

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

**Present:** Larry Neal/Chairman, Alan MacMillan, Charles Allen, Rob Claypool, MaryAnn Lash, David McKinnon/Associate Member, Marianne Peters/ Secretary, GERALYN FALCO/Conservation Agent. The Rockport Conservation Commission (RCC) is a five member volunteer board. Five voting members are present.

**Absent:** Mel Michaels/Associate Member, Andrea Nichols/ Secretary

**Citizen Inquiries:**

*Tim Olson (DPW)* – submits letter informing RCC that Long Beach Improvement Association will be taking on responsibilities of OC for Long Beach Tennis Court repairs; names Heather Carbone as contact person for project; has given Mrs. Carbone OC and plan. RCC has no concerns on issue.

*Joe Parisi (DPW)* – requests permission to repair popple dune at south end of Back Beach with machinery; says damage was from piling winter snow there. RCC’s concern is proximity to intertidal zone. Mr. Parisi assures RCC that work will not take place in intertidal zone. Chairman Neal moves to allow re-profiling dune as proposed; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 5:0.

*Myles Cox, The Lobster Pool, 329 Granite Street* – wants to move garbage dumpster from west side to east side of lot; shows plan; location is closer to coastal bank and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage; will install fence around it and bushes as a buffer; has received neighbor complaints . RCC’s concern is not dumpster but installation of fence and bushes within flood zone and coastal bank. Mr. Cox indicates that dumpster to be removed in winter each year. RCC needs plan and advises filing RDA. Mr. Cox shows paperwork for RDA already started and asks if dumpster could be moved before next meeting. Chairman Neal moves to allow moving dumpster immediately with RDA to be filed; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

*Frans & Mita van Berkhout, 3 Seaview Street* –request minor amendment to OC (#62-0677) to replace damaged area at driveway with boulder/rain garden; makes request in writing and displays photos. Chairman Neal moves to allow minor amendment as proposed; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

**Minutes.**

**06/03/15;** Chairman Neal moves to approve minutes as written; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote: 5:0.

**New Hearings**

**NOI 62-0710, Rockport DPW, Penzance Road (Maps 28 & 32).** *Install bituminous pavement on road on a barrier beach.* Tim Olson, Joe Parisi, and Jim Gardner (DPW Commissioner) are present. Mr. Olson makes presentation; submits letters of support from DEP and Rockport departments (fire, police, ambulance); has FEMA funding from 2013 storm damage to repair and repave 400’ of roadway; remaining 600’ to be repave using Chapter 90 funding; asks for continuing OC to maintain roadway; proposes to re-grade pond side of dune, re-grade popple dune on ocean side, and repave roadway. RCC concerns include: possible impacts to protected bird habitat; how long repaving will take; transects need to be on plan; whether popple dune is to be created along entire length of beach; access to beach over popples; likelihood of asphalt

washing into resource areas; possibility of road made without asphalt; RCC reads barrier beach definition; culvert/drain from pond across roadway to beach. Mr. Parisi adds comments: DPW Commissioners did not unanimously approve paving road; DPW plans to maintain roadway; thinks paving is best for area. *Jim Gardner, DPW Commissioner* – feels town should not continue paving roadway; feels paved road is armoring beach and causing loss of beach; loss of beach material prohibits it doing its job protecting road and pond; finds beaches are town assets, this beach is least armored in town and should stay that way. *Ted Tarr, 154 Main Street* - says doing thing over and over with expectation of different results is insane; CZM made town stop putting boulders on beach; talks about vegetation disturbance; thinks road should not be paved. *Frans vanBerkhout, 3 Seaview Street* - states he is personally against repaving; suggests larger boulders be placed along beach. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Chairman Neal 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.** Chairman Neal announces that DPW was recently awarded “Men of the Year” by BOS for their snow removal this winter. All applaud.

**NOI 62-0711, Millbrook Meadow Committee, Millbrook Meadow (Map 18/Lot 325).** *Remove invasive plant species within Riverfront Area and 100’ of inland banks and Bordering Vegetated Wetland.* Sam Coulbourn and Laura Hallowell are present and Ms. Hallowell makes presentation; manual removal of invasive plant species is very expensive; MMC has chosen to use herbicides to manage invasive plant species in meadow and around pond; invasives removal is necessary before MMC can start work on restoring meadow and pond; discusses habitat management plan: 1) POND area is lesser priority now but has bittersweet, multiflora rose, loosestrife, yellow iris; 2) MEADOW is highest priority with most invasives along the brook; will focus on areas where knotweed has been removed/worked on; plan to treat herbaceous invasives with glyphosate and will bag plant parts; woody invasives will be treated (injected and/or cut and painted) with glyphosate; woody plant parts be chipped or burned or bagged for disposal depending on species and age; work to commence in August 2015. RCC concerns are: additional species list includes natives and they should not be treated with chemicals; noticed invasive species in meadow not included on list; no restoration proposed; signs should be displayed to let folks know of herbicide application; concerned with where chemical will be mixed; plan should show where specific species are to be treated/when; how yellow iris in pond will be treated; loosestrife is reacting to beetles so suggests not using herbicide on it; list is too large. *Barbara Spark, 22 High Street* – talks about timing; invasives need to be removed before soils in meadow are disturbed. *Stephanie Moore, 106 Granite Street* - says invasives have overgrown; how do herbicides to be used leach into water and impact birds/wildlife. (Ms. Hallowell says herbicides used target plant parts not soils; MA Audubon recommends methods to be used; berried from invasives are “junk food” for wildlife. *Craig Moore, 10 Union Lane* - asks about Boy Scout pathway; asks who has authority to dismantle path. *Corine Curreri-Moore, 10 Union Lane* - reports graffiti on cemetery wall, kids partying, tombstones pushed down, vandalism in area. Further discussion of Boy Scout path is had; no final decision is made on how to resolve issue. Chairman Neal moves to close hearing; Mr. Allen 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.**

**RDA 15-07, Mary Sherman, 54 Bearskin Neck, Map 36/Lot 83).** *Fill with rock an area adjacent to seawall.* Corina Belle-Isle (tenant of 54 Bearskin Neck) is present for applicant and makes presentation; work includes replacing rock material behind seawall with similar material to level out yard. RCC has been to site. Chairman Neal moves to close hearing; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 5:0. Mr. Claypool moves to issue Negative DA 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.**

**RRDA 15-02, Ryan Gilbert, 71 Pigeon Hill Street (Map 3/Lot 34).** *Construct gravel parking area & roadway protection within 100' of quarry pond.* Ryan Gilbert is present and makes presentation; work includes granite bench near quarry; planting blueberries between parking area and quarry; requests mitigation and waiver to 25' No-Disturb Zone; also requests granite memorial bench on rock next to quarry. RCC concerns: keeping gravel in driveway and away from quarry, boulders on town land near street. Chairman Neal moves to close hearing; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 5:0. Mr. Claypool moves to issue Negative DA with conditions; Mr. Allen 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 62-0709, Paul Desrosiers, 27 Atlantic Avenue (Map 36/Lot 6).** *Renovate house and stabilize eroding coastal bank.* Bill Manuell (Wetlands & Land Management, Inc.) and Ryan MacArthur (Treehouse Design) are present for applicant and discuss site visit; submits revised plan. Chairman Neal moves to close hearing; Mr. Allen 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.**

**Other Business**

- Chairman Neal, Mrs. Lash, Mr. Claypool, and Mr. MacMillan thank Mr. Allen for his service, time, and commitment to RCC.

**Mr. Allen moves to adjourn meeting; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.  
9:40 PM**

*RCC ► Meeting adjourns 9:40 PM ◄ RCC*