

WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

December 11, 2007

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

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Bill Wilcox of the MVC, Glenn Provost of Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering, Bart Smith, Jay Guest, and Jude Villa

Prudy Burt called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

The minutes of the November 27th meeting were approved.

There were no public hearings this evening.

Map 40 Lot 1.1 Conservation Restriction Bayer/ Land Bank After a brief discussion with Tara Whiting, the Commissions representative to the land bank advisory board, action on this CR was tabled pending answers to commissioners' questions.

Map 11 Lot 82. 1 Conservation Restriction Bennett/ Land Bank After a brief discussion with Tara Whiting, the Commissions representative to the land bank advisory board, action on this CR was tabled pending answers to commissioners' questions.

Map 6 Lots 7.2 and 8 Harrowby/ Milton Estates – Glenn Provost and Bart Smith. Vineyard Land Surveying has filed an RDA asking the Commission to confirm the wetland boundaries and determine if the stream is intermittent or perennial. This is an informal discussion about the process involved in having the Commission do this. There is no project being proposed at this time.

The Commission has asked LEC Environmental Consultants for an estimate to verify the wetland boundary line but it was not available for this meeting. Glenn questioned the need to hire an outside consultant when we have never done so in the past. It was explained that usually there is a specific project being proposed which can be located on the ground. In this instance the Commission is being asked to independently verify the wetland line. In order to do this, a consultant has to be hired. The public meeting on this will be held on January 8th at which time the Commission will vote on whether to hire a consultant for this project.

Estuaries Project Letter of support for 604B funding from DEP. Bill Wilcox updated the board on testing for James Pond. A motion was made and seconded to sign a letter of support for another round of water quality testing in James Pond. All in favor.

Map 32 Lot 83 – Cooper Determination– Jay Guest and Jude Villa reviewed the site conditions since the completion of the house renovation. In order to prevent erosion on the steep slope they need to clear an access path at the edge of the borrow pit to place boulders in the northeast corner of the building envelope to act as a retaining wall. They will use existing fill from the cellar hole to decrease the incline of the grade. Two trees will be removed. A landscape plan will be submitted for approval.

Map 13 Lot 11 – Pyle The board issued a Negative Determination in 2003 granting permission to remove 12 trees in the buffer zone. The work was not done during the 3-year permit time frame. The landscaper, Vince Maciel came in to ask what paperwork was needed. Maria was instructed to ask Mr. Pyle for a letter. A site visit will be done. As long as there is no other work proposed a letter will be fine.

Map 13 Lot 1 SE79-219 and SE79-239 Two orders of Conditions for an upgraded septic system and renovation of the house. Maria reported on her site visit. Pictures of the completed project were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to issue certificates of compliance.

Administrative

FY 2009 Budget A motion was made and seconded to approval the budget for FY 2009. All in favor.

The following were noted and signed:

Map 13 Lot 1 SE79-219 and SE79-239 Marcus Certificates of Compliance

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland
Board Administrator
APPROVED