

WEST TISBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 13, 2016

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

Absent: Peter Rodegast and Michael Turnell

Staff Present: Maria McFarland

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Dick Barbini, Meg Bodnar, Cody Coutinho, Reid Silva, Josh Scott and David Torrence

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 P.M. Tara Whiting, Chairman presiding.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 23 meeting were approved. Prudy abstained.

Continued public hearings:

James Pond/SE79-364: continued 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.

Members discussed the only response to a request for quotes from Vineyard Land Surveying and Engineering to do the surveying and engineering work required to move the design of this project forward. Maria informed the members that the Town Administrator will prepare an article for the November 1 town meeting seeking approval for \$9,000. The article will be sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Herring Warden. The request for quotes was also sent to Schofield, Barbini & Hoehn and Sourati Engineering Group both of whom declined to provide a quote.

Maria also reported that there was no new information from Brad Chase.

Public Comment: None. A motion was made and seconded to continue the public hearing on this matter to November 15, 2016 at 5:10 PM. All in favor. After this hearing, Prudy left the meeting.

Map 1 Lots 26, 28 & 29/ SE79-370: 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, Inc. for a project to remove 13 trees within a bordering vegetated wetland, 5 trees in the buffer zone and to prune 2 trees in the buffer zone in order to establish a view channel. The project is located at 40 Norton Farm Road Map 1 Lot 26 owned by Paul I Weiss Trustee and 92 Norton Farm Road Map 1 Lot 29 owned by Nancy T. Hammond, Trustee.

Josh Scott was present to go over revisions to the project plan and narrative generated from the comments provided by DEP regarding a lack of information on the methodology and equipment to be used to remove trees from the Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Tara said that most of the trees being removed were Black Locust which is a non-native invasive tree. The few Beetlebung trees within the wetlands are part of a large stand of these trees.

Public Comment: None

The public hearing was closed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the project as revised. All in favor. Maria reviewed proposed special conditions. A motion was made and seconded to approve the special conditions. All in favor.

Map 7 Lots 32, 34, 76 and 81: 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 Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc., on behalf of the Longview Roads Association for a project to replace a failed culvert on a private road known as Black Brook Crossing. The project is located on Black Brook Crossing adjacent to the lots noted above.

Michael Turnell joined this public hearing via conference call.

Reid reviewed existing site conditions and presented a revised culvert replacement design. He also recapped the site visit with Tim Chorey, stream continuity specialist from the MA Division of Ecological Restoration. Reid has been working with Tim to bring the plan into compliance with the stream crossing guidelines for replacement culverts to the extent practicable.

Of those guidelines, there are three criteria that this replacement project can meet: the width and depth of the culvert and re-creation of the existing stream bed within the culvert.

Reid said the culvert width will be 1.2 times the design section width and the bottom of the culvert will be buried 2 feet.

The revised design mimics the streambed substrate found downstream of the culvert. The plan shows a good representation of what the stream bed would have looked like, had it not been altered. The narrative and the plan details the materials used to re-create the substrate. The new culvert will be two sections of pre-cast concrete.

Reid explained that Tim asked that the upstream spillway be replaced with a riffle (essentially loose stones) to improve connectivity.

Reid will meet with the contractor to walk the design segment prior to commencement of construction.

Reid reviewed his plan to dewater the site. It should take about a week to complete the work with only a one day interruption of flow.

Public Comment: Mr. Capobianco had several questions about the process including whether Tim got paid and if the board was required to follow his recommendations. Tim will not get paid; he provided free technical assistance to the Commission regarding the stream crossing standards.

Reid said the finished project will look quite different from what is there now. It will look more like a bridge with a stream flowing under it.

There probably will not be the need to have erosion control measures aside from the dewater system. Any excavated material will be put directly into a truck. There will be no onsite stockpiling.

The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the project as revised. All in favor. Draft special conditions will be reviewed at the next meeting.

New Hearings:

Map 35 Lot 6.2/SE79-373: 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 for a project to install and maintain an elevated boardwalk through a bordering vegetated wetland and to install two 4'x8' molded fiberglass panels placed on helix pipe pilings to create a platform to be used to launch kayaks into Tiah's Cove. The project is located at 32 Plum Bush Point Road, Assessors Map 35 Lot 6.2 owned by David and Lisa Torrence.

Dick Barbini represents the applicant. The comment letter from the DEP was reviewed. Dick explained how he had revised the project plan to address these comments.

The fiberglass platform will allow light to get to any vegetation underneath. A Chapter 91 License is not needed.

With the consent of the applicant, a motion was made and seconded to continue the public hearing on this project because we are waiting for the NHESP comment letter. All in favor.

New Business:

Brandy Brow/Daffodils: Cathy Minkiewicz has asked for permission for a group of volunteers to plant an additional 400 daffodil bulbs on the hill at Brandy Brow. The project is not a garden club project but several of the volunteers are garden club members. A motion was made and seconded to approve the request to plant more daffodils on Brandy Brow. All in favor.

Old Business

Map 14 Lot 7/SE79-355: Patterson: George Crawford presented the landscape plan on behalf of the Pattersons. The plan details the restoration of existing flowerbeds and landscaped areas post construction with a few exceptions. The existing lawn around the house will be restored. A motion was and seconded to approve the landscape plan as revised. All in favor.

OB Solar Array project: The hearing was continued because a question came up on Article 97 that requires work on the part of the MVC lawyers.

• **Administrative:**

Map 23 Lot 3.1/SE79-315/Lauprete/Certificate of Compliance for landscape work
Map 23 Lot 3.1/SE79-332/ Lauprete/ Certificate of Compliance for barn restoration
Map 7 Lot 36/SE79-256/ Silber/Certificate of Compliance for septic system and addition

Correspondence:

In: DEP File number letters SE79-372 and 373

Out: Map 1 Lot 2/SE79-340/Herget/ Windy Way/Project revision
Map 7 Lot 44/8 Manaquayak Road/ Administrative Review/one tree removal
Map 14 Lot 7/SE79-355/Approval of Landscape plan
Map 35 /Lot 6.3/SE79-333 Amendment to Order of Conditions

There being no new business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland
Board Administrator
APPROVED