

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

**Present:** Larry Neal/Chairman, Alan MacMillan, Charlie Allen, Rob Claypool, MaryAnn Lash, Bailey Coates/Student Associate Member, Andrea Nichols/ 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, David McKinnon/Associate Member

**Citizen Inquiries:**

*Dana Woods and Harold Beaton (representing Granite Savings Saving Bank) – tell of the Bank’s wish to fund a project which will show off granite Keystone Bridge; request permission to remove trees which block view and clear out scrub brush; have spoken to DPW and Granite Pier Association; DPW does not have this expenditure on its Capital Improvements list. Mr. Beaton shows photos of old bridge. RCC asks how close to quarry activity will be; Agent Falco tells of vernal pools in area which need protection; needs more specific plan; suggests filing Request for Determination; requests site visit on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 7:45 am; Agent Falco offers to assist Mr. Beaton in filing paperwork. *Toby Arsenian, 95 Granite Street – asks what trees will come down; feels that bridge is visible and no need to remove all trees; says he is ok with cutting trees within 50’ of bridge, but objects to cutting more; says most trees there are Norway maples.**

**Minutes.**

**09/17/14:** Mr. MacMillan moves to approve minutes as amended; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 5:0.

**09/17/14- Executive Session:** Mr. MacMillan moves to approve minutes as amended; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 5:0.

**Stewardship**

- Mill Pond knotweed forest area – Agent Falco talks about project to clear knotweed area near Mill Pond; RCC ask if Garden Club can stake area so DPW can mow it; suggest that Agent Falco mark area and meeting with DPW workers and Garden Club.
- Millbrook Meadow restoration- Chairman Neal went to DPW Commissioners’ meeting and found that DPW will not be providing money for this project at this time; DPW Commissioners want to keep maintenance of meadow simple.

**New Hearings**

*NOI 62-0697, William Merry, 13 Laurel Acres (Map 28/Lots 60 & 60A). Garage addition to house within 100’ of coastal bank, coastal beach and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. Mr. Merry is present and makes presentation; garage to go on driveway (>50’ to coastal bank); connector to house to go on concrete piers within 50’ No-Build Zone. RCC’s concerns include: applicant went to BOA and was denied project; noted error on plan (“25’ No-Build Zone” should be “No-Disturb Zone”); asks how many piers under addition; wants plan to say garage is on solid ground. Site visit is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 8:15 am. With permission from the Applicant, hearing is continued until October 15, 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.**

***NOI 62-0698, Michael Krupka & Anne Kubik, 11 Old Garden Road (Map 22/Lot 154).*** Renovate and addition to house within 100' of coastal bank. Bill Manuell (Wetlands & Land Management) is present for applicants and makes presentation; project is to demo, relocate and reconstruct garage, add connector to house, demo portions of existing structure and construct two (2) additions, and construct pervious patio & terrace; house is entirely within 100' of coastal bank and portion is within 50' No-Build Zone so additions, terrace & patio will also encroach; NDZ is currently grassed lawn and new encroachment will be ~940 square feet; foundation drain proposed will drain to drywell; applicant requests waiver of building within NBZ and suggests mitigation of 1,412 square feet of native gardens along the eastern side of the yard. RCC asks for information on current pervious area, distances from CB to terraces and additions, and ask about planting plan. Site visit is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 9:15 a.m. With permission from the Applicant, hearing is continued until October 15, 2014 pending site visit. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

#### **Continued Hearings**

***RDA 14-11, Kelley & Michael Anderson, 25 King Street (Map 18/Lot 316).*** Replace play structure with a shed and repair deck within 100' of Mill Pond. Kelley & Michael Anderson are present and present updated plan; explain that deck footings can be used for reconstruction; deck to be in same footprint. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 5:0. Mr. Claypool moves to issue negative determination, category number 3 with conditions; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 4:1. **Hearing is closed. The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved**

***NOI 62-069?, Susan Siebeking, 26 Old County Road (Map 21/Lot 60E).*** Renovate existing pier foundation and add 2<sup>nd</sup> story addition to cottage on a barrier beach. Greg Cefalo is present for applicant and presents new information. No DEP number has been issued. With permission from the Applicant, hearing is continued until October 15, 2014 pending DEP number. **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 62-0696, Alan Budreau, 0 Thornwood Avenue (Map 8/Lot 46).*** Mr. Claypool moves to issue OC as amended; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

***Amendment to Order of Conditions (DEP 62-0650), Manuel R. Costa, 10 Gap Head Road (Map 30/Lot 5).*** Mr. MacMillan moves to issue OC as amended; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 5:0.

#### **Other Business**

➤ Flood Resistance Checklist (Updated) – review and discussion.

- Other Business/Announcements - Chairman Neal moves to add following discussion items to agenda, Mr. MacMillan seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mr. Allen, Mr. Claypool, Mrs. Lash, Chairman Neal.
  - December meetings – Agent Falco informs RCC of conflict with 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in December and suggests changing schedule. RCC agrees to hold 1<sup>st</sup> December meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> (meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to be cancelled) and 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> (with no hearings that night); website to reflect changes.
  - October workshop – RCC decides that no workshop be held
- Executive Session for land protection – Mr. MacMillan moves to go into Executive Session to discuss Land Protection, Mr. Allen seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mr. Allen, Mr. Claypool, Mrs. Lash, Chairman Neal.

Mr. Allen moves to adjourn; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0.

9:25 p.m.

➤ *RCC* ► *Meeting Adjourns 9:25 PM* ◄ *RCC*