

Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A

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

Absent: Andrea Nichols/ Secretary, Mel Michaels/Associate Member, Bailey Coates/Student Associate Member

Citizen Inquiries:

Katherine Andruchuk, for Millbrook Park – requests minor amendment to OC (DEP62-0686) by changing configuration of walkway around Building 17; explains that original planned walkway is not in compliance with handicap regulations due to steepness and new path will meet those regulations. Mr. MacMillan moves to grant minor amendment as presented; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 5:0.

Laura Hollowell, Rockport Garden Club – requests minor amendment to RDA 11-12 to include 5R, 7 & 11 High Street for knotweed removal; paperwork is presented;...RCC concerns are cutting plants and injecting herbicide. Chairman Neal moves to grant minor amendment as presented; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 5:0.

James, 30 Pleasant Street – requests minor work on his property to remove asphalt and boulders and plant grass; submits plan and letter as requested. Chairman Neal moves to grant minor work as presented; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

Tyler Ferrick (DeRosa Environmental Consultants), for owner 35 Mt. Pleasant Street - requests permission to remove knotweed vegetation from ocean side of coastal bank in preparation for repairing seawall; material to be fed to zoo animals; explains no roots to come out; NOI to be submitted for seawall work. Chairman Neal moves to grant permission to remove vegetative parts of knotweed as presented; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

Minutes.

08/20/14: Mr. MacMillan moves to approve minutes as written; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 5:0.

Stewardship

New Hearings

NOI 62-0696, Alan Budreau, 0 Thornwood Avenue (Map 8/Lot 46). *Construct single-family house within 100' of coastal bank and inland Bordering Vegetated Wetland.* William Manuell and Robert Visnick are present for applicant; Mr. Manuell makes presentation; explains wetland resource areas (CB & BVW to intermittent stream); all structures greater than 50' to resource areas; driveway to be gravel with sewer & water within it; rain garden proposed to take roof runoff. RCC concern is cutting of trees and brush within Thornwood Avenue for driveway (currently is a path). Site visit is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2014 at 7:45 am. *Chris DeRosa, Phillips Avenue* – asks if driveway improvement will take out stone wall (Mr. Manuell: only small portion on site will be removed); what is square footage of pavement? How will you

account for increased pavement on property? How will you keep increase in water from flooding property below? (Mr. Manuell: driveway will be gravel so increased runoff is from roof and rain gardens will take that water). With permission from the Applicant, hearing is continued until September 17, 2014 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.**

Continued Hearings

EO 14-01, George Bajoras, 48 Bearskin Neck (36/Lot 86). Working on lot within 100' of a coastal bank and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage without a permit. Chairman Neal recuses himself from deliberation due to conflict of interest; Mr. Claypool acts as Chairman. Mr. Bajoras and Gus Kreuzkamp are present; Mr. Kreuzkamp makes presentation on Restoration Plan. RCC asks: how deep is landward trench behind wall (15 feet); asks if contractor can do this work within 90-day requirement? And will the wall hold up without further stabilizing? At next meeting revised EO with Conditions will be discussed. 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

- Issue at Little Parker Pit – Paul Bryant is present and explains that his family purchased property in 1970's and has been mowing it since then; presents photo of 1986 with area mowed; says complaint is from those who swim in quarry and want to do so without seeing houses (and unreasonable expectation); has not removed brush from property; would like to create view through brush by clipping (not removing) some vegetation along quarry in one area; tells of how water does not come to quarry from upland (is spring fed); mowing was not done in wetland across Rowe Avenue, but was done along roadway. RCC went to site and finds the mowing not to have impacted quarry; will write letter to be discussed at next meeting.
- Climate Change Checklist – Chairman Neal postpones discussion until Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan can be reviewed and Building Inspector's input.
- Executive Session for land protection – Mr. MacMillan moves to go into Executive Session to discuss Land Protection and to include David Santomenna in such discussion, Mr. Allen seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mr. Allen, Mr. Claypool, Mrs. Lash. Chairman Neal recuses himself from deliberation due to conflict of interest; Mr. Claypool acts as Chairman.

Vice Chairman Claypool moves to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 4:0.

9:38 PM

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