

Newburyport Conservation Commission

November 20, 2012

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, Mary Casey and Jim O'Brien. Also in attendance was Julia Godtfredsen.

3. Minutes

Steve Moore moved to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2012 meeting as submitted. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. General Business

Plum Island Updates

Joe Teixeira said he received a communication from Tim Tracy saying the coir bags at 53rd Street were becoming damaged. People have been walking over the bags to get to the beach because the ramp is closed. The City installed fencing and signage.

Julia Godtfredsen said Dr. Hemani would like the beach in front of his property to be scraped, as was done in Newbury. She does not think the location would meet the State's criteria for scraping because the beach is shorter and there is not enough sand. She advised him to re-fortify his sandbags.

Julia Godtfredsen said the scope of work for the jetty has been increase because more funds are available than originally thought.

2 & 8 Ashland Street

Julia Godtfredsen said DEP has appealed the Commission's decision for 2 & 8 Ashland Street.

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

Marc Emmons

9 Doe Run Drive

Request for Certificate of Compliance

DEP File #051-0869

Joe Teixeira recused himself from the discussion. Marc Emmons said the as built plans and a letter from an engineer were submitted. Julia Godtfredsen said the wetland is well vegetated but the maples that were planted are very small. She said a two-year monitoring period was not specified in the Order of Conditions, but is a standard requirement. The replication area was planted one year ago. The Commission will issue a partial Certificate of Compliance and the plant materials in the restoration area will be monitored for one additional year. Mary Casey

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moved to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance that does not include the new trees and restoration area. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Visionary Landscapes LLC, Verne Fisher

6 Bayne Lane

Request for Certificate of Compliance

DEP File #050-0868

Verne Fisher said the only change from the approved plans was that an area in which a patio was to be installed was left as lawn. Paul Healy moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Steve Moore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jeffrey Snow

2 74th Street

Request for Minor Modification

The applicant did not appear. Julia Godtfredsen said the applicant would like to eliminate the ramp from the plans, change the direction of the stairs leading from the kitchen door and reconfigure the proposed pathway from the kitchen so that it connects with the front door. The changes would reduce the amount of coverage on the site. Paul Healy moved to approve the minor modification. Steve Moore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Warren Russo

182 Northern Boulevard

Request for Minor Modification

Tom Hughes appeared for the applicant, who wishes to amend the approved plans on the advise of his architect. He would like to attach the garage to the deck. The change would result in not as much of the deck being removed as originally planned, but an additional 100 square feet would be available for the planting of native vegetation. The applicant would also like to enlarge the ramp to work better with the pilings. The changing room would be moved from being on grade to being on the deck. The mitigation work is underway. Steve Moore moved to approve the changes as a minor amendment. Mary Casey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Adjournment

Paul Healy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Mary Casey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.