

WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING

February 14, 2006

**Present:** Prudy Burt Chair, Patrick Phear, Debra Swanson, Oceana Rames, Tara Whiting and Maria McFarland

**Absent:** Patricia Durfee and Judy Crawford

Prudy Burt called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

The minutes of the January 10th meetings were approved with one correction Oceana and Peter abstained.

The minutes of the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written.

### **Hearings**

**Map 5 Lot 2.1** Continuance of the public hearing under the Wetlands Protection Act and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw to consider a Notice of Intent filed by Frank Flanders on behalf of Joan Smith for property at 207 Obed Daggett Road. The proposed project consists of relocating an existing structure located in a bordering vegetated wetland to a new concrete foundation and the installation of a new septic system in the Buffer Zone. Prudy opened the hearing. Maria reported that Frank Flanders has requested a continuance to February 28th, as the revised plans are not completed. DEP and Natural Heritage cannot sign off on this project until they receive the revised plans. A motion was made and seconded to agree to continue this matter to February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:10 PM. All in favor.

**Map 15 Lot 5** Continuance of the public hearing under the Wetlands Protection Act and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw to consider a Notice of Intent filed by Vineyard Land Surveying Inc. on behalf of Janice Cournoyer for property at 251 Indian Hill Road. The proposed project consists of the excavation and construction of a slab foundation and a 2-car garage together with trenching for a water and utility line and associated site work. The DEP file number letter was received on February 1st with no comment on the project. The special conditions were discussed. Prudy closed the public hearing. A motion was made and seconded to approve the project as presented and conditioned. All in favor.

### **Administrative**

**Map 1 Lot 50:** One of the owners of this lot in Makonikey called about the feasibility of a revetment similar to the Berlins on their lot. Maria advised that they talk to the regional office of Coastal Zone Management and to the Waterways Division of DEP and that this type of project would require consultation with an expert on coastal banks.

**Path Beside the Road Project #2:** Maria presented a set of plans and letter from Steve Berlucchi, County Engineer. This project is not within the Commission's jurisdiction. Maria was instructed to write a letter to that effect.

**Land Bank:** The draft management plan for the Black Water Pond Reservation was reviewed and the points to be made in a letter for the public hearing discussed. The Commission is concerned about the water quality for fishing and swimming given the heavy metal content reported in the draft plan. Swimming is not specially excluded. Perhaps it should be. Patrick suggested signage. There is a

significant amount of boardwalk proposed in close proximity to the wetlands. The Commission would like to see only non-pressure treated wood such as black locust used. This is a remote area so the introduction of bikes, unleashed dogs and horses is potentially disruptive to the wildlife and could have an adverse impact on their habitat. Maria was instructed to draft a letter.

**Estuaries Project:** The warrant article for the second one-third of the town's share of the cost of this project was reviewed and approved.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland  
Board Administrator  
APPROVED