

WEST TISBURY  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
April 17, 2018

**Present:** John Brannen, Prudy Burt, Whit Griswold, Michael Turnell, Binnie Ravitch, and Tara Whiting

**Absent:** Peter Rodegast

**Staff Present:** Maria McFarland

**Also present for all or part of the meeting:** John Clift, Nate Morgan and Reid Silva

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 P.M. Tara Whiting Chairman presiding.

**Public Hearings:**

**Map 12 Lot 44/ WTCC2018-01:** a public hearing under the requirements of the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw and regulations to consider a **Notice of Intent** filed by Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc., on behalf of Marc L. and Mary Beth Daniels owners of property located at 67 Hidden Village Road. The project consists of the construction of a swimming pool and patio within the buffer zone to a 6,200+/\_square foot man-made pond.

Reid said this is the same application approved in 2013 except that the type of pool has changed. The 2013 Order of Conditions approved a conventional gunite pool with chemicals for maintaining the water. This pool will be a natural pool that uses plants and gravel to filter the water. He did not bring specifications for regeneration zones or a plant inventory. The pool will be constructed by Nantucket Pools.

Sediment runoff into the pond was discussed. Reid suggested using some of the fill from the pool excavation to build a small swale or berm at the bottom of the paddock to slow runoff along the fence line and direct flow away from the pond.

There will be no stockpiling of fill on site. All excavated materials will be place directly into a truck and taken off site.

There was no public comment. The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve this project as presented with conditions for a pre-construction site visit and submission of the specifications for the pool and plant list. All in favor.

**Old Business:**

**Map 1 Lot 50/SE79-358/30 Beach Pebble Road:** John Clift of Landscape presented an updated landscaping plan. Per the site visit meeting held on April 13, a proposal to remove invasive species from an area on the west side of the property within the first 25 feet of the coastal bank

has been removed. If the property owner decides to pursue this work, a new application will be submitted.

Landscape will continue to monitor the huckleberry restoration area around the well. John said they have had good results and will add additional huckleberry mat as necessary. Some huckleberry mat was taken from an area outside the buffer zone where they created two parking spaces. If more huckleberry mat is need, they will get from off site.

John Clift said he removed Rosa Ragosa from the plant list. The plants to be used around the pool are Winterberry, Clethra, Inkberry and Switchgrass.

Nate Morgan explained that at the site visit members asked if they had thought about storm water runoff from the solid roof structure over the patio. To address this issue, Nate said they will add a French drain at grade that will gravity feed runoff to the existing drywell. John said the drywell was a 600 gallon capacity pre-cast structure that uses washed gravel and fabric filter. Nate said they would determine the square footage of the roof in order to determine if the dry well can handle the capacity.

Prudy reminded John that they need to continue to monitor the Japanese Knotweed in an effort to keep it from spreading.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the revised plan as presented except that the location of the French drain will be shown on the plan. All in favor.

**Homer Watcha/ NHESP Conservation and Management Plan:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the comment letter as revised. All in favor.

**James Pond update:** Whit said the pond has opened and closed several times in recent days. The channel David Merry created has silted up a bit but seems to be working. The Spartina patens (salt marsh hay), will be here in mid to late May.

Maria explained that Biodiversityworks, with funding from The Nature Conservancy, will conduct monitoring in the fresh water pond adjacent to James Pond. The monitoring will be done in accordance with the James Pond River Herring Habitat Assessment protocol. For the last 2 years, Biodiversityworks did pre-construction monitoring in James Pond proper. A report is forthcoming.

Members also discussed the Technical memorandum issued by the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST) entitled, “Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment of the Martha’s Vineyard Island-Wide Estuaries and Salt Ponds Summer 2017 report”. This report includes data on James Pond and Tisbury Great Pond. Prudy will put her questions regarding this report in writing so that Maria can send them to SMAST and the MVC for answers.

It was noted that the board never received a response to the October 2017 letter sent to the MVC on Tisbury Great Pond monitoring protocol and missing reports. Maria will ask Sheri to come to

the May 8 meeting and to remind her that the board never got a response to the October 23, 2017 letter.

**Administrative:**

**Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program:** This is a two day workshop that will take place on May 3 and 6. The Town Administrator has asked that there be a representative of the Commission in attendance.

**Map 12 Lot 44/ WTCC13-1/Daniels/Certificate of Compliance:** The board signed a Certificate of Compliance that this permit is invalid as it has expired and the project was not constructed.

**Map 14 Lot 7/SE79-355/Certificate of Compliance/Patterson-**tabled until erosion control measures are in place and a site visit can be done.

**Map 14 Lot 7.1/ SE79-349/Certificate of Compliance/Cox/House and SE79-380/Certificates of Compliance/Cox/Landscaping-** tabled until erosion control measures are in place and a site visit can be done.

**Map 39 Lot 14/ SE 79-96/Certificate of Compliance/Watcha Homer 1994 Order:** A site visit will be scheduled for May 3.

**CPC/ Member appointment;** A motion was made and seconded to appoint John Brannen to serve as the Commission's appointee to the Community Preservation Committee to replace Tara Whiting who has resigned. All in favor.

**Correspondence**

**In** Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment: Summary Report for TGP and James Pond

**Out:** Map 6 Lot 13/ 15 Old Herring Creek Road/ Determination of Applicability  
Map 12 Lot 32/SE79-383/ 68 Christiantown Road/Order of Conditions  
Map 3 Lot 46/ 15 Stone Bridge Road/ Determination of Applicability

There being no new business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland  
Board Administrator  
APPROVED