes to be removed on October 18. The applicant would like to extend that deadline to November 8. There has been no noticeable erosion near the system, it has been quite stable over the last few months. They would like to keep the envelopes in place until hurricane season is over. The entire system can be removed by John Keene in less than a week.

Carlson was concerned that allowing this so-called 'bad weather' extension could set a precedent. He wanted it understood that there will be no more extensions. Mr. Sourati agreed and said that all the envelopes will be removed by November 8. He noted that the beach was moving towards the Schifter property at a rate of 2.5 feet per day. Lollis moved to allow the one time extension. Unanimously approved.

In other business, the Commission approved the request from the Board of Trade to use the Mini Park for the Chowder Contest during Xmas in Edgartown.

The Commission also approved the Halloween event proposed for October 26 at the Farm Institute.

The Commission also reviewed a letter from the Department of Transportation regarding helicopters at Katama airfield.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_