

WEST TISBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 26, 2018

Present: Prudy Burt, Peter Rodegast, Michael Turnell, and Tara Whiting

Absent: John Brannen, Whit Griswold and Binnie Ravitch

Staff Present: Maria McFarland

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Kathy Peters

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

The minutes of the May 22 meeting were approved as revised. Michael abstained.

The minutes of the June 12 meeting were approved as revised.

Continued Public Meeting:

Map 11 Lot 36/496 Lambert's Cove Road: a public meeting under the requirements of G.L. Ch.131 § 40, as amended, and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw and regulations to consider a **Request for Determination of Applicability** filed by Sourati Engineering Group, LLC on behalf of Mark V. and Catherine M. Peters, Trustees of Stratisbury Realty Trust for a project to install a new septic system and perform associated site work for an existing single family dwelling.

This meeting was continued at the request of this board so that the Board of Health Agent could conduct a site visit to determine the bedroom count. Kathy Peters was present and confirmed that the house used to have 4 small bedrooms, but they removed a wall to make a master bedroom, reducing the number of bedrooms to 3. The project plan has been revised to show a three bedroom Title V septic system. Kathy told the board her husband would be doing the installation and that it should take approximately two weeks.

Peter said there should be a limit of work and that there will be too much material excavated for the leach field to stockpile all on site. He suggested that the excavated material be placed in a truck and taken offsite. Kathy said there was an area in the front of the house between the stone wall and that section of the driveway immediately in front of the house where the excavated material can be temporarily stockpiled.

There was no public comment. Tara closed the public meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with the conditions that a silt fence be properly staked and maintained along the hillside near the house and that excavated materials may be stockpiled for not more than 14 days within the circle of the driveway in the front of the house. No materials or equipment shall be allowed beyond the side of the house. All in favor.

New Business:

Non-native plants and animals: Prudy explained that she contacted Rez Williams after hearing bull frogs in the Mill Pond. Rez told her he had not heard them there before. Also, she noted a new sign at Priestster's Pond prohibiting dumping of exotic fish in the pond. Rez had an idea about a locally produced pamphlet that would explain why these things are bad and who to contact if they see any. Members briefly discussed putting together a pamphlet regarding non-native plants and animals. Maria provided two brochures; one from the New England Wild Flower Society, and one from the State of New

Hampshire on disposal of aquarium plants and animals. Prudy will ask Rez to rough something out and bring it to the board. No action was taken.

Map 25 Lot 1.1Agricultural Society/ Agricultural Preservation Restriction: Tara reported that the Selectmen will discuss a request by the Agricultural Society for permission to hold a drive-in movie on their grounds in July at their meeting tomorrow (June 27). Prudy said she will be at the meeting for the presentation of the Watershed Study Report and can remind the Selectmen that the Town, acting through the Conversation Commission, is the co-holder of this APR with Vineyard Conservation Society, and that this board should be included in decisions regarding activities on this property.

Old Business:

Water quality testing: Members were given a copy of the draft 2017 water quality testing report written by Sheri Caseau for review. Review and discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

Mill Brook Watershed Study Report and Recommendations: Tara attended the presentation of the report that was held at the library on June 25. The Selectmen will accept the report at their meeting on June 27.

Tara told the members that the tenor of those in attendance was receptive to the recommendations in the report.

The key issues discussed at the presentation were how to deal with diversions and water withdrawals along the brook going forward and how to find alternatives for fire suppression, agriculture irrigation and commercial pumping. Maria reminded the board that Greg Barron, owner of the property where the so called Maley's fire pond is located, is anxious for the Town to figure out what they need with respect to access to the pond. Members briefly talked about beginning work on a water withdrawal bylaw and when appropriate, will ask for access to counsel again now that the study is completed.

Makonikay/Lambert's Cove beach stairs; Maria circulated pictures of the repairs to the staircase. Maria was instructed to send a letter to the Makonikay Beach and Roads Trust reminding them that they need to contact the board prior to making repairs and that the use of pressure treated wood is not permitted.

Administrative:

Tisbury Great Pond/Bill for testing water quality samples taken in June by the MVC/ \$700 approved.

Correspondence:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland
Board Administrator
APPROVED