

## **Newburyport Conservation Commission**

March 21, 2017

Senior/Community Center Board Room

Minutes

### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Joe Teixeira called a meeting of the Newburyport Conservation Commission to order at 6:45 p.m.

### **2. Roll Call**

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

### **3. Minutes**

Dan Bourdeau moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017 meeting as amended. David Vine seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **4. Plum Island Updates**

- The next meeting of the Merrimack River Beach Alliance is scheduled for Friday, March 24 at PITA hall.
- A meeting and site visit was held to obtain public input on which beach accessways should remain open. A plan will be developed from the discussion and presented at a future public meeting. The design must be completed and equipment such as Mobi mats and signage purchased by June.
- Tom Hughes requested the Notice of Intent he intends to file for dredging near the Charos docks be placed on the agenda for the April 4 meeting.

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

None

### **6. Public Hearings**

Dan Bourdeau moved to open the public hearings. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Gary Litchfield, C&L Homes, LLC**

1 G Street

Notice of Intent

DEP File #051-0966

Tom Hughes represented the applicant. According to note #9 on the plans, all areas outside the building envelope and driveway shall be vegetated upon completion of construction. This would result in a shortage of 335 square feet of vegetation. Mr. Hughes proposed to plant 400 square feet of beach grass under the deck. He said if 335 square feet of this does not survive, the next step would be to remove pavement. The pavement would be removed from one side of the right of way and added to the other, where currently no vegetation exists, which would require

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the involvement of the City. The Commission members were concerned about the complexity this would add to the permitting process. It was decided instead the shrub line would be extended 10-15 feet and the existing woody vegetation supplemented. Siding under the house would extend to 2.2 feet above grade and the area under the decks would remain open. The applicant must depict the expanded planting area on the plan and must include a fence that would delineate the limit of disturbance. The applicant also must submit a plan showing the limits of work, a construction staging plan and a sequencing plan. Dan Bourdeau to continue the public hearing to the April 4 meeting. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously

Dan Bourdeau moved to to close the public hearing portion of the meeting. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**7. Orders of Conditions**

None

**8. Enforcement**

17 82<sup>nd</sup> Street

Tom Hughes has filed a Notice of Intent. At the April 4 public hearing he will propose to remove concrete and replace it with vegetation to increase the function of the dune as compensation for the non-compliant deck.

**9. Adjournment**

Paul Healy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Dan Bourdeau seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.