

Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A

Present: Larry Neal/Chairman, Rob Claypool, Alan MacMillan, MaryAnn Lash, David McKinnon, 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:

Eric Hutchins, 45 Poole's Lane – tells of railway work at train station; knows there was RDA for electrical work; has searched at town hall for plans, but none available until he complained to MBTA; nobody in town hall knows extent of work; has noted new fill from track removal work was placed in Riverfront Area and near wetlands; says stormwater management is needed on this site; RCC should do something about pile of railroad ties & old gravel, as well as stormwater management; feels that NOI is needed for clean-up of area. Chairman Neal tells of meeting with MBTA year ago to discuss activity at station. Mr. Hutchins has spoken with Holly Palmgren (MBTA Environmental Engineer) who knows nothing of current activities. *Don Greel, DPW*-says he was called to site because old tracks were stacked on water main; heard from workers that they were told from higher-ups to “just do this”. Tracks next to Evans Field are removed. RCC will look into the cleanup.

David Pratt, 132 Granite Street - has built a shed >50' to intermittent stream; was unaware he is within 100' of stream (RCC jurisdiction); submits a plan, photos and written explanation. Discussion. Chairman Neal moves to write letter allowing shed as proposed; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

Tim Miller for Denise Marika, 75 South Street - explains temporary deck installed on property near coastal bank; also explains and shows raised boardwalk through wetland to deck; owner wants deck more permanent. Agent Falco has told owner to delineate and file for permits on property. RCC asks for NOI permit be filed; will follow-up with letter to owner.

Don Greel, DPW-wants to connect two (2) fire hydrants on Straitsmouth Way, submits plan, and asks if permit required for this work; explains that Agent Falco accompanied him to site and found that hydrant across from #25 to be 88' to wetland. Chairman Neal moves to send letter approving connecting fire hydrants on Straitsmouth Way as proposed; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote: 5:0.

New Hearings

NOI 62-071??, Marion DeLuca, 122 Long Beach (Map 25/Lot 32). *Demolish & rebuild cottage on a barrier beach.* Jaime Walker (DeRosa Environmental) and Remko Breuker (Breuker Design, LLC) are present for applicant. Mr. Breuker presents design of new cottage; includes cottage raised on pilings, front deck to increase for wheelchair ramp, mechanical room below with elevator, expanded driveway for handicap vehicle access, and removable walkway to north side of cottage from driveway to seawall. Ms. Walker presents wetlands issues; explains dune restoration at driveway, mitigation to include removing invasive plants along driveway, removing cherry tree for access to walkway, and infiltration trenches under cottage. RCC concerns are: no written waiver for work in 25' No-Disturb & 50' No-Build Zones (Agent Falco has written request); remarks that mechanical removal of invasives may spread seeds; suggests maintenance plan for plants; asks why walkway on north side and not south side of cottage where there is more room; storage of removable walkway under cottage could become storm debris; planting mitigation for front yard (near seawall); is concerned with depth of elevator shaft. *David*

Heffernan, 124 Long Beach – submits plan & letter; talks about walkway to north side of 122 being adjacent to his cottage; there is only 71 inches between cottages on that side, but 16 feet between cottage to south of 122; suggests that walkway should go on south side of cottage; is also concerned with expansion of driveway area and removal of cherry trees at driveway; suggests RCC go to site. Site visit is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2015. With permission from the Applicant, hearing is continued until December 16, 2015 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.**

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 presents new plan for retaining wall fronting; reads email from Tim Olson (DPW) who agrees with plans over boulder fronting wall. RCC is concerned with changes to 25' No-Disturb line plan; opening in wall at steps could cause wave action; request some of wall be removed at southern end. Hearing is continued until December 16, 2015. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

Other Business

- CR @ S. Johnson property – Hannah Wilbur (Essex County Greenbelt Association) explains Conservation Restriction (CR) to RCC; since property was bought with CPA funds, CR is must be held by another entity (RCC chose ECGA); prior to purchase, RCC required owner to get CR which RCC now owns; this CR includes private properties as well as its own; ECGA will hold CR for town, will monitor CR in perpetuity, and asks for payment be in form of stewardship endowment (\$15,000). Ms. Wilbur will write up requirements of CR and monitor it. There are two routes this could go: 1) RCC assigns CR to ECGA and it amends CR (this will include private properties); or 2) ECGA creates a new CR and old CR stays with private properties which RCC will continue to maintain. RCC questions if CPC appropriated \$15,000 for the CR or if it must use its Conservation Trust Fund. Mr. Michaels will investigate that issue.
- 144 Long Beach – RCC discusses temporary deck; Agent Falco has received correspondence with owner that she will file NOI. RCC requires 60 days for NOI to be filed.
- Other Business/Announcements: - Chairman Neal moves to add discussion of National Grid YOP to agenda; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Unanimous affirmative roll call: Mr. MacMillan, Mr. Claypool, Mrs. Lash, Mr. McKinnon, Chairman Neal.
 - **National Grid YOP – no action necessary.**
 - Millbrook Meadow MEPA Report – Agent Falco drafts comments on Environmental Notification Form.

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

10:00 PM

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