

WEST TISBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 24, 2023

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: Fred Barron, Whit Griswold, Angela Luckey, Peter Rodegast, Ernie Thomas and Michael Turnell

Absent: Geraldine Brooks and Chris Lyons

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Chris Cottrell, Brandon Faneuf, Amy Rogers Kris Horiuchi, Sean Dougherty and Tara Whiting

Minutes: A motion was made by Peter, seconded by Fred to approve the minutes of the October 10,2023 meeting as corrected. Roll Call Vote: Whit-aye Fred-Aye Peter-aye Mike-aye Ernie-aye

Whit Griswold called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Continued Public Hearing

Map 6 Lots 6, 7.2 and 7.4/SE79-454 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, for a project to remove an unpermitted revetment from the 1960's and replace it with a 267' rock revetment, flanked by 50' arrays of fiber rolls and gabion baskets on the north and south ends of the revetment to protect an existing circa 1930 cottage at **271 John Cottle Road (Map 6 Lot 6) owned by Paul's Point Area Realty, L.L.C.** Sand nourishment is also proposed. Access to the site will be via an existing driveway on **245 John Cottle Road (Map 6 Lot 7.2), owned by Harrowby Property Co , LTD, and 257 John Cottle Road (Map 6 Lot 7.4)** owned by Dunster Realty, L.L.C. A 690 ft temporary construction access road on the beach is proposed between the existing driveway at 257 John Cottle Road and the site of the proposed shore protection.

At the applicant's request, a motion was made by Ernie, seconded by Fred to continue the public hearing to January 23, 2024 at 5:20 pm. Roll Call Vote: Angela- aye, Ernie -aye, Fred-aye, Peter -aye, and Whit – aye. Michael abstained.

Old Business

Map 11 Lot 44/SE79-451/ Brody: The project plan has been revised by removing a deck and adding an addition on the inland side of the house. The addition is roughly 69 1/2 sq.' total. There was some discussion about procedures on this matter. The changes are de minus. A motion was made by Peter, seconded by Michael to approve the revised plan dated April 20, 2023. Roll call unanimous; Whit-aye, Michael-aye, Peter-aye, Fred-aye, Ernie-aye, and Angela-aye

Map 43 Lot 1/SE79-436/100 Watcha Club Road: Per the Order of Conditions, the property owner was required to bring a plan showing the final view channel from the pool house once the pool and the pool house was built.

The required site visit was held on October 18, 2023. The discussion was to start clearing trees within the limit of work first. Then Kris Horiuchi would flag trees outside of that to be either pruned or removed, and schedule another site visit. Within the view channel ending at the boundary of the No-Disturbance Zone (first 25 feet of the Buffer Zone). The revised plan shows the view channel shifted slightly south away from the opening to give some protection the guest house but not any bigger. The red lines show the new view channel.

A motion was made Ernie, seconded by Fred to approve the final location of the view channel with phased clearing to start within the limit of work. Trees in the view channel but outside the limit of work shall be flagged but not cut until a second site visit is done and the board approves additional trees to be removed. Roll call: Fred-aye, Whit-aye, Peter-aye, Michael-aye, Fred-aye, and Angela-aye.

Map 15 Lot 1 271 Indian Hill Rd/ Enforcement Order/ Restoration Plan

The Commission members received a restoration plan and proposal from Breezy Pine Landscapers s right before the meeting on 10/10 but didn't have time before the meeting to review it.

Whit noted neighbors have appealed the Enforcement Order as they feel restoration plan is inaccurate because, in their opinion. the delineation of the wetland is wrong.

Members are reluctant to discuss or approve the restoration plan since DEP may be getting involved in reviewing the delineation. Brandon asked what the Commission expects to happen with the appeal? In Brandon's opinion it is not a legitimate appeal. Whit suggested Maria reach out to Whitney McClees at DEP when she returns from vacation. All agreed to proceed once there is more information. Whit Has spoken with the neighbors and DEP staff. Fred asked for a little history of how the CC got here. Questions about DEP jurisdiction and WT local by-laws jurisdiction and whether town counsel will be needed. Whit explained. No action was taken.

Calendar: Election Day is November 7 (although not in West Tisbury) and Town meeting is November 14 so the Commission cannot meet. The next meeting will be held on November 8, 2023 at 5:00PM.

Administrative:

Meetings: Whit brought up the topic of meeting in person. Most where in favor but also mentioned the need to keep the meetings shorter. Whit thought perhaps meeting in person would help that. Also discussed a hybrid option. No action was taken.

There being no new business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Whiting-Wells

APPROVED
11/8/2023