

Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A

Present: Larry Neal/Chairman, MaryAnn Lash, Robert Claypool, David McKinnon, Mel Michaels/Associate Member, Andrea Nichols/Secretary, GERALYN Falco/Conservation Agent. The Rockport Conservation Commission (RCC) is a five member volunteer board. Four voting members are present.

Absent: Alan MacMillan

Citizen Inquiries:

John Perry (for Linda Johannessen), 19 South Street – asks about removing trees within 100’ of BVW; trees are invasive: Norway maple, some are rotted; also some just need pruning. RCC asks about replanting and stump removal; requests that written request be made with distances to wetlands on plan. Mr. Perry says stumps will stay and applicant wants to plant shrubs nearby; also submits plan. Chairman Neal moves to allow tree removal once written request is made; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 4:0. RCC says that invasive plants may be removed if not in wetlands.

Agent Falco for David Delaney, Old Garden Beach Park – reads email requesting wood fence at Old Garden Beach Park be replaced with granite posts; shows photos of park; area is 95-100’ from coastal bank; *Rosa rugosa* will be planted. Chairman Neal moves to accept work described by Old Garden Beach Association: Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote: 4:0.

James Theophanis for 27 Atlantic Avenue – requests minor amendment to OC (62-0709) to move placement of propane tanks and water lines onsite; request is made in writing and includes revised plan. Chairman Neal moves to accept minor amendment as proposed; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4-0.

Stewardship

Sandpiper Property – DPW has started work on site (clearing cement, leveling ground); neighbors have told of use of high bushes (*Rosa rugosa*) as restroom; DPW to thin and lower height of bushes. Discussion pursues regarding planting on the site and use of CPC funds.

Minutes.

02/17/2016: Chairman Neal moves to approve minutes as amended; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 4:0.

Continued Hearings

NOI 62-0721, Joseph Stigliano & Sue Small, 2 Curtis Street (Map 9/Lot 91A). *Demolish garage & construct addition to house within 100’ of intermittent stream.* Mr. Stigliano is present; RCC discuss site visit. RCC suggests a mid-construction inspection. Mr. Claypool moves to close hearing; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 4:0. **Hearing is closed. The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

Other Business

- Minor Amendment-3 & 5 Old Garden Road (62-0707) – Arthur Pinkham (Epstein Joslin Architects) is present for property owners and discusses changes to plan; requests minor amendment for geothermal wells within 25’ of coastal bank and buried 500-gallon propane tank. RCC is concerned with geothermal wells; asks for drilling details; asks if there will be blasting. Mr. Pinkham will send geothermal drilling details for review.
- Earth Day – April 23, 2016 @Pine Pit
- Complaint - Agent Falco reads letter from Maureen McCarthy regarding neighbor removing tree near wetland. Agent Falco spoke to Mrs. Gibbons who explained that tree removed was rotted. RCC to write letter outlining wetland restrictions to be reviewed at next meeting.
- Gas Company will visit to explain putting in lines at Long Beach
- New Business/Announcements: Mr. Claypool moves to add items for discussion to the agenda, Chairman Neal seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. Claypool, Mrs. Lash, Chairman Neal, Mr. McKinnon
 - **Request for Certificate of Compliance, NOI 62-0524, Rockport DPW, Cape Hedge Parking Lot (Map 25/Lot 1).** Mr. Claypool moves to issue CoC; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 4:0.
 - **Request for Emergency Certificate, 92, 95, 96 &97 Long Beach, water main leaks, (Map 25/Lots 18, 58, 19 & 57).** Mr. Claypool moves to ratify Emergency Certificate as written; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote 4:0.
 - **NPDES permit** - Mr. McKinnon has researched NPDES permitting process and explains to RCC what information he got from town website.

Chairman Neal moves to adjourn meeting; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 4:0.

9:25 PM

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