

Newburyport Conservation Commission

January 15, 2013

City Council Chambers

Minutes

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Newburyport Conservation Commission was called to order by Chair Joe Teixeira at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Joe Teixeira, Paul Healy, Steve Moore, Doug Muir, Dan Warchol and Jim O'Brien. Also in attendance was Julia Godtfredsen.

3. Minutes

Doug Muir moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2012 meeting as amended. Steve Moore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. General Business

Jetty Project

Julia Godtfredsen said the mats that were blown away have been replaced. The missing mats had been located only on the dunes. It was not necessary to use the mats on the beach due to the size of the truck tires. Additional mats were stockpiled in the work area because the Army Corp. thought the ability to access the jetty along the original route was being lost. While the additional mats might eventually be needed for the trucks to cross over the dunes, the access along the beach remains useable at this time. The stone storage area has not yet been moved. Because the work zone has been fenced, the public no longer has access to the trash receptacles and trash is being left on the ground. Tony Funari will have the receptacles moved. It is possible that an extension would be requested for the work to continue beyond the April 1 deadline. Julia Godtfredsen said attention must be paid that the restoration and planting are done as promised at the end of the project.

Sea Level Rise Meeting

Joe Teixeira said he attended the first meeting of the group interested in bringing attention to the issue of sea level rise. It is predicted that the rise would be greater in this area than in other parts of the country.

Meeting Schedule

Julia Godtfredsen said there have not yet been any new applications for the February 5 agenda. It was decided the time would be changed from 6:30 to 6:45 for future meetings.

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

None

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6. Public Hearings

William Stuart

526 Merrimac Street

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Bill Decie appeared for the applicant, who has a larger boat than the previous property owner and requires deeper water. The applicant is proposing to replace two existing 15' floats with a 24' dock that would extend perpendicular to the bank and attach to the gangway, along with two 20' docking floats. The existing moorings are to be moved further out into the river. The only resource area impacted would be land under water. All of the work is to be done from the water. There is no need for erosion control or dewatering. The Harbor Commission has approved a watershed application and Natural Heritage has signed off on the project. All the work is done from the water. Paul Healy moved to close the public hearing. Steve Moore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Orders of Conditions

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Paul Healy moved to issue an Order of Conditions with the special condition that any work materials or debris be removed from the surfaces of the dock and outside of the buffer zone at the end of each day. Steve Moore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Adjournment

Doug Muir moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Steve Moore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.