

Newburyport Conservation Commission
December 3, 2019
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 6:50 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Minutes

Paul Healy moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019, meeting as submitted. Steve Moore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Old and New Business

Plum Island Updates

None

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

United States Postal Service (USPS)

12 Malcolm Hoyt Road

Request for Determination of Applicability

The applicant did not attend the meeting. Steve Moore moved to continue the request to the December 17 meeting. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kevin J. Lagasse, Trustee, Basin Realty Trust

14 Gloria Street

Request for Certificate of Compliance

DEP File #051-0591

Tom Hughes represented the applicant. The applicant has removed every other lattice panel under the house to make it 50% open and all of the at-grade decks and walkways. The 577 square feet of wood that was removed will be replaced with 495 feet of shell or peastone, reducing the amount of impact to the site. This work will be handled under a separate Notice of Intent. A full Certificate of Compliance will not be issued until the completion of the planting of beach grass and other native vegetation that is to be done as mitigation for the fill that was placed at the front of the house. Steve Moore moved to issue a partial Certificate of Compliance for the construction of the house. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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David Chaisson

197 Low Street

Request for Certificate of Compliance

DEP File #051-0996

The applicant submitted as-built plans and said there were no deviations from the approved plans. Julia Godtfredsen reported the siltation fence is still in place and there is a pile of soil on the site. The applicant said he intends to spread the soil in the front yard next year. The siltation fence must stay in place to prevent the stockpile from eroding. Steve Moore moved to issue partial Certificate of Compliance for all of the work except the removal of the stockpile and siltation fence. Dan Warchol seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

National Grid

95 Water Street

Proposed Minor Modifications

DEP File #051-0964

The applicant submitted information on the plan to address the erosion that occurred under the granite block wall at the top of the revetment but was not in attendance. Julia Godtfredsen will advise the applicant to attend the next meeting. Steve Moore moved to continue the request to the December 17 meeting. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Public Hearings

Steve Moore moved to open the public hearings. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Nicole Young Nadeau

6 Bayne Lane

Notice of Intent

DEP File #051-1011

The applicant requested an extension. Steve Moore moved to continue the public hearing to January 7 meeting. Dan Warchol seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kevin J. Lagasse, Trustee, Basin Realty Trust

14 Gloria Street

Notice of Intent

DEP File #051-1021

The applicant submitted a plan showing the walkways and patio, the footings for the spiral staircase and the shed that is to be placed on helical piles. The expanded planting area was also included on the plan. At least eight woody native shrubs will be planted in addition to American beach grass. The plan must be clarified with regards to its depiction of the areas from which wood has been removed and peastone or shells will be added. The Order of Conditions will not be issued until the revised plans have been submitted. Steve Moore moved to close the public hearing. Joe Teixeira seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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Steve Moore moved to close the public hearings. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Order of Conditions

Kevin J. Lagasse, Trustee, Basin Realty Trust

14 Gloria Street

DEP File #051-1021

Steve Moore moved to issue an Order of Conditions with the special conditions that are standard to Plum Island and the added condition that all of the plant materials shall be installed by June 1, 2020, and monitored for two growing seasons. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Enforcement

9 Doe Run Drive

A constable provided proof of delivery of an Enforcement Order.

9. Adjournment

Steve Moore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.