

Newburyport Conservation Commission
October 15, 2019
Senior Community Center, 331 High Street
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Paul Healy called a meeting of the Newburyport Conservation Commission to order at 6:46 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Minutes

David Vine moved to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2019, meeting as submitted. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Plum Island Updates

Nearly half of the sand that had recently been placed on the berm along Reservation Terrace was lost during the storm on October 18 and 19. The signage and fencing were also destroyed.

5. Old and New business

Seven bids were received for the remediation work on the Rail Trail in front of the wastewater treatment plant. Georgie Vining is working to prepare the contract. The work is to take place in the winter and spring.

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

Thomas Hughes, Hughes Environmental Consulting

1 G Street

Request for Extension

DEP File #051-0966

The decks and stairs attached to a single-family home were constructed larger than was shown on the approved plans. The applicant does not expect that the work to correct the error would be completed before the permit expires in April and has requested an extension. Doug Muir moved to issue a two-year extension for the Order of Conditions. Dan Bourdeau seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Andy Port, City of Newburyport

24 Merrimac Street and Ferry Wharf

Request for Determination of Applicability

Andy Port described the plans to plant grass in the areas of the central waterfront parking lots from which spaces are to be removed. A 6" layer of loam would be installed and it would not be necessary to disturb the existing soil. The edges of the area would taper down to meet the

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existing conditions. The Commission members were concerned about the soil washing away before the grass has become established. Dan Bourdeau moved to issue a Negative 3 Determination with the condition that erosion control shall be placed around the perimeter of the work areas. Dan Warchol seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Public Hearings

Doug Muir moved to open the public hearings. Dan Warchol seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Nicole Young Nadeau

6 Bayne Lane

Notice of Intent

DEP File #051-1011

Natural Heritage is in the process of reviewing the revised plans. David Vine moved to continue the public hearing to the November 19 meeting. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Regulations for Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage

The draft regulations have been revised in response to comments from the Commission members. The vote to adopt the regulations was postponed to allow for comments to be received from consultants and developers and Kopelman and Page. Dan Bourdeau moved to continue the public hearing to the November 5 meeting. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Adjournment

Dan Bourdeau moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.