

WEST TISBURY  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 27, 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:** Chris Alley

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 P.M. Tara Whiting Chairman presiding.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February 13 meeting were approved as revised.

**Continued Public Hearing:**

**Map 14 Lot 9.1/SE79-382:** 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 Schofield, Barbini & Hoehn on behalf of the Schmidt Family Farm Trust for a project on a portion of the property located at 50 Tisbury Lane East. The project consists of site work including installation of utilities, upgrading of Cedar Lane and installation of a well within the buffer zone in connection with the creation of a new 7.4 acre single family residential house lot.

Prudy recused herself from this public hearing and stepped away from the table to sit in the audience.

Chris Alley was present on behalf of the applicant. The DEP file number letter dated February 15 did not have any comments.

Chris said he and Dave the well digger went to the site as requested at the last meeting to determine if a well rig could access the site without the road being improved. Chris added that he was able to remove flags from a couple of trees that will not need to be taken down.

The public hearing was closed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the project as presented. All in favor.

Special conditions will include a provision that minimal tree work and road preparation will be done to allow a well rig into the site. There will be two phases of erosion control measures installed. Silt fencing backed by snow fencing will initially be placed around the immediate well site. If the well produces water, the rest of the silt and snow fencing will be put in place as shown on the project plan. A preconstruction site visit is required.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the special conditions. All in favor.

**New Public Hearing:**

**Map 12 Lot 32/SE79-383:** A public hearing under the requirements of G.L. Ch.131 § 40, as amended, and West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw and regulations to consider a **Notice of Intent** filed by Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc. on behalf of the Rose Family Limited Partnership for a project at 68 Christiantown Road. The project consists of the construction of a new 8' wide gravel road, 36" culvert, and stone retaining wall that will cross an intermittent stream.

At the request of the applicant's representative, a motion was made and seconded to continue the public hearing on this matter to March 13 at 5:30 PM. The project was not presented and no testimony was taken. All in favor.

**Old Business:**

**Tiah's Cove Road Culvert Replacement:** Maria reported that she has begun working on the grant application.

In order to determine if this project would qualify for a grant we need to find out if there is any tidal influence at this culvert. If there is, a replacement project may not be able to comply with the stream crossing standards and therefore possibly not eligible for this particular grant. Maria obtained information from the Department of Ecological Restoration on how to make this determination. Tara will give this information to Richie Olsen so that he can get a qualified person to look at this issue.

Maria found what appears to be the erroneous identification of a cold water stream crossing between South Vine Lane and Crow Hollow Road on the Massachusetts Wildlife Climate Action Tool Map. This tool is used by grant applicants to determine if the culvert they want to replace has been surveyed and/or identified as one in need of replacement. The USGS map shows a perennial stream in this location, but none exists. Maria noted that the 1978 road layout for Tiah's Cove does not show a culvert at this location. The culvert the Highway Department wants to replace is not identified on the Climate Action Tool Map. Maria has confirmed that it has not been surveyed. Prudy suggested that Maria check with Steve Hurley, Southeast District Fisheries Manager at the Division of Fish and Wildlife to see if he can help us get this corrected.

**Administrative:**

**CPC appointment:** John said he would consider taking on this responsibility. He will attend a CPC meeting and make a decision.

**Correspondence**

<b>In</b>	Map 12 Lot 32/ Notice of Intent Map 14 Lot 9.1 DEP File # letter Copy of letter from Army Corp of Engineers dated 2/20/18 regarding breaching barrier beach TGP
<b>Out:</b>	Map 11 Lots 36 and 37/SE79-306/Certificate of Compliance/ Driveway Map 43 Lot 2/SE79-381/130 Watcha Club Road/ Order of Conditions

There being no new business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 4: 45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland  
Board Administrator  
APPROVED