

WEST TISBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 27, 2017

Present: John Brannen, Prudy Burt, Whit Griswold, Michael Turnell, Peter Rodegast, Peyton Wallace and Tara Whiting

Absent: Binnie Ravitch

Staff Present: Maria McFarland

Also present for all or part of the meeting: George Sourati

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

The minutes of the June 13 meeting were approved as revised. Prudy abstained.

Continued Public Hearings:

James Pond/SE79-364: 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 the West Tisbury Board of Selectmen and Herring Warden for a project proposed at James Pond and Map 6 Lots 13 and 20. The project consists of work associated with breaching the barrier beach at James Pond including dredging the associated meander for the purpose of restoring a fish passageway, placement of fiber rolls and salt marsh plantings.

There was not a quorum for this public hearing. No testimony was taken. The hearing was continued to July 11, 2017 at 5:30 PM.

Map 31 Lot 6/ SE79-379: 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 Sourati Engineering Group LLC on behalf of the heirs of Barbara F. Fales for a project located at 699 Old County Road. The project consists of the demolition and reconstruction of a detached bedroom/pool house, the demolition of a garage/detached bedroom and the construction of an addition to an existing single family residence together with associated site work. The project is within the Riverfront Area.

George Sourati presented the project.

Issues discussed:

- Structures will be demolished if approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals. If not approved for demolition, the buildings will be raised and new foundations installed.
- The limit of work will be 20 feet from the edge of the structures.
- The outfall pipe will be abandoned.
- Gutters that drain into drywells will be installed.
- Clay from the tennis court and other non-biodegradable materials will be removed from the brush pile located in the bordering vegetated wetland. The brush pile can stay in place but not added to. George said client agreed to discontinue this practice.

- The septic leach field is outside the Riverfront Area.
- Prudy asked whether there was any consideration giving to a denitrify system. George replied that said there will be no increase in septic system capacity and that nitrogen is not an issue with fresh water wetlands. Prudy responded that the Mill Brook flows into Tisbury Great Pond.

The public hearing was closed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the project as described in the Notice of Intent with conditions as follows:

- 20 foot limit of construction
- Removal of all non-biodegradable material from the bordering vegetated wetland
- Removal of the outfall pipe
- Preconstruction site visit and as built plan
- Cease mowing within 10 feet of the wetland, boundary markers will be installed to permanently delineate the no-mow zone
- Path may be maintained
- Clay from the tennis court and other non-biodegradable materials will be removed from the brush pile located in the bordering vegetated wetland. All new landscaping debris will be removed off site.

The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

New Business:

Brandy Brow: At the request of the Board of Selectmen, the board granted permission for a stump at the edge of the Waldron driveway to be flush cut.

Old Business:

Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance Grant Opportunity: Members reviewed a draft of the application. Vineyard Land Surveying provided a rough estimate of \$8,000 for the costs for field data collection, design and permitting.

John reviewed grant summary and point system used to score the grant application. John came up with about 50 points. This culvert will probably score low on demonstrated need for replacement based on condition, flood hazard/flooding history and risk of failure but will score well on the environmental factors based on impacts to fish and wildlife. Our previous grant application for this type of project scored 80 points but did was not awarded funding because there are culverts around the state that are in worse condition.

Prudy said there are two cracks on the south side headwall and explained that when she has been checking her temperature loggers at this site, the vibration from truck traffic is significant.

Maria explained that the culvert does not show up on the climate action tool which is to be used by applicants to see where their culvert ranks with others in need of replacement. This culvert

does not show up because it doesn't rank within the top 15 percent of culverts in need of restoration.

The application asks for other sources of secured or anticipated funding. Prudy said she spoke with Bea Phear of the Edey Foundation about funding for this type of project. She said Bea explained that the Edey Foundation doesn't usually give money to towns and that if they did, it would probably be in form of a grant match.

Tara will speak with Richie to see if he can provide a cost to replace the culvert. If Tara can't get a construction estimate from Richie, the grant application will be for the field data, design and permitting.

Members discussed initiating an assessment of the culverts in town so that we are better prepared to fill out grant applications in the future.

A motion was made and seconded to submit an application for funding under the Division of Ecological Restoration, Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game culvert replacement municipal assistance grant.

Administrative:

Map 7 Lot 27.2/ SE79-369/290 Lambert's Cove Road: A motion was made and seconded to sign a Certificate of Compliance for the septic system upgrade. All in favor.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland
Board Administrator
APPROVED