

Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A

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

Citizen Inquiries:

Joe Murphy, (Charter Contracting), for National Grid @175 Granite Street –responds to noise complaint that jackhammer work was taking place on CATCo site; explains that his company needs anchors to attach float to bank and was drilling (not jack hammering) to install six (6) eye-anchors into top of seawall; apologizes for oversight; work ceased after Agent Falco called him; requests permission to continue drilling tomorrow (October 20, 2016); has coordinated work on site with Rockport Harbormasters. Chairman Neal moves to allow Charter Contracting to install anchors as explained; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 4:0.

Minutes

10/05/13: Mr. MacMillan moves to approve minutes as written; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 4:0.

New Hearings

RDA 16-10, Paul Muise, 323 Granite Street (Map 1/Lot 22/Unit 1). *Rebuild stone wall within 100' of coastal bank.* Applicant is present and makes the presentation; wall is 60 feet long, in poor condition, and wants to replace it. *Annie Belekian, 325 Granite Street* - wonders how this will affect her adjacent property. Chairman Neal moves to close hearing; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0. Mr. MacMillan moves to issue 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**

Continued Hearings

NOI 62-0730, Marcie Behman, 144 Long Beach (Map 25/Lot 43). *Construct deck on barrier beach.* (Applicant requests continuation of public hearing seven months - until May, 2017). With no representative in attendance, public hearing is continued until May, 2017. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

NOI 62-0735, Paul Rogers, 87 Thatcher Road (Map 25/Lot 84). *Reconstruct cottage within 100' of salt marsh.* Mr. Rogers is present; discusses with RCC site visit; talks about removing 4 trees at driveway, near cottage, and on boulder revetment; RCC concerns are erosion of revetment; suggest leaving tree stumps. Chairman Neal moves to allow trees to be removed but roots remain; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 4:0. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; 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.**

NOI 62-0734, John & Kelly McCarthy, 136 Long Beach (Map 25/Lot 39). *Demolish & rebuild cottage on barrier beach.* Frederick Geisel (Geisel Engineering) is present with applicant and talks about site's pervious area RCC would like to see these calculations summarized; asks if beach grass was proposed to satisfy RCC because plants on most of site are native and good for beach/dune. Mr. Aparo tells applicant that BOS may not approve plan to enclose porch because BOS's Long beach Regulations prohibits that. Applicant to meet with BOS on November 1, 2016

and RCC suggest not closing hearing so plan can be changed if necessary. With permission of applicant, this hearing is continued until November 2, 2016. Hearing is continued. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

NOI 62-0???, The Landing Group Inc., Granite Street & Breakwater Avenue-Cape Ann Tool Co. site (Map 16/Lots 26A, 28, 28A). *Construct on 1 commercial & 13 single-family house lots within land subject to coastal storm flowage, coastal bank, land under waterbodies & waterways, land under the ocean and rocky intertidal shore resource areas.* With no representative in attendance, public hearing is continued until November 2, 2016. Hearing is continued. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

Review Orders of Condition

NOI 62-0733, Cooke Realty, LLC, 37 Squam Road (Map 4/Lot 2A). Chairman Neal moves to issue OC as written; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 4:0.

Other Business

- Back Beach Improvements (DPW requests postponed until October 19, 2016). Stephanie Woolf and Terry Duffy (Beautification Committee) are present to discuss landscaping for Back Beach. Ms. Woolf says National Grid was asked to move utility pole; Beautification Committee & DPW want to clean up area, plant another tree (London Plane) for shade, make street side ADA compliant, and put in seating to view beach; tree to be as tall as 60' and will grow well in this harsh environment. RCC concerns are: it suggests more trees to form green focal point and less seating (especially amphitheater style); asks if existing wall will extend towards beach; ADA compliance may change grade near sidewalk; ask to leave existing concrete walkway. DPW should request minor amendment to OC for Back Beach (62-0716).
- **Request for Certificate of Compliance, NOI 62-0679, William & Jennifer Ruhl, 53 Marmion Way (Map 30/Lot 8B).** Chairman Neal moves to issue CoC; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 4:0.
- **Request for Certificate of Compliance, NOI 62-0695, William & Jennifer Ruhl, 53 Marmion Way (Map 30/Lot 8B)).** Chairman Neal moves to issue CoC; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0.
- **MACC Dues** –Chairman Neal moves to spend \$521.00 for MACC dues; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 4:0
- **New Business/Announcements** - Chairman Neal moves to add following discussion(s) to agenda, Mr. McKinnon seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mrs. Lash, Mr. MacMillan, Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Aparo, Chairman Neal.
 - Bill & Payroll Authorization Form - RCC signs Authorization form.
 - **Request Extension, NOI 62-0587, Rockport DPW, Millbrook Dam (Map 18/Lot 319).** Chairman Neal moves to extend OC for 1 year; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 4:0.

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

8:49PM

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