

Newburyport Conservation Commission
June 19, 2018
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 Joe Teixeira, Steve Moore, Paul Healy, Doug Muir and David Vine. Dan Bourdeau and Dan Warchol were absent. Conservation Administrator Julia Godtfredsen was also in attendance.

3. Minutes

Paul Healy moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2018, meeting as amended. Steve Moore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Old and New Business

Plum Island Updates

- Some beach access conflicts created by the new berm along Reservation Terrace have been resolved.
- The next meeting of the MRBA is scheduled for July 13.
- The City has received a municipal vulnerability preparedness grant to study the protection of the water treatment facility.
- Newburyport, Salisbury and Newbury joined together to hire GZA to prepare the permits for the off-shore placement of the sand that is to be dredged from the Piscataqua River. GZA has completed the permitting. The dredging itself has not yet been funded.

Whittier Bridge

Julia Godtfredsen and Steve Moore met under the Whittier Bridge with the contractor to evaluate the location of the required salt marsh mitigation plantings. The existing salt marsh vegetation in the area is not thriving. The Commission members approved a plan for an alternative mitigation area. No vote was required.

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

John D. Galligan, Bradford & Bigelow Realty, LLC

3 Perkins Way

Request for Certificate of Compliance

DEP File #051-0759

The project has been completed with the exception of the successful planting of three hemlocks. The trees were planted but died, as did their replacements. The applicant is proposing to plant four pussy willows in their place as a part of the new Notice of Intent, DEP File #051-0992, for the expansion of the building. A special condition will be added to the Order of Conditions for

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that filing stating a Certificate of Compliance would not be issued until the four pussy willows have survived four growing seasons. Steve Moore moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #051-0759. David Vine seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The applicant submitted a proposal for two multimedia educational programs with both video and print components. The Commission required that this material be submitted prior to the issuance of the Order of Conditions for DEP File #051-0992. Steve Moore moved to approve the draft Green Roof Public Education Plan. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Craig Pessina, Chart House Development, LLC

23 Hale Street

Request for Certificate of Compliance

DEP File #051-0948

The applicant has requested an extension to allow time for the hydroseed to germinate. Steve Moore moved to continue the request to the July 17 meeting. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Public Hearings

Steve Moore moved to open the public hearings. David Vine seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lisa Cosimano Gallagher, Port City Realty, LLC

75 Parker Street

Notice of Intent

DEP File #051-0988

No new information has been received. The applicant is revising the stormwater management plan based on comments CSI made as a part of a review for the Planning Board. Steve Moore moved to continue the public hearing to the July 17 meeting. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Arthur Brewer II

16 K Street

Notice of Intent

The applicant requested a continuance. David Vine moved to continue the public hearing to the July 17 meeting. Steve Moore seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

7. Orders of Conditions

None

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8. Other Business

Joe Teixeira reported a bridge was built near the old I95 roadbed. The work was done without a permit and the bridge appears to be unsafe. He informed Jerry Mullins the bridge must be removed but has not yet received a response. He will send a second letter.

Steve Moore moved to cancel the next regular meeting, which would be scheduled for July 3. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Adjournment

Paul Healy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Doug Muir seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will take place on Tuesday, July 17, 2018.