

Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A

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

Citizen Inquiries:

Carolyn McWilliams, Rockport Middle School – teaches her 8th grade science class and collects data on American eel and water quality in Millbrook watershed; asks RCC to be on environmental panel; students will present data and analysis collected in Millbrook watershed; RCC to be an “authentic audience” for students; presentations to take place at school on June 14 & 15, 2016 at different times; any involvement by RCC would be appreciated; other town people have also volunteered to be on panel. *Eric Hutchins, 45 Poole’s Lane* - notes actual field work will take place on June 7th & 8th from 8 am-12 noon.

Letter, Robert Sayre, 4 Andrews Hollow (Map 8/Lot 45N). *Work near coastal bank.*

Dr. Sayre is present and discusses with RCC activities on his property; pictures are shown of Atlantic Path & coastal bank; Dr. Sayre says that when it rains water comes down property; he does not want public to walk up his yard and keeps path open to best of his ability. RCC tells Dr. Sayre it is not within its jurisdiction to fix Atlantic Path issue (he should consult with ROW Committee) but wants him to know that any work in this area needs to come to RCC attention; he should speak with Agent Falco. Dr. Sayre agrees to work with ROW and to contact Agent Falco for work on property.

Stewardship

Sandpiper property - Mr. McKinnon gives update on property plans; hands out notes & plan; will spread mine mix in area denoted, creating “limit of work” area closest to CB; suggests path to west be moved to reduce erosion; says DPW inquired about changing parking on South Street; suggests outreach mailing to neighbors. Agent Falco requests asphalt be removed from property. *Ted Tarr, 154 Main Street* - suggests including Milkweed plants for monarch butterflies.

Minutes.

04/20/16: Mr. McKinnon moves to approve minutes as amended; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote 5:0.

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New Hearings

NOI 62-0728, Mary Jo Drake, 14 Gott Street (Map 22/Lot 119). *Reduce impervious surfaces by landscaping within 100’ of intermittent stream.* Hilarie Holdsworth (Walker Creek Garden Design) is present for applicant and makes presentation; shows photos of existing landscape condition; proposes to remove impervious surface and replace with bluestone pavers on sand, native plants and groundcover. RCC concerns are bluestone be placed on sand, site plan

inaccuracy (25' No-Build Zone – should be 50'); comments that proposal is vast improvement of lot. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Mr. McKinnon 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

RDA 16-02, Keolis, Railroad Right-of-Way (Map 11/Lot 21E). *Delineate wetlands along railroad track for vegetation management.* (Applicant requested hearing be postponed until after site visit with Agent-May 18, 2016). Agent Falco makes presentation for Keolis; hands out revised plan; made site visit with Keolis personnel where rails were marked to designate spraying protocol; finds wetlands delineation correct as revised. *Eric Hutchins, 45 Poole's Lane* – presents information on vernal pool found on his property and adjacent to tracks. Agent Falco to add vernal pool information to file for future reference. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 5:0. Mr. Claypool moves to issue positive determination category 2A for resource areas delineated and negative determination category 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.**

Review Orders of Conditions

NOI 62-0724, Rockport DPW, Mill Pond (Map 18/Lot 319). Mr. MacMillan moves to issue OC as amended; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 5:0.

NOI 62-0725, Jeff & Erin Shelton, 25 Frank Street (Map 24/Lot 4E). Mr. MacMillan moves to issue OC as written; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 5:0.

NOI 62-0726, Michael & Viveca Krueger 79 Marmion Way (Map 30/Lot 13). Mr. MacMillan moves to issue OC as amended; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote 5:0.

NOI 62-0727, Yvonne Leach, 27 Mt. Pleasant Street (Map 36/Lot 25A). Mr. MacMillan moves to issue OC as written; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 5:0.

Other Business

- **Request for Certificate of Compliance, NOI 62-0595, Mary Clark, 8 Meadow Road (Map 31/Lot 55).** Chairman Neal moves to issue CoC; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.
- **New Business/Announcements:** Mr. MacMillan moves to add following item to agenda; Chairman Neal seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Claypool, Mrs. Lash, Chairman Neal.
 - **Construction @129 Granite Street** - Agent Falco reports helicopter pad on property and retaining wall may have been added with backfill <50' to coastal bank. *Harold Mallett, 133R Granite Street* – says area was created within last couple of weeks. RCC suggests Agent Falco conduct site visit and discuss issue at next meeting.

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

9:49 PM

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