

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

**Present:** Larry Neal/Chairman, Rob Claypool, MaryAnn Lash, David McKinnon, Andrea Nichols/ Secretary, Geralyn Falco/Conservation Agent. The Rockport Conservation Commission (RCC) is a five member volunteer board. Four voting members are present.

**Absent:** Alan MacMillan, Mel Michaels/Associate Member

**Citizen Inquiries:**

*Wendy Lawton, 8-10 Doyles Cove Road* - asks RCC to extend Determination of Applicability (RDA 13-07) which expires May 3, 2016; DA allows for moving gravel after storms each year. Chairman Neal moves to allow extension for one year; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0.

*Ted Tarr 154 Main Street* – is concerned about Visitor’s Center at Halibut State Park; building has mold/water damage and DCR plans to remove it; DCR cancelled year-round staff, may be considering closing park. Chairman Neal tells how he went to park and spoke with Assistant Superintendent; DCR is deciding whether to spend money on repairs to Visitor’s Center; Assistant Superintendent suggests RCC send letter to state legislative representatives (Tarr & Ferrante); Chairman Neal feels it is important to town to keep park open and says RCC should draft letter to be discussed at next meeting (October 7, 2015). Ms. Lash suggests copying “Friends of Halibut Pt. State Park” on letter.

**Minutes**

**09/02/15:** Mr. McKinnon moves to approve minutes as amended; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0.

**New Hearings**

**RDA 15-11, Peter Morley, 9 Marshall Street (Map 18/Lot 13).** *Landscape yard within 100’ of intermittent stream.* Applicant is present and makes presentation; wants to open up yard to sun with plants that do not overwhelm house; refers to his handmade plan. RCC concerns include: unclear plan (intermittent stream not shown); narrative needs more specifics; no maintenance plan; few details on tree species removed and to be planted; fence must allow wildlife access. With permission from the Applicant, hearing is continued until October 7, 2015. Hearing is continued. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

**NOI 62-0716, DPW, Back Beach (Map 17/Lot54).** *Repair revetment & sidewalk on coastal bank and within 100’ of coastal beach.* Tim Olson (DPW) is present and makes presentation; beach needs repairs; shows plan to strengthen revetment with 2-layered system; concrete wall behind rip-rap will minimize damage to street and sidewalk while also reducing amount of run-up and wash over; wall to raise height of revetment by 2 feet; surface to be rougher with slight increase in slope; DPW plans to have work done in early winter (2015-2016); stones on existing revetment to be reused; FEMA is funding this project; Agent Falco reads letter from Division of Marine Fisheries (received September 16, 2015); DMF concerns are if work will be outside footprint and within areas of mean high water. Mr. Olson has had no time to talk with DMF to inform them that work will be within footprint. RCC asks Mr. Olson to write on narrative that work will be within footprint. *Stephanie Rauseo, 58 Beach Street* - has concerns about water going onto her property; asks several questions: will water funnel onto her yard? (Mr. Olson

explains how ends will blend into new wall height); wants surface to be rougher; will DPW remove boulders and replace them? Asks about street drainage. Because DPW needs to contact DMF for more information, with permission from the Applicant, hearing is continued until October 7, 2015. Hearing is continued. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

**RDA 15-12, Walter P. Papalegis, 47 Squam Hill Road (Map 11/Lot 93A).** *Install aboveground pool within 100' of intermittent stream.* (Applicant withdrew RDA on September 16, 2015.) Nobody is present for public hearing. **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 62-0714, Charles Schaub, 4 Cathedral Avenue (Map 15/Lot 32).** Chairman Neal moves to issue OC as amended; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 4:0.

**NOI 62-0715, Pigeon Cove Fisherman's Coop, Pigeon Cove Wharf (Map 16/Lot 26).** Chairman Neal moves to issue OC as amended; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 4:0.

#### **Other Business**

- **Request for Certificate of Compliance**, (DEP 62-0687), Richard & Caroline Fitzpatrick, 3 Lighthouse Lane (Map 26/Lot 77). Chairman Neal moves to issue CoC; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 4:0.
- **Request for Extension**, (DEP 62-0560) Rockport DPW, Town Wide Maintenance. Chairman Neal moves to extend OC for one (1) year; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 4:0.
- **Monofilament Recycling Program** – A short video is shown; Agent Falco explains program and asks for RCC to endorse; program involves putting up fishing line recycling containers with associated signage and having containers emptied periodically during fishing season; Agent Falco asks where recycling containers could go. RCC suggests following sites: Granite Pier (2 or 3 places), Pebble Beach (on telephone poles), Flat Rock (at end of Old Penzance Road), Longbranch Avenue (either end along Atlantic Path), Halibut Pt. State Park; Rockport Transfer Station. RCC suggests this is good Eagle Scout project; should keep folder of such projects; no further pursuit at this time.
- **Workshop September 30, 2015.** Should have a short list of open space parcels available. Greenbelt should be invited. Chairman Neal suggests we draft a letter to be reviewed at the next meeting. Commission will need to get some publicity to make this knowledge public.
- **Other Business/Announcements:** -
  - Stone retaining wall @ Gull Cove – applicant has not submitted OC Amendment for retaining wall and shed; Agent to contact applicant's consultant and encourage Amendment be submitted by next meeting or enforcement to take place.

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

**9:32 PM**

*RCC ► Meeting adjourns 9:32 PM ◀ RCC*