

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. Five voting members are present.

Citizen Inquiries:

Scott McGinnis, for owners of 79 Long Beach – says owners of 79 Long Beach purchased garage across street (near creek) and want to clear between it and roadway for parking; area is already gravel and owners want to regrade it with similar material. RCC concerns are: dimensions (how many sf?); requests a marked-up plan; and asks that no oil be stored in garage. Chairman Neal moves to regrading of area as presented; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

Ted Tarr, 154 Main Street - informs RCC that Planning Board will discuss Woodland Acres tomorrow evening.

Agent Falco for Charles Shaub, 4 Cathedral Avenue – asks if RCC needs formal request to replace boulders along Atlantic Path with trim fence; shows fence detail. Discussion ensues. Chairman Neal moves to allow fence along Atlantic Path as described; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

Minutes

10/19/16: Chairman Neal moves to approve minutes as amended; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 5:0.

Continued Hearings

NOI 62-0735, Paul Rogers, 87 Thatcher Road (Map 25/Lot 84). *Reconstruct cottage within 100' of salt marsh.* This public hearing was closed at the October 19, 2016 meeting and posted incorrectly for this meeting.

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.* (Applicant requests continuation of public hearing until November 16, 2016). With no representative in attendance, public hearing is continued until November 16, 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 62-0735, Paul Rogers, 87 Thatcher Road (Map 25/Lot 84) Mr. MacMillan moves to issue OC as written; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 5:0.

NOI 62-0734, John & Kelly McCarthy, 136 Long Beach (Map 25/Lot 39). Chairman Neal moves to issue OC as amended; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 5:0.

Other Business

- Back Beach Minor Amendment (DEP 62-0716)-DPW--postpone discussion until November 16, 2016.
- Halibut Pt. State Park – RCC to write letter to Senator & Representative regarding state support of Halibut Point State Park; Mrs. Lash to create draft letter to be reviewed at next meeting.
- **Request for Certificate of Compliance, NOI 62-0694, DPW, Pigeon Cove Breakwaters (Map 16/Lot 26).** Chairman Neal moves to issue CoC; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 5:0.
- **Request for Extension, NOI 62-0686, Rockport Housing Authority, Millbrook Park (Map 18/Lots 165 & 167).** Chairman Neal moves to extend OC for 1 year; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.
- New Business/Announcements - Chairman Neal moves add following issue to agenda; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mr. McKinnon, Mrs. Lash, Mr. Aparo, Chairman Neal.
 - **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 for applicant; asks if contactors can take some boring of subsurface soils before OC issued; shows tripod used to collect borings; makes request in writing; discusses revised plan; says DEP wants utility room smaller & no lattice on ocean-side of cottage; shows change in permeable surface area; discusses Riverfront Area (RA) not previously noted (entire site in RA, parking area within 100', remainder of lot within 200', RA enhanced by removing solid foundation, concrete steps, walkways & patio). Mr. Geisel also asks if contactors can take some boring of subsurface soils before OC issued; shows tripod used to collect borings; makes request in writing. Chairman Neal moves to allow borings as described; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote: 5:0. Mr. MacMillan moves to close the hearing; Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote: 5:0. **Hearing is closed. The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

Mr. McKinnon moves to adjourn the meeting; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

9:02 PM

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