

Newburyport Conservation Commission
July 20, 2021
Online Meeting
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Joe Teixeira called an online meeting of the Newburyport Conservation Commission to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Steve Moore, Paul Healy, David Vine, Joe Teixeira, Carole Wagan and Ron DiCola. Dan Warchol was absent. Conservation Administrator Julia Godtfredsen was also in attendance.

3. Minutes

Paul Healy moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021, meeting. Steve Moore seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote (Steve Moore, yes; Paul Healy, yes; David Vine, yes; Joe Teixeira, yes; Carole Wagan, yes; Ron DiCola, yes).

4. Old and New Business

Plum Island Updates

Julia Godtfredsen said the permitting has been moving forward for both the coir envelope project and the placement of dredged material on the beach. DCR expects to award the contract for dredging in September and the work should begin in the fall.

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

None

6. Public Hearings

Steve Moore moved to open the public hearings. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote (Steve Moore, yes; Paul Healy, yes; David Vine, yes; Joe Teixeira, yes; Carole Wagan, yes; Ron DiCola, yes).

Lorraine and Michael Riley

2 Spofford Street

Amend Order of Conditions

DEP File #051-0972

The applicant requested a continuance. Steve Moore moved to continue the public hearing to the August 3 meeting. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote (Steve Moore, yes; Paul Healy, yes; David Vine, yes; Joe Teixeira, yes; Carole Wagan, yes; Ron DiCola, yes).

George Haseltine, Windward Shaw, LLC

3 57th Street

Notice of Intent

DEP File #051-1053

Ron DiCola said for the record that the applicant, who is the developer for the project, is his neighbor. Tom Hughes represented the applicant, who is proposing to demolish an existing single-family home on a solid foundation and replace it with a new home on pilings. The plan was amended based on comments made at the previous meeting. The plant materials were consolidated into a clearly defined area. The amount of vegetation on the site would increase from 770 square feet to 946 square feet. The size of the patio was made consistent between the site plan and the landscape plan. The design of the privacy screen was changed to be open on the bottom 2.5 feet and 50% open on the upper 3.5 feet. Peastone is to be used for both the driveway and patio. It was noted on the plans that the skirting around the under-deck storage area and the garage doors would be a minimum of 2.5 feet above grade.

Steve Moore moved to close the public hearing. David Vine seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote (Steve Moore, yes; Paul Healy, yes; David Vine, yes; Joe Teixeira, yes; Carole Wagan, yes; Ron DiCola, yes).

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7. Order of Conditions

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DEP File #051-1053

Steve Moore moved to issue an Order of Conditions for 3 57th Street with the special conditions that the garage doors shall be at least 2.5 feet above grade and the total vegetated area of the site shall not be less than 946 square feet. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote (Steve Moore, yes; Paul Healy, yes; David Vine, yes; Joe Teixeira, yes; Carole Wagan, yes; Ron DiCola, yes).

8. Enforcement

Gloria Braunhardt Bike Path

A list of the issues concerning the management of the trail must be sent to Mayor Holaday.

9. Old and New Business

Evergreen Commons

A large portion of the pollinator meadow and one of the rain gardens was mowed. The homeowner's association could face penalties for violations of the conservation restriction. A site visit will take place on July 22 and the damage to the vegetation will be assessed.

Open Space Management

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Julia Godtfredsen said she was contacted by Forestry Consulting Services about conservation restriction monitoring, trails maintenance and mapping. Land Stewardship, Inc. is preparing a proposal for the management of the City's open space. Forestry Consulting Services will also be sent the scope of work.

10. Adjournment

Steve Moore moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Paul Healy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote (Steve Moore, yes; Paul Healy, yes; David Vine, yes; Joe Teixeira, yes; Carole Wagan, yes; Ron DiCola, yes).