WEST TISBURY

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 9, 2022

The meeting was held via Zoom in accordance with the Governor’s order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A sec.20. Public participation will be via remote participation (Zoom) pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021.

**Present**, Geraldine Brooks, Whit Griswold, Angela Luckey, Donna Paulnock, Peter Rodegast and Michael Turnell

**Absent**: Fred Barron and

**Also present for all or part of the meeting****:** Torston Schlamsbach and Reid Silva,

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 28, 2022 meeting were approved as revised. Roll Call Vote: Angela – aye, Donna- aye, Geraldine- aye, Michael-aye, Peter- aye, and Whit-aye.

**Continued Public Hearing**

**Map 35 Lot 1.9/SE79-440:** a public hearing under the requirements of M. 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 Blue Heron LLC for a project to create and maintain a 4’ wide mown path, install a 4’x4’ ramp, 29’ elevated boardwalk, 64’. fixed piling pier, 5’ ramp and a 10’ seasonal floating dock in Town Cove on Tisbury Great Pond. The project location is 99 Pond View Farm Road.

The quorum for this hearing is Donna, Fred, Peter and Whit. There being no quorum present and with the consent of the applicant, a motion was made and seconded to continue this public hearing to August 23 with the time to be determined. Roll Call Vote: Angela – aye, Donna- aye, Geraldine- aye, Michael-aye, Peter- aye, and Whit-aye. The board then scheduled a site visit to view the new location of the dock on August 17. ( No testimony was taken although it was noted that the revised project plan has yet to be submitted to DEP and DMF)

**New Public Hearing:**

**Map 8 Lot 2/SE79-441:**  a public hearing under the requirements of M. 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 UMB Bank, N. A. , Trustee of the Trust for the Benefit of Jessie Benton Lyman for a project to upgrade the septic system tanks and trench water and sewer lines within the Buffer Zone. The project location is 18 Solviva Road.

Reid oriented the board to the project location. This is the old Anna Edey property Ana Edey developed and used an earth worm septic system at this property. Reid described the property as overgrown fields with several dilapidated structures. There 4 structures with bedrooms. The main 5-bedroom house shown as Building A on the project plan Building A has components of Ana’s system ; and Buildings C and D have cesspools that will be abandoned and filled. There are also several sheds and out buildings scattered around the property.

There is a well with water lines to the 4 buildings, none of which are habitable. Four trenches will be installed connecting the septic tanks to the leach field. The trench to connect Building D, a 2-bedroom structure sits within with No-Build Zone of the Buffer Zones requires a 415ft long trench through the Buffer Zone to connect to the leach field.

Commissioners Comments/ Questions:

The discussion centered around the 415 ft long trench through the Buffer Zone. Reid explained that he tried to get approval for a separate leach field to serve Building D, but there was no location where the Board of Health setback of 100 feet between the leach field and the wetland could be met. The trench will be a 1‘x4’ trench dug with a small piece of equipment. It has to be inspected before it can be backfilled.

Peter described the site. The trenching is within the overgrown field. He pointed out that the new system is an improvement noting that the leach field is outside the Buffer Zone.

Peter asked if all the components will go in at the same time. Reid said yes, the board of health is requiring it. Much better pumps out of the board’s jurisdiction.

Peter also commented that if it was his property, he would move Building D because it will be hard to rebuild that structure given its proximity to the wetland.

Reid said it has taken the property owner five years to get the project to this point. The BOH is now requiring them to do this work because there are buildings on the property.

Geraldine commented that Reid has looked at the alternatives and the property owner is being required to do it. Michael added he was comfortable with it as Peter has seen it. Donna and Angela agreed.

There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed. Peter made a motion, seconded by Michael to approve the project as presented with the standard conditions. Roll Call Vote: Angela – aye, Donna- aye, Geraldine, Michael-aye, Peter- aye and Whit-aye.

O**ld Business:**

**Bylaw revisions view channel edits review**: The board briefly discussed setting a date to do this review, but no decision was made.

**Blackwater Brook Farm/ Runamuck Farm and Leonard-Peck Farm/ update:** Whit told the board that a fence has been placed between the pasture just past the senior Cottle residence and the big barn on the property where it slopes down to a tributary that feeds into Blackwater Brook. Whit said this isn’t a long-term solution but shows a little progress.

**Administrative: Site visit day:** The board discussed moving site visits to Thursdays, but no decision was made.

There being no new business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria McFarland

Board Administrator