

Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A

Present: Larry Neal/Chairman, Rob Claypool, MaryAnn Lash, David McKinnon, Marianne Peters/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, Andrea Nichols/Secretary

Citizen Inquiries:

Alan Battistelli for Ron Roma, 129 Granite Street - owner wants to amend OC (DEP#62-0640) to include deck off house with sonotubes foundations <50' to coastal bank; submits plan and written request. RCC discusses, is concerned with new FEMA elevation (still below work area), and requests that Agent Falco make site visit. Chairman Neal moves to grant minor amendment as proposed; Mr. McKinnon seconds. Vote 4:0.

Agent Falco – shows RCC temporary deck at 144 Long Beach; has emailed owner to remove or file NOI; suggests site visit. RCC asks that documents for 144 Long Beach be put in folders for next meeting.

Stewardship

Agent Falco updates status of kiosk; Mr. Holland is constructing them for \$215 and asks to construct another for Summit Avenue; RCC says Summit Avenue has many concerns, should not put kiosks there now, is concerned with size of kiosks, and asks Agent to inspect kiosks before payment.

Mr. McKinnon went to presentation on MAPPR (Mapping & Priority Parcels for Resilience Project put on by MA Audubon); explains a new tool which asses & ranks properties for conservation protection. Mr. McKinnon also met Mr. Russ Cohen, who expressed interest in Millbrook Meadow invasive plant project; suggests Agent Falco forward this information to Laura Hallowell.

Agent Falco briefly explains Conservation Restriction (CR) for S. Johnson property to be done by Essex Country Greenbelt Association (ECGA); some complications have arisen; cost of CR is \$15,000; RCC is concerned about this cost and asks to have ECGA come explain process

Minutes

10/18/15: Mr. McKinnon moves to approve minutes as written. Mrs. Lash seconds. Vote 4:0.

Continued Hearings

Amendment to OC (DEP 62-0688), Andrew MacDowell, 54 Marmion Way (Map 26/Lot 90A). *Keep shed & construct stone retaining wall within 100' of coastal bank & within land subject to coastal storm flowage.* Jaime Walker (DeRosa Environmental Consulting, Inc.) is present for applicant and makes presentation; new plan is discussed, including buffer strip with rip-rap& native plants to dissipate wave action; Ms. Walker states DPW has verbally approved proposal. RCC asks for written correspondence from DPW; asks for plan view and maintenance

plan for wall fronting. Ms. Walker suggests only vegetation in front of wall. Hearing is continued to December 2, 2015. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

Other Business

- CPC Funding 2016 – February 1, 2016 is deadline for CPA application. RCC suggests working with DPW on Sandpiper property (end of South Street); suggests \$50,000 from CPA; needs site visit to consider ideas for action there. Site visit scheduled for Saturday December 5, 2015.
- FY 2017 Budget – RCC reviews FY17 Budget; finds nothing that can be cut; adds salary changes. Chairman Neal moves to approve FY17 Budget with adjustments; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 4:0.
- Other Business/Announcements: - Chairman Neal moves to add discussion of Request for CoC, Bill & Payroll Authorization, and WPA brochure to agenda; Mr. Claypool seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. Claypool, Mrs. Lash, Mr. McKinnon, Chairman Neal.
 - **Request for Certificate of Compliance**, DEP62-0669, Dianne & Jean-Pierre Faure, 58 Granite Street (Map 10/Lot 24). Mr. Claypool moves to issue CoC; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote: 4:0.
 - **Bill & Payroll Authorization Form** – RCC signs form.
 - WPA Guide for Conservation Commissions (brochure) – RCC agrees to order 100 brochures from MACC.

Mr. Claypool moves to adjourn meeting; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote 4:0.

9:40 PM

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