

**Conservation Commission
Minutes of October 27, 2016
Public Hearings
Mashpee Town Hall
Waquoit Meeting Room**

Commissioners Present: Bradford Sweet, Chad Smith, Thomas O'Neill, Robert Anderson.

Staff Present: Drew McManus (Conservation Agent) and Judy Daigneault (Recording Secretary)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 5:55 p.m.

The meeting was called to order with a quorum by Chairman Brad Sweet at 5:55 p.m.

There was no public comment.

PRE/POST-HEARING AGENDA:

Minutes: Approve October 13, 2016 Minutes

Mr. O'Neill moved to approve the October 13, 2016 minutes. Vote unanimous 4-0

UPDATE: Town Meeting articles - Conservation Commission/ZBA

The Agent noted the Town meeting article passed without issue to incorporate language into the bylaw about the 100 foot setback notification to abutters. The other was from the Zoning Board of Appeals who wanted to limit some language about cross jurisdiction. This article didn't pass. The Agent noted the issue is we believe this places an unnecessary burden on the applicants to go to two different boards for the same thing. The Agent stated he is planning to meet with the Zoning Board of Appeals to explain it and hopefully the article will be in the May town meeting.

Request for Administrative Approval: Joan M. Allegrini, 146 Waterway - DEP file #43-2661 Talbot Ecological Land Care revised landscape plan

Resource Area: LSCSF, Salt Marsh

Michael Talbot, represented the applicants. He said the plan was originally approved in 2011 and brought back in March of 2015 and the footprint has not changed. He reviewed the revised landscape plan with the Commissioners, which included native plantings and pollinator gardens with some turf.

The Agent noted the original Order of Conditions may be near the expiration date and the applicant may need to apply for an extension

No comments from the public

Motion: Mr. Smith moved to approve the request for Administrative Approval, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Vote unanimous 4-0

HEARINGS:

6:00 Maria K. St. Thomas, 17 Cedar Street. Proposed vista pruning. NOI

Resource Area: Shoestring Bay, Salt Marsh, Coastal Bank

Patricia Jalowy, landscaper, represented the owner. She explained the owner was requesting to vista prune a corridor down the center to open up view of bay and to clear invasive vines which have infiltrated the area. The work will consist of pruning approximately 15 mature trees and the removal of 20% of sapling growth.

The Agent noted all protocols of vista pruning apply. He meets with the contractor during the first couple of years and, if everything goes smoothly, they get perpetuity to maintain that corridor as long as they wish. The Order will be recorded at the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds.

No comments from the public.

Motion: Mr. Anderson moved to Close and Issue seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote unanimous 4-0

6:03 Nasr J. and Ludmilla K. Youssef, 27 Nehoiden Road. Proposed construction of small addition, existing dwelling. RDA

Resource Area: LSCSF

Mr. Youssef, owner, explained the project consists of a proposed addition to an existing one story house. The addition consists of two bathrooms and two walk-in closets. After the addition, the side setback will be 15.5 feet which complies with the town of Mashpee zoning requirements. Mr. Youssef noted a new Title V septic system was recently installed.

The Agent noted Board of Health stated no application or review is necessary; however, septic inspection is required prior to the building signoff due to the proposed increase in footprint. The Agent noted the location of the lot which is in the flood zone. There is no native vegetation on the lot.

No comments from the public

Motion: Mr. Smith moved a negative determination, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Vote unanimous 4-0

6:06 Judith J. Miller, 2 Popponesset Island Road. Proposed removal/replacement of diseased trees and modification of previously permitted mitigation plantings. RDA

Resource Areas: Land Under Ocean, Salt Marsh, Coastal Beach, Coastal Bank, Coastal Dune and LSCSF

Maria Hickey, Maria Hickey Landscape Associates, represented the applicant. She explained the proposed project is to remove existing trees affected by the gall wasp, some of which are hanging over the house, and replace removed trees with cedar trees. Plans also are to modify the previously required mitigation plantings to include a native perennial border. She referred to the mitigation plan she prepared for the property which would increase density and have a better diversity of species and create a wildlife habitat. She will also add more native shrubs around the coastal bank along with native perennials to attract birds, bees and butterflies.

The Agent said he saw the gall wasp damage and he didn't have any issue with their removal and the replanting.

No comments from the public

Motion: Mr. Smith moved a Negative Determination, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Vote unanimous 4-0

6:09 Adam J. Decter, 44 Popponesset Island Road. Proposed pier, ramp and float. NOI

Resource Area: Land Under Ocean, Coastal Bank, Coastal Bay, LSCSF, BVW, Salt Marsh

Matthew Costa, Cape and Islands Engineering, represented the applicant. He explained the proposed project consists of the construction, license and maintenance of a new private residential pier, ramp, piles and float system, access stairs and posts. They are proposing a pier, float and dock totaling 197 feet long. He reviewed the plan with the Commissioners. He noted the access stairs and through-flow decking

The Agent stated the Harbormaster and Shellfish Constable had no issues and reviewed the comments from the Division of Marine Fisheries. He recommended to Close and Issue.

No comments from the public.

Motion: Mr. Anderson moved to Close and Issue, seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote unanimous 4-0

UPDATE: New Seabury Golf Course mitigation - field trip-revised mitigation

Mr. Sweet referred to the clear cutting at the New Seabury Golf Course near the 1st green and the beach. There is a plan that was submitted to the Commission for mitigation but the area started to grow back significantly. The Agent took a look at the area and noted further to the east there is some erosion taking place on the coastal bank and the agreement was made that there will be minor changes to the area that was cut and the focus will be on the area that is eroding. The Agent stated it didn't make sense to start clearing out the plantings that have come back so we will leave it alone and do some

planting on the bank where mitigation will be more beneficial. A narrative will be prepared for the Commissioners to review.

UPDATE: Eversource easement-runoff issues - Mashpee River

The Agent said he met with Eversource and they have a plan to bring in some fill, loam and do some planting where the plateau is before it slopes off to the Mashpee River. They will excavate the soils that have crept down the bank and create a berm along the edge and put a jersey barrier at the top of the easement to prevent vehicles from going down there.

Conservation Commission Training Meeting Dates

The Agent said he will be sending out training meeting dates to the Commissioners next week.

- **ADDITIONAL TOPICS**

(This space is reserved for topics that the Chairman did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed).

Air Force Civil Engineering Center presentation: Fuel Spill-1/Quashnet groundwater cleanup operation

The Agent introduced Rose Forbes and Mark Hilyard from the Air Force Civil Engineering Center who gave the update on the Installation Restoration Program/Fuel Spill-1/Quashnet ground water cleanup operation. Rose Forbes distributed copies of the slide show presentation that she presented. (copy attached) which included background information, remedial progress, system performance and ecological impact Monitoring (SPEIM) conclusions/ next steps/ and emerging contaminants. There were questions and a discussion on the presentation.

Motion: Mr. Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Vote unanimous 4-0. Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Daigneault
Recording Secretary