

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WAREHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Date of Meeting: February 15, 2017

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ken Baptiste, Chairman
Joe Leggett
Jim Smith
Elizabeth Lydon
Mary Taggart
Dave Pichette, Agent

Members Absent: Mark Carboni, Associate Member
Sandy Slavin
Elissa Heard

III. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

A. Approve meeting minutes: May 4, 2016, June 1, 2016, & June 15, 2016

MOTION: Ms. Lydon moves to accept the minutes of May 4, 2016. Mr. Leggett seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Ms. Lydon moved to accept the minutes of June 1, 2016. Mr. Leggett seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Ms. Lydon moved to approve the minutes of June 15, 2016. Mr. Leggett seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. RDA – Samuel P.M. Gray

Present before the Commission: Sam Gray

A site inspection was made at 41 Bourne Point Road. The project involves repairing a pier within land containing shellfish and within a coastal flood zone. It is proposed to replace the decking and stringers of the existing pier at this site which is 70' in length. No pile replacement is proposed so there would be no disturbance to land containing shellfish. All decking material shall be acq pressure treated wood. A small barge would be used to stage off of alongside the pier during the project. The barge would have to operate during appropriate tidal ranges. All old material would be removed from the site. There is no change in footprint of the pier proposed. Mr. Pichette recommended the issuance of a Negative Determination #2 for the project.

MOTION: Mr. Leggett moved to close the public hearing for Samuel P.M. Gray. Ms. Lydon seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Leggett moved to grant a Negative #2 Determination with standard conditions and the added conditions that materials be removed from the site and the barge work be done at the appropriate tides for Samuel P.M. Gray.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

B. RDA – Nona Bryant, c/o G.A.F. Engineering, Inc.

Present before the Commission: Bob Rogers, G.A.F. Engineering, Inc.

A site inspection was made at 179 Sandwich Road. The project involves upgrading a septic system within a coastal flood zone. An existing system is to be replaced with a new title v system within coastal flood zone AE el 14. The new system will be constructed behind the existing farm stand and will be outside the buffer zone to the wetland and the riverfront area. The system will be a pump system. There are no significant grade changes proposed. Mr. Pichette recommended the issuance of a Negative Determination #2 for the project.

MOTION: Mr. Leggett moved to close the public hearing for Nona Bryant. Ms. Lydon seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Leggett moved to grant a Negative #2 Determination for Nona Bryant. Ms. Lydon seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

C. NOI – Nona Bryant, c/o G.A.F. Engineering, Inc. – SE76-2427

Present before the Commission: Bob Rogers, G.A.F. Engineering, Inc.

A site inspection was made at 179 Sandwich Road. The project involves upgrading the septic system of the existing dwelling within the buffer zone to a coastal bank and within a coastal flood zone. Existing system is to be replaced with a new Title V system and part of the work will be 20' from the top of the coastal bank for the installation of the septic tank and to fill in an existing leach pit. One of the leach pits is within the coastal bank. The new leach field will be on the west side of the property outside the buffer zone to the coastal bank and outside the riverfront area but within coastal flood zone ae el 14. Minor grading is proposed around the leach field. Silt fence is proposed between the work and the resource area. A DEP file # has been received. Mr. Pichette recommended the issuance of an Order of Conditions with standard conditions.

MOTION: Mr. Leggett moved to close the public hearing for Nona Bryant. Ms. Lydon seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Leggett moved to grant an Order of Conditions with the standard conditions for Nona Bryant. Mr. Smith seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

V. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. RDA – Scott & Elaine Robertson, c/o G.A.F. Engineering, Inc.

Present before the Commission: Bob Rogers, G.A.F. Engineering, Inc.

A site inspection was made at 9 Stockton Shortcut. The project involves the removal of a tennis court and landscaping in the buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetland and within a coastal flood zone. An existing tennis court and surrounding chain link fence approximately 25' from the edge of the wetland and within flood zone VE 17 is to be re moved and replaced with loam and seed to match the existing lawn area which surrounds the court area. Concrete will be excavated and removed from the site. Grading will match existing grade. Silt fence will be installed between the court and the resource area. Mr. Pichette recommended the issuance of a Negative #2 Determination for the project.

MOTION: Mr. Leggett moved to close the public hearing of Scott & Elaine Robertson. Ms. Lydon seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Mr. Leggett moved to grant a Negative #2 Determination with the added condition that debris be removed from site for Scott & Elaine Robertson. Ms. Lydon seconds.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

B. NOI – Frank Adrean, Nanumett Shores Improvement Association, c/o G.A.F. Engineering, Inc. – SE76-2413

Present before the Commission: Bob Rogers, G.A.F. Engineering, Inc.

Mr. Rogers requested a continuance to March 1, 2017.

MOTION: Ms. Lydon moved to continue the public hearing for Frank Adran, Nanumett Shores Improvement Association to March 1, 2017. Ms. Taggart seconded.

VI. EXTENSION REQUESTS

VII. CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

A. John Deppe – 29 Bourne Point Road

Mr. Pichette stated this project was for a pier reconstruction. He explained the work was completed in accordance with the Order of Conditions and he recommended the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

MOTION: Mr. Leggett moved to grant a Certificate of Compliance for John Deppe. Ms. Lydon seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

VIII. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

A. Discussion: Robert Lassen – Applicant for Associate Member position

Mr. Lassen stated he is interested in becoming an Associate Member on the Conservation Commission. Discussion ensued.

B. Discussion: Robert Perry – Squirrel Island Road – SolBright Solar – Violation

The applicant has piled and stored some boulders on the wrong side of the hay bales. Tree removal has been occurring beyond the limit of work. Mr. Perry is out of the country at the time and may attend the next meeting.

C. Discussion: MACC Conference

The Commission is hoping to attend next year's MACC Conference.

D. Discussion: Tree Cutting Policy

E. Discussion: Conservation Restriction/Stewardship

F. Discussion: Bills

G. Discussion: Appointments

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Leggett moved to adjourn at the meeting at 7:58 P.M. Mr. Smith seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Date signed: _____

Attest: _____

Ken Baptiste, Chairman

WAREHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Date copy sent to Town Clerk: _____