

WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

October 9, 2007

Present: Prudy Burt Chair, Judy Crawford, Dan Pace, Tara Whiting, Peter Rodegast, Binnie Ravitch, Hadden Blair and Maria McFarland

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Reid Silva, Glenn Hearn, Diane Powers and Skip Manter

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

The minutes of the September 25, 2007 meeting were approved with corrections.

Map 39 Lot 7- continuation of a public hearing under the requirements of G.L. Ch.131 § 40, as amended and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw and regulations to consider a **Notice of Intent** filed by Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc. on behalf of Comp Real Estate Trust for property located at 208 Middle Point Road. The proposed project consists of the excavation and construction of a 95-foot long riprap revetment wall for shoreline protection on a coastal bank.

The board discussed the site visit that took place earlier today with Steve McKenna of Coastal Zone Management. Reid was unable to attend the site visit. Mike and Mary Jane Pease were present along with Tara, Prudy, Peter, Dan and Maria.

Steve agreed that the commission should require a sediment supply and that this was not an unreasonable request. He said it is almost too hard for an applicant to prove that the bank is not a sediment source. Steve agreed to put his observations and recommendations into a letter to the Commission. These recommendations include using beach grass instead of Spartina, as this is not a salt marsh. The revetment should be elongated so that it continues around the bend in the shoreline and the section of groin should be incorporated into new revetment as it is deflecting sand away from the beach that is eroding. A simple calculation is required to determine how much sediment is required to fill the structure to capacity.

Reid submitted a letter, which states that in his opinion the bank is not significant to the protection to the interests of the Wetlands Protection Act and therefore they are not proposing a beach nourishment component to this project. The letter was read into the record. The letter proposes a monitoring protocol of every 2.5 years to locate the bottom of the bank.

After a lengthy discussion, the applicant agreed to revise the project plan to include the recommendations from Coastal Zone Management and to come up with a sediment supply budget.

In agreement with the property owner's representative, a motion was made and seconded to continue the hearing to October 23rd at 5:50 PM. All in favor

New Business

DEP workshop - Margo Clerkin, DEP circuit rider has offered to come to the Vineyard to do a workshop on November 13th. Maria will see if there is interest from other island commissions.

Old Business

Map 35 Lot 1 – Maria and Prudy reviewed their site visit with John Rosenmiller regarding compliance with the restoration plan approved in 2006. Maria was instructed to send John a letter reminding him of the requirement to maintain a 25 ft. buffer. No further action was taken.

Mill Pond – Glenn Hearn was present to discuss whether a plan for dredging the Mill Pond would be eligible for CPC funding. He told the board about the research he has done into a similar project in Westport. He has submitted a preliminary application to the CPC committee for the cost of the design and permitting phase of such a project. He has been making inquiries locally about reusing the dredged materials and the cost of the project overall. The board reviewed Glenn's application to the CPC and pointed out several inconsistencies or inaccurate information in the application. Peter who is the Con Comm representative to the CPC committee explained the CPC process. A lengthy discussion took place about the CPC process and getting town approval for funding for this project.

Peter said that applicants for CPA money are supposed to talk to town boards that would have to approve the project in advance to be sure there are no fundamental problems that would prohibit the project from being approved. At this point all this commission can say is that a dredging project is a permissible project under the Wetlands Protection Act but that there are other agencies that will also have to review this project. No action was taken on this matter.

Administrative

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland
Board Administrator
APPROVED