

Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A

Present: Larry Neal/Chairman, Alan MacMillan, 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. Four voting members are present.

Absent: Rob Claypool

Stewardship

Work Schedule for Sandpiper property – Mrs. Lash presents “to-do” list with schedule for landscaping work; Mr. McKinnon to think about plants; Mr. MacMillan to research prices & language for signs. Chairman Neal suggests locations for stone benches to be determined and presented to DPW now.

Minutes

06/01/16: Chairman Neal moves to approve minutes as written; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 4:0.

New Hearings

RDA 16-05, Julie Dirks, 14 Old County Road (Map 21/Lot 54). *Installation of privacy shower enclosure on barrier beach.* Alan Battistelli (Alan Battistelli Building Contractor) is present for applicant and makes presentation; explains shower stall to be supported on 5 sonotubes, over existing concrete patio and 7’ tall. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 4:0. Mr. MacMillan moves to issue negative determination, category number 2 with conditions; 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**

NOI 62-0729, Shaun & Bonnie McConnon, 20 Longbranch Avenue, (Map 15/Lot 121A). *Construct additions to house within 100’ of coastal bank.* William Manuell (Wetlands & Land Management, Inc.) is present for applicant and presents project with revised plan; V-zone and coastal bank (CB) delineation are discussed; 2 CBs are present; work includes removing gazebo, deck and patio, replacing with rebuilt deck with patio under, buried propane tank(s), front entrance redesign, added kitchen area and addition on garage roof; construction to take place within 25’ No-Disturb and 50’ No-Build Zones and planting of bird habitat is proposed as mitigation. RCC concerns are: why propane tank so close to CB; why 2 sets of steps; has plan been discussed with Building Inspector; requests easier to read plan; requests plan have surveyor’s signature. *Natalie Fishman, 11 Longbranch Avenue* – predicts soil is shallow with bedrock below; asks how propane tank to be buried; feels above-ground tank will impede view. *Mr. William Fishman, 11 Longbranch Avenue* – is concerned about construction noise; feels work will impair view and diminish property value. *Elizabeth Fishman, 18 Longbranch Avenue* – asks about plant species and how high they will be. Site visit is scheduled for June 18, 2016. With permission from Applicant, hearing is continued until July 6, 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.**

Other Business

- Construction@129 Granite Street – Alan Battistelli presents revised plan showing new FEMA V-zone, new coastal bank and new setback zones; wall is above new V-zone but bottom step on stone stairway is at new FEMA elevation (36); wave action impacting abutting properties is not an issue since height of wall lies well above V-zone. Chairman Neal moves to accept minor amendment; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 4:0.
- Beaver dam breached at Lower Loop Pond – DPW (Chris Martin, Water Dept.) has received Board of Health and Division of Fisheries & Wildlife permits to trap beavers; dam was also breached without RCC knowledge; Agent Falco visited dam, sent DPW DRAFT Beaver Management Protocol, told DPW to file NOI for dam breach, and asks RCC to approve DRAFT Protocol. RCC suggests getting approval from BOH & DPW on DRAFT Protocol.
- Letter for FWS (CBRS) – RCC reviews letter. Chairman Neal moves accept letter as amended; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0.
- **Enforcement Order (REO 16-01), Marcie Behman, 144 Long Beach (Map 25/Lot 43).** *Wooden deck on coastal dune without permit from Rockport Conservation Commission.* Agent Falco discusses un-permitted deck on beach. Mr. MacMillan moves to ratify Enforcement Order as written; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 4:0.
- **New Business/Announcements:** Chairman Neal moves to add items to agenda; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mr. McKinnon, Mrs. Lash, Chairman Neal.
 - Oak tree removal- large oak tree on town property (Granite Pier/Wharf Road leading to Keystone Bridge) was illegally cut down. RCC to write letter to Town Administrator, DPW and police chief expressing its disgust and asking for enforcement action.
 - Dinner out on June 29, 2016 at 7 pm to celebrate Rob Claypool.
- **Executive Session for land protection** - Chairman Neal moves to go into Executive Session with; no further regular business to take place afterwards; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mr. McKinnon, Mrs. Lash, Chairman Neal.

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

9:49 PM

RCC ► Meeting adjourns at 9:49 PM ◀ RCC