

Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A

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

Absent:

Citizen Inquiries:

Tom Mikus, 73 Marmion Way (Green Community Task Force) - requests RCC support for location of possible solar array. RCC to write letter of support.

Charles Schaub, 4 Cathedral Ave (DEP 62-0714) – requests minor amendment to extend deck 4 feet eastward; hands out plan and written request extension is within 50’ NO-Build Zone but no additional posts on ground or soil disturbance. Chairman Neal moves to allow minor amendment as proposed; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

Jim Doyle, for Andy MacDowell (11 Straitsmouth Way) – requests permission to extend sewer pipe up Straitsmouth Way; shows plan; visited site with Agent Falco, who measured closest point to wetlands (67 feet); notes DPW was allowed to extend water service in same area; sewer line will be on other side of roadway. Mr. Claypool moves to allow sewer extension as proposed; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

Glen Alto, 54 Marmion Way – requests minor amendment to OC (62-0688) to construct non-permanent tool shed within 50’ No-Build Zone (NBZ); shows revised plan. RCC is concerned about encroachment into NBZ; suggests moving it outside zone. Mr. MacMillan moves to allow minor amendment >50 to inland wetland; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 5:0.

Stewardship

Landscaping on Sandpiper property—How to provide water to the area is discussed. Don Greele, DPW, advises that there is a pipe and connections would cost \$1,300.00. Mrs. Lash and Mr. McKinnon will work on a plan. Mr. Claypool notes that we can’t plant until we know where the water comes from. Other water-related issues are discussed: using the hydrant, who will be responsible for watering and what is the feasibility of an irrigation system. Topsoil (30 yards of topsoil at \$25/cubic yard) is needed and seed mixes. Whether the area should have a meadow-like appearance or be mowed are also considered.

Minutes.

04/06/2016: Mr. McKinnon moves to approve minutes as amended; Mr. McMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

New Hearings

NOI 62-0726, Michael & Viveca Krueger 79 Marmion Way (Map 30/Lot 13). *Additions to house within 100’ of coastal bank.* Mr. Krueger and his representative, John Judd (Gateway Consultants, Inc.) are present and Mr. Judd makes presentation; three separate additions: 1) within alcove opposite side of house from coastal bank and >100’ to BVW, 2) sun porch and 3) patio

each on coastal side of house; safety cable to be installed on seawall. RCC concerns are: work within 25' No-Disturb and 50' No-Build Zones; mitigation for incursion to these zone; how safety cable will be installed (drilled into stone seawall). A site visit is scheduled for April 30, 2016. With permission from the Applicant, hearing is continued until May 4, 2016 pending site visit. Hearing is continued. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

RDA 16-4, Gerry LaCombe, 10 Gott Street (Map 22/Lot 118). *Addition to house within 100' of intermittent stream.* Curt Young (Wetlands Preservation, Inc.) and Craig Toftey (architect) are present for applicant. Mr. Young makes the presentation; stream is 41' from work zone; yard, garage and stone wall are between stream and work area (protecting stream); silt barrier to go along wall for further protection. RCC concerns are site plan not stamped & signed (Agent has signed plan). Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 5:0. Mr. Claypool moves to issue negative determination, category number 3 with conditions; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0. **Hearing is closed. The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

Continued Hearings

NOI 62-0725, Jeff & Erin Shelton, 25 Frank Street (Map 24/Lot 4E). *Repair walkway and landscape within 100' of a stream and within Riverfront Area.* RCC had conducted site visit and discusses findings: treehouse appeared closer to stream than noted on plan; measurement showed is it approximately 45' to stream; RCC is concerned with restoration of town land; requests planting plan (suggests native seed mix); RCC to condition that Agent be contacted when seed is growing. *Eric Hutchins, 45 Pooles Lane* – comments that this land is within Watershed Overlay District. With permission from the Applicant, hearing is continued until May 4, 2016. Hearing is continued. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

NOI 62-0724, Rockport DPW, Mill Pond (Map 18/Lot 319). *Remove cattails & dredge 2,650 cy of material from Mill Pond.* Present for Applicant are Jason Williams & Matthew Sanford (Milone & MacBroom, Inc.) and, Don Greel. New information is submitted. RCC had conducted site visit and discusses findings; discusses contingency plan for sewer pipe protection; asks who is responsible for wildlife (will pond be restocked); suggests conditioning wildlife restoration and working with Conservation Agent. Beavers have been seen in Mill Pond. *Clayton Moore, 10 Union Lane* - is concerned about growing number of rats in the area; asks for plan to contain them. *Eric Hutchins, 45 Poole's Lane* – suggests that no poison be placed on town land; asks why RCC is requiring rodent control plan. Chairman Neal moves to close hearing; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 5:0. **Hearing is closed. Applicant agrees in writing to allow RCC to issue OC after its next meeting (more than 21 days from closed hearing). The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

Other Business

- Review Conservation Restriction for S. Johnson property – RCC finds CR confusing; asks Agent to review and send to Town Counsel.

- Earth Day this weekend!
- Agent on Vacation April 25-29, 2016
- Penzance Road flooding - DPW is not working in area until NOI is filed.
- Beavers @ Loop Pond - Chris Martin reports beaver dam at “Lower” Loop Pond; trees are falling and will need to be removed to protect electric wires; hopes DPW, BOH and RCC can devise maintenance plan for beavers at Loop Pond; Agent Falco to spearhead group.
- Mr. Claypool tells RCC of his decision to not accept reappointment on July 1, 2016; RCC will need new member.

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

9:42 PM

RCC ► Meeting adjourns at 9:42 PM ◀ RCC