

## Minutes of a Conservation Commission Meeting – 7 March 2012

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

Absent: Lil Province, Stuart Lollis

Staff: Jane Varkonda

### PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**Crackatuxet.** Determination to remove windblown sand from parking area. Doug Cooper representing applicant. A rubber-tired pay loader will be used to push the sand back out of the parking area. The area to be cleared is approximately 1600 s.f. Vincent commented that they are, in essence, moving a dune and thought a notice of intent should be filed rather than a determination.

Mr. Cooper explained that the sand collected because the main dune had been blown out due to vehicle traffic.

There was some discussion about amending an existing order rather than refilling. After some discussion, the commission voted to continue the hearing to the next meeting, 21 March, and schedule a site visit.

Louise Oliver, whose family has owned the property for decades, said that the parking lot is currently unusable and some solution must be found.

### CONTINUATIONS:

**Watts.** Meadow restoration, Lensen Way. Reid Silva representing applicant. No concerns from Natural Heritage. Applicant would like to remove invasive vines and return the fringe of the salt marsh to wet meadow. Applicant is working closely with Sheriff's Meadow. The agent recommended that the applicant be allowed to remove – by hand – the viney invasive vegetation and then return to assess what portion of the understory should be removed. All cutting phases to be supervised by project manager in consultation with the conservation agent.

Agent told the commission that removing the invasive vines and thinning the understory will allow a diverse, wet meadow to reestablish itself.

Brown made a motion to issue the order of conditions, as outlined above. Potter seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

**Boulevard Realty Trust and Clark Realty Trust.** Richard Barbini and Sean Murphy representing applicants. Site visit report was given. Proposed house is within 25-feet of the wetlands. Board of health has approved the shared system.

A two-story, 1500 s.f. residence is proposed. Agent recommended permanent demarcation of developable area as well as restrictions on lawn and dry wells for roof run-off.

Carlson noted that no trees will need to be cut for the house construction. View channels could be cut after the house is built. Carlson made a motion to issue the order with the above stipulations and the conditions that no trees with dbh greater than 4-inches be removed. Potter seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

**Barnes.** Continued. Protocol under development

**Vineyard Golf.** Continued. No quorum.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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