

Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A

Present: Larry Neal/Chairman, Alan MacMillan, Charlie Allen, Rob Claypool, MaryAnn Lash, Mel Michaels/Associate Member, GERALYN Falco /Conservation Agent. The Rockport Conservation Commission (RCC) is a five member volunteer board. Five voting members are present.

Absent: Andrea Nichols/ Secretary, David McKinnon/Associate Member

Citizen Inquiries:

Zenas Seppala, 92 Granite Street - will record entire meeting.

Bill Yanakakis, Rockport Country Club – is looking to dredge ponds at Country Club; last dredging done in 1960; increased muck in ponds gums up fountains/irrigation systems; shows photos and pamphlets on how it will be done in environmentally friendly manner through NOI process. RCC asks if this company has worked in MA; how is % wildlife kill determined; do fish in pond make it non-jurisdictional? *Eric Hutchins, 45 Poole's Lane* – asks if dredging will meet Water Quality Certification; suggests that sediment may need to be tested and ACOE involvement before dredging. *Toby Arsenian, 95 Granite Street* – says changing water levels needs town permit.

Eric Hutchins, 45 Poole's Lane – is working with MA Division of Marine Fisheries on installing eel trap at top of eel ladder in Mill Pond to catch, count & release eels in Millbrook /Mill Pond; asks for RCC permission; Toad Hall bookstore has funded project with \$500 grant; will be working with schools on project. RCC asks if there will be cover on trap and if other fish might be captured. *Toby Arsenian, 95 Granite Street* – asks if there are eels found in other parts of town and if so where (Saw Mill Brook, Rum Rock Lake, Cape Pond, Halibut Pt. State Park, etc.).

Toby Arsenian, 95 Granite Street – has comments regarding CAT, LLC amendment to OC; RCC proceeded without proper review of storm water report (is this part of grandfathering); is concerned about what will happen in coastal flood areas; RCC did not discuss proposed fence on lot (to become storm debris); says RCC should have required new NOI for amendments.

Review OCs

1st DRAFT Amended OC, CATCo – RCC discusses Findings from 1st DRAFT of OC; four (4) questions are formulated to ask Town Counsel regarding requiring technical consultant, house on Lot #14, appeal of this Amendment and more hazardous waste on site. Discussion is continued pending answers to questions.

Other Business

- Knotweed Removal Report – Laura Hallowell and Nan Blue are present for Rockport Garden Club. Ms. Hallowell makes presentation starting with errors to data; discusses report's findings at each site; requests RCC donate \$300 to the endeavor. RCC asks about stem filling versus foliar application of herbicide (is one better than other?). Ms. Blue discusses replanting; has been seeding with grasses (black beauty) but is still researching other plants to use (blueberry, bayberry, etc.); is looking for “permaculture” (self-sustaining landscaping). *Eric Hutchins, 45 Poole's Lane* – suggests putting out press release for help at Millbrook

Meadow and contacting DCR for species assemblage. *Toby Arsenian, 95 Granite Street* – asks what herbicide is used. (Glyphosate)

- New Business/Announcements - Chairman Neal moves to add following items to agenda, Mr. MacMillan seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mr. Allen, Mr. Claypool, Mrs. Lash, Chairman Neal.
 - DEP Emergency Certificate Letter – Chairman Neal had written response to DEP on its Severe Weather Emergency Declaration Policy; RCC approves language; Chairman Neal to send it to DEP.
 - Executive Session to discuss property - Chairman Neal moves to go to Executive Session to discuss land, Mr. MacMillan seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mr. Allen, Mr. Claypool, Mrs. Lash, Chairman Neal.

10:47 PM: return to Open Session.

Chairman Neal moves to adjourn the meeting; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

10:48 PM

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