

Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A

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

Absent: Rob Claypool, David McKinnon

Citizen Inquiries:

Joe Parisi, DPW regarding Mill Pond –wants to talk about sewer pipe Contingency Plan at Mill Pond; feels plan submitted is too detailed and too costly (tens of thousands of \$); shows plan; explains that grading starts 15’ away from pipe and pipe is deeper than dredge activity; suggests revised plan to include calling DPW if pipe breached and use of inflatable plugs; says DPW could respond within 30-45 minutes; pipe would still be flagged by contractor. RCC to add condition to Order of Conditions. Chairman Neal moves to accept revised sewer Contingency Plan; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 3:0.

Tom Mikas (Green Community Task Force), 73 Marmion Way - thanks RCC for support at Town Meeting regarding Green Community designation; also asks if RCC can agree with Planning Board’s zoning of building lots within FEMA flood zones. RCC has no jurisdiction regarding zoning bylaws, but recommends he look into Cape Cod Commission (which has bylaw for building in flood plains).

New Hearings

NOI 62-0727, Yvonne Leach, 27 Mt. Pleasant Street (Map 36/Lot 25A). *Repair seawall and building supports within 100’ of Rockport Harbor.* Applicant and her representative, Bill Manuell (Wetlands & Land Management) are present for applicant. Mr. Manuell makes presentation; reminds RCC of its Emergency Certificate issued last fall to replace footings and supports to building housing Hula Moon Café; building was supported with three (3) posts in harbor and they have deteriorated; new foundations to be hand dug with “Big Foot” shape for more support; if granite is encountered, contractor will tie footing into it; otherwise footings to be 4 feet deep; contractor to work with tides, remove dirt and rock, and point & repair seawall. RCC concerns are: how long did previous posts last; why use wood posts; how deep will digging be? Mr. MacMillan moves close hearing; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 3:0. **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.* Applicants are present and show Planting Plan. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote 3:0.

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NOI 62-0726, Michael & Viveca Krueger 79 Marmion Way (Map 30/Lot 13). *Additions to house within 100' of coastal bank.* John Judd (Gateway Consultants, Inc.) is present for applicant and discusses new plan with mitigation planting area. RCC discusses the site visit. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 3:0. **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

➤ New Business/Announcements:

- RCC membership – several people have been approached by RCC with nobody immediately stepping up; continue to next meeting.
- MBTA Monopoles – MBTA changed service on poles but will install as proposed; change in service will not impact negatively wetlands; RCC not concerned
- Name South End Park – newspaper article said that RCC would consider name for South Street property; one suggested naming it “Lands’ End”; RCC to decide.
- Complaint at Andrews Hollow – ROW complained of no access due to water on Atlantic Path at 4 Andrews Hollow; Agent Falco went to site and photographed small pond at coastal bank; discussion ensues of possible activity taking place within RCC jurisdiction. RCC decides to write letter and invite homeowner to next meeting for further discussion.
- Complaint at Marmion Way – trees were felled near wetlands, complainant wants copy of RCC letter to neighbor and to put up fence. RCC to send letter (with copy of neighbors’ letter) explaining RCC policy on fences near wetlands.

Chairman Neal moves to adjourn the meeting; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 3:0.

8:37 PM

RCC ► Meeting adjourns at 8:37 PM ◀ RCC