

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

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

**Stewardship**

Sandpiper –letters from public: RCC discuss letters from relatives of land donors (John & Dorothy Wrightson); agrees that response be sent to letter writers in writing; believes that since plaques are proposed for site, one should include Wrightson history; does not want to change name form Sandpiper property.

**New Hearings**

**RDA 16-07, Thacher Island Committee, Straitsmouth Island (Map 29/Lot 1).** *Construct a 16'x24' barn on the island within 100' of coastal bank.* Paul St. Germaine (Thacher Island Committee) is present and makes the presentation; committee proposes to replace barn on island near light keeper's house; barn will store tractor and be used as workshop; solar panels will provide energy source. RCC is concerned with flooding on island; asks if GIS map is appropriate for RDA filing; discusses elevations and is concerned with storing fuel & oils. Chairman Neal moves to close hearing; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 4:0. Mr. MacMillan moves to grant negative determination, category number 3 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**

**Other Business**

- CoastSweep 2016 –Agent Falco explains CoastSweep clean-up is inventory of trash collected during clean-up; asks RCC to pick a beach; will publicize date & place and hopes for school & scouts to attend. Sandpiper/Pebble beach is designated for CoastSweep.
- Millbrook Wellhead Maintenance Protocol - RCC reviews and revises protocol. Agent Falco will have paperwork to sign at next meeting.
- New Business/Announcements - Chairman Neal moves to add following discussions to agenda; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mr. McKinnon, Mrs. Lash, Chairman Neal.
  - **Enforcement Letter – 93 Thatcher Road:** Eric Johnson is present and tells temporary frame over his boat; intends to use frame for two years and then tear down. Structure is within 25of salt marsh (closest point is 16') and in No-Build Zone. RCC concerns are: structure does not seem temporary; public hearing should be held for this; suggest applying for RDA. Chairman Neal moves to write letter requiring filing of RDA; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0.
  - **Request for Extension, NOI 62-0672, Cape Ann Tool, LLC, Granite Street at Breakwater Avenue (Map 16/Lots 26A, 28 & 28A). The extension is for the floats.** Chairman Neal moves to extend OC for one year; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0.

- Back Beach Tree –Tree was dying on Back Beach and DPW removed it to avert dangerous situation; DPW should have followed procedure. RCC would like to see mitigation for tree removal; will send letter stating that RCC wants to see plan for area (cc Beautification Committee).
- Performance Review of Agent Falco – RCC review performance of Agent Falco for year; suggest 2017 goals.
- New Member at meeting? –Alikies Craffey attends the meeting and asks questions.

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

**9:00 PM**

*RCC ► Meeting adjourns 9:00 PM ◄ RCC*