

WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2008

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

Also Present for all or part of the meeting: Glenn Hearn, Reid Silva, Matthew Dix, Skip Manter and Richard Knabel

Prudy Burt called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 28th meeting. All in favor. Dan abstained.

Map 35 Lot 1.9 - a public hearing under the requirements of M.G.L. Ch 131 § 40, as amended and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw to consider a **Notice of Intent** filed by Glenn R. Hearn on behalf of Blue Heron Properties, LLC for property located at 99 Pond View Farm Road,. The proposed project consists of the installation and maintenance of a timber-frame raised walkway, stairway and seasonal, bottom-anchored, floating pier and ramp on the Tisbury Great Pond.

After a lengthy discussion concerning the lack of information on the application plans, the applicant's representative withdrew the Notice of Intent because under the local wetlands bylaw a dock will only be considered for a lot that has a primary structure on it and this lot does not.

Map 14 Lot 13 - a public hearing under the requirements of the M.G.L. Ch 131 § 40, as amended and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw to consider a **Notice of Intent** filed by Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering on behalf of Caroline W. Verbeck for property in Seven Gates located at 76 School House Lane. The project consists of the construction of a new septic system for an existing 4 bedroom house in the buffer zone. NHESP letter dated 11/7/08 states that the project is exempt from MESA and meets the performance standards under WPA.

Reid Silva presented the project. The design of this system is dictated by the fact that there is no basement at this house so there is no way to reroute the plumbing. The Board of Health has signed off on this project. The discussion centered around how do deal with the installation of this system if they discover that the groundwater is high in this area. It was agreed that an observation pit will be dug prior to beginning work so that if groundwater is an issue, the contractor will be prepared to deal with it. There will be a preconstruction site visit. Prudy closed the public hearing. A motion was made and seconded to approve this project as presented subject to conditions. All in favor.

Map 25 Lots 5.1 and 11 - a public hearing under the requirements of the M.G.L. Ch 131 § 40, as amended and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw to consider a **Notice of Intent** filed by the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank holder of two trail easements over property located off Old County Road at owned by the Trustees of the William W. Hickie Trust. This property is known as the Square Field. The project consists of the establishment of 695 linear feet of walking trail within the bordering vegetated wetland and buffer zone adjacent to the Mill Brook. The project will incorporate ground-level and raised boardwalks as well as earthen steps as necessary.

Matthew Dix was present for the Land Bank. The path will follow the top of the berm and will be mowed with a Gravelly. There is a low spot which is the reason they are requesting a boardwalk. They will monitor the site for a while before deciding whether to actually install the boardwalk. There is no parking for this site. Matthew also told the board that the Hickies might want to put in a cattle fence mostly to keep people from wandering off the Land Bank easement. Prudy said it has been at least three years since this property was used as cow pasture. The placement of a fence in the buffer zone is an exempt activity so long as it is not an impediment to wildlife passage.

A motion was made and seconded to continue the public hearing on this project to December 9th at 5:10 PM in anticipation of the receiving the review letter from NHESP. All in favor.

Administrative

Map 3 Lot 69.1/SE79-193/ Stien/ Certificate of Compliance signed.

Correspondence In: Map 23 Lot 7/Labunka/ NHESP letter on botanical study

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland
Board Administrator
APPROVED