

Newburyport Conservation Commission
April 2, 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 6:49 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Minutes

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

4. Old and New Business

Plum Island Shellfish Purification Plant

Jeff Kennedy, manager of the shellfish purification plant, spoke about work that is planned for the next fiscal year. The plant was built by the City in 1930. The two wells that were sunk in 1982 are no longer in the dunes. DCR property to the north of the Coast Guard Auxiliary building is being considered for the site of a new well. A Notice of Intent or RDA will be filed.

Emergency Nourishment Plan

The emergency dune nourishment project for Reservation Terrace has been delayed due to the requirement for piping plover monitoring. A qualified monitor has been selected and the work will begin after the needed equipment has been acquired. A second-grade class has helped with planting beach grass.

Plum Island Homeowners Guide

The proof of the brochure has been reviewed and some small changes are being made to its content.

Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage

The draft regulations were revised based on comments made by the Commission members. A discussion took place on the appropriate amount of elevation to be added to FEMA flood level. A subcommittee of the Resiliency Committee intends to recommend to the mayor that six feet be added. Two feet is currently required for Plum Island. The Commission members were in favor of adopting this level for consistency. It will be indicated this would be the minimum rate. The members do not want to imply that two feet would be the projected rate over the next 100 years, which is expected to be higher. The rate could be changed by the Commission as appropriate. Language will be added that requires an applicant to provide evidence that a project in the velocity zone would not adversely impact adjacent wetland resources. References to the

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100-year flood plain will be changed to land subject to coastal storm flowage. Julia Godtfredsen will incorporate the changes and circulate the amended draft.

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

One Boston Way, LLC

1 Boston Way

Request for Extension

DEP File #051-0952

Paul Healy moved to approve a three-year extension to the Amended Order of Conditions for 1 Boston Way to May 12, 2022. Steve Moore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Public Hearings

Dan Warchol moved to open the public hearings. Steve Moore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Michael Kane, Ganton, LLC c/o The Kane Company

341 Merrimac Street

Notice of Intent

The applicant requested a continuance. Steve Moore moved to continue the public hearing to the April 16 meeting. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Orders of Conditions

None

8. Enforcement

None

9. Adjournment

Steve Moore moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Joe Teixeira seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.