

WEST TISBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 22, 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, Geraldine Brooks, Whit Griswold, Chris Lyons, Peter Rodegast, Ernie Thomas, and Michael Turnell

Absent: Angela Luckey

Staff Present: Maria McFarland

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Sandy Fisher

Whit Griswold called the meeting to order at 5:13 PM.

Approval of the minutes of the August 8, 2023 meeting were tabled to the next meeting.

Continued Public Hearing

SE79-452: 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 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 and seconded to continue the public hearing on this matter to September 12, 2023 at 5:20 PM. Roll Call Vote: Ernie -aye, Fred – aye, Geraldine-aye, Michael – aye, Peter – aye, and Whit – aye.

New Public Hearing

Map 3 Lot 14/ SE79- 455: 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 Sandra Fisher for a project located at 64 Old Lambert’s Cove Road owned by Ms. Fisher. The project consists of the construction of a two-car garage with a second story craft studio and trenching to tie into the existing septic system and well within the Riverfront Area with associated site work. Ernie recused himself from this meeting as he is a tenant of Sandy’s.

Sandy talked about the location of the garage and why this spot was the best location. The area is already disturbed, and won’t require a new driveway.

Commissioners Comments/ Questions:

Whit commented that he thought the proposal was modest, and if the site is properly graded with a dry well or a trench on the south side there won't be impact.

Sandy said she has talked to David Merry who will be doing the work about this issue.

Peter Rodegast commented that the stream is buffered by the roadway that is there.

Michael asked about any drainage that comes off the new building. There will be a condition about gutters or dry well.

A motion was made seconded to approve this project with conditions. Roll Call Vote: Fred -aye, Geraldine-aye, Michael – aye, Peter – aye, and Whit – aye.

Old Business

Greenlands/ Use of E-Bikes. Members had a brief conversation about this. Maria hasn't heard back from the person who raised the issue in the first place. She will email him again.

Harrison Keisel of the Land Bank said that "banning e-bikes is almost impossible as their width is not much more than mountain bikes". They use signage and if bike use in areas is really bad they use split rails so that people will have to get off their bikes in order to walk around. He recommended banning all levels of e-bikes because it is hard to distinguish them.

Kristen of Sherriff's Meadow told Maria that they allow pedal assist e-bikes but not the other two levels of motorized e-bike, but it is hard to enforce and to tell the different types of bikes apart.

A motion was made and seconded to hold a public hearing on this matter to be held on September 26 at 5:20 PM. . Roll Call Vote: Fred -aye, Geraldine-aye, Michael – aye, Peter – aye, and Whit – aye.

Brandy Brow Path: Maria explained that signs made by Tom Hodgson will be \$100 for wooden signs that are 12 w x 18 h in size. Most members liked the idea of wooden signs rather than metal. Fred commented that he would like to support a Vineyard artisan.

The wording can be shortened to take out the thank you and the Con Comm. Maria will ask the Highway Department to put up the signs.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the cost of the signs. Roll Call Vote: Ernie -aye, Fred – aye, Geraldine-aye, Michael – aye, Peter – aye, and Whit – aye.

Old Business

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria McFarland
Board Administrator
APPROVED
9/12/2023