

**Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A**

**Present:** Larry Neal/Chairman, Alan MacMillan, Rob Claypool, MaryAnn Lash, 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:** David McKinnon

**Citizen Inquiries:**

*Eric Leveille, 64 Bearskin Neck* – received 2<sup>nd</sup> Emergency Certificate for protecting property from coastal storms; explains that he could not get contractor to do work until now; questions need to submit NOI. RCC explains NOI requirement; asks Agent Falco to visit site. Mr. Claypool moves to ratify Emergency Certificate; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 4:0.

**Stewardship**

Woodland Acres – contractors have come to RCC office to obtain information about building on property; Greenbelt may be interested in preserving land abutting Pine Pit railway.

Sandpiper Property – DPW has started work on property (bushes at street trimmed, much of foundation removed, rocks, boulders and cement removed & buried, and site regraded with gravel); RCC discusses need to manage site run-off; seed mixes are suggested; Agent Falco suggests using gift fund to pay for seed mixes and determines amount to be \$350 to \$400. Mr. MacMillan moves to purchase up to \$400 in seed mix; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 4:0.

**Minutes**

**03/02/16:** Review of minutes is postponed until next meeting.

**New Hearings**

**NOI 62-0724?, Jeff & Erin Shelton, 25 Frank Street (Map 24/Lot 4E).** *Repair walkway and landscape within 100' of a stream and within Riverfront Area.* Applicants are present and Mr. Shelton explains need for walkway and landscaping. Site visit is scheduled for March 19, 2016. With permission from Applicants, hearing is continued until April 6, 2016, pending site visit and DEP number. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

**NOI 62-0723, Joanne Papa, 4 Gull Cove Lane (Map 17/Lot 34).** *Install a ramp to floating docks within 100' of a coastal bank.* Robert Visnick is present for applicant and makes presentation; tells how last summer, RCC approved temporary placement of lands' end to ramp; NOI is for permitting that structure; floats were previously permitted. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0. **Hearing is closed.** RCC requests permission to issue OC more than 21 days from close of hearing; Mr. Visnick verbally grants permission. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

**Review Orders of Condition****NOI 62-0721, Joseph Stigliano & Sue Small, 2 Curtis Street (Map 9/Lot 91A).**

Chairman Neal moves to issue the OC as amended; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 4:0.

**Other Business**

- Continued Minor Amendment-3 and 5 Old Garden Road (62-0707) – Present are Arthur Pinkham (RSE Associates), David Quagliaroli (LBR Geothermal Services) and Matthew Trudel (Thoughtforms Corp.) to discuss geothermal wells; drilling details are explained to RCC’s satisfaction. Chairman Neal moves to approve minor amendment to OC as presented; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 4:0.
- White Wharf foundation – Agent Falco has permitted DPW to remove foundation at White Wharf; RCC approves Agent’s action.
- 75 South Street-temporary deck – Agent Falco shows photos of where temporary deck was removed; plastic liner and pea stone remain; discussion ensues on RCC Policy (“Temporary Storage Adjacent to Wetlands”) and specifically this deck; RCC concludes that deck does not meet requirements of policy’s intent (policy to be further discussed at another time) and deck should not be placed there without further discussion with RCC; letter will be sent to owner.
- Green Community at Town Meeting – Chairman Neal reminds RCC that Green Community (GC) initiative will be discussed & voted at Town Meeting next month and speaks on importance of RCC’s involvement in it; discussion ensues about specific requirements of GC which leads to overall reduction in town’s carbon footprint. This initiative is good for environment as well as saves town residents money on energy and RCC should support and maybe speak on it at Town Meeting. Chairman Neal moves to send letter supporting Rockport’s Green Community initiative; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 4:0.
- **Request for Certificate of Compliance, NOI 62-0148, Robert N. Shapiro (Representative of Estate of Nancy Mello), 3 Old Penzance Road (Map 32/Lot 5A).** Mr. MacMillan moves to issue CoC; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 4:0.
- New Business/Announcements - Chairman Neal moves to add discussion of Complaint letter to agenda, Mr. Claypool seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mr. Claypool, Mrs. Lash, Chairman Neal.
  - Complaint letter – RCC makes amendments to DRAFT letter. Mr. Claypool moves to send final letter as amended; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote 4:0.

**Chairman Neal moves to adjourn the meeting; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 4:0.****9:39 PM***RCC ► Meeting adjourns 9:39 PM ◄ RCC*