

**Newburyport Conservation Commission**  
October 16, 2018  
Senior Community Center, 331 High Street  
Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Joe Teixeira called a meeting of the Newburyport Conservation Commission to order at 6:46 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

In attendance were members Joe Teixeira, Steve Moore, David Vine, Doug Muir and Dan Warchol. Dan Bourdeau and Paul Healy were absent. Conservation Administrator Julia Godtfredsen was also in attendance.

**3. Minutes**

Steve Moore moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018, meeting as amended. Dan Warchol seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**4. Old and New Business**

**Plum Island Updates**

- The next meeting of the MRBA is scheduled for Friday, October 19 at 10:00 at Pita Hall.
- Signage is being installed to close the public accessway at 77<sup>th</sup> Street for at least the winter.

**5. Certificates of Compliance, Requests for Determinations, Requests for Minor Modifications**

**Ron Guertin**

1 Spofford Street

Request for Certificate of Compliance

DEP File #051-0975

Tom Hughes represented the applicant and said the work to resurface an existing driveway was done in compliance with the Order of Conditions. Julia Godtfredsen visited the site. She said the plantings are well established. The applicant added low-bush blueberries in the area of the old ramp as she requested. Steve Moore moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Ron Guertin**

1 Spofford Street

Request for Certificate of Compliance

DEP File #051-0983

The applicant installed a pathway, stairs, deck and ramp to provide access to a new dock. An existing dock and ramp were removed. Julia Godtfredsen said the site is stable. The applicant added plant materials along both sides of the stairs as she requested to prevent erosion on the steep slope. Steve Moore moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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**Emmett Horgan**

4 Jefferson Court

Request for Certificate of Compliance

DEP File #051-0769

Tom Hughes represented the applicant, who installed a float system. A large tree fell during a storm and was removed but no other trees were impacted by the project. The landing float that was installed is ten feet longer than that which had been approved. The change should not impact the resource area. Doug Muir moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance with a cover letter that states: 1) the increased size of the landing float is acceptable, 2) any further changes would require Conservation Commission approval, 3) the floats must be stored outside of the saltmarsh and coastal bank and 4) any storage of floats on the site must be coordinated with the Conservation Commission. David Vine seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dan Warchol moved to open the public hearings. Steve Moore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**6. Public Hearings**

**Jefferson Court Nominee Trust**

2 Jefferson Court

Notice of Intent

DEP File #051-1000

Tom Hughes represented the applicant, who is proposing to add a swimming pool and deck and replace the plant materials in the terraced area between the house and the river. Some of the proposed work would be within the 25-foot no-disturb zone but would be exempt under the ordinance. The terraced area is largely made of ledge and would be planted with native species to add habitat value. An existing shed has been removed. The slab under the shed is attached to the bedrock and would be retained to provide support for the new deck. A site visit took place on October 4 at which the Commission members asked that additional plant materials be installed on the rock wall in two locations. Steve Moore moved to close the public hearing. Dan Warchol seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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**7. Orders of Conditions**

**Jefferson Court Nominee Trust**

2 Jefferson Court

Doug Muir moved to issue an Order of Conditions with a note that the Conservation Commission approved the use of the existing concrete pad as a support for the new deck. Steve Moore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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**8. Enforcement**

**9 Doe Run Drive**

The certified letter the owner refused to accept was given to the City Marshall for delivery.

**9. Adjournment**

Dan Warchol moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Steve Moore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.