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MINUTES – CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: February 1, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: TOWN HALL HEARING ROOM

Scrivener's note: The following minutes are general in nature. For those wanting specific detail on matters heard on this agenda, additional resources are available to you: video-on-demand (free on the Town website at town.barnstable.ma.us), and DVD recordings. Please contact the Conservation Division at 508.862.4093 for assistance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Dennis R. Houle. Also attending were Vice-Chairman Tom Lee and Commissioners Peter Sampou, Scott Blazis, Larry Morin, and Louise Foster. Commissioner John Abodeely was away. Rob Gatewood, Conservation Administrator, assisted.

The meeting was held in the Hearing Room, 2nd floor, Barnstable Town Hall, Hyannis, MA.

I MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

A. January 11, 2011

A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Seconded and voted unanimously.

II REQUESTS FOR DETERMINATION

James & Monica Shay. Remove timber edge along eastern side of driveway and replace with low stone wall (15-20") to accommodate grade change; remove existing privet hedge east of drive and replant area with shrub and tree plantings; remove and repave asphalt drive; widen drive 18" to the east. Driveway to have a chip seal finish. Add 4' picket fence and gate along east boundary. Fencing will run south to north along shared boundary and rise to a height of 6' only at rear service area of drive, at 44 Dale Ave., Hyannisport as shown on Assessor's Map 286 Parcel 011. **DA-11008**

The applicant was represented by John O'Dea, P.E.

Issues discussed:

- The site plan was displayed and noted as Exhibit A.
- No concerns arose.
- An existing strip drain will continue to leach driveway flows.

A motion was made to issue a negative determination.

Seconded and voted unanimously.

Karim Basta. Construct three small additions to existing home at 7 Houghton Rd., Hyannis as shown on Assessor's Map 306 Parcel 237. **DA-11009**

(Basta, cont'd.)

The applicant was represented by Dan Lovely.

Issues discussed:

- Proposed foundations will be solid rather than pile.
- The work limit line will be snugged closer to the foundation, in consultation with staff.

A motion was made to issue a negative determination.

Seconded and voted unanimously.

Guile & Judy Wood. Remove and control phragmites at 49 Blue Heron Dr., Osterville as shown on Assessor's Map 117 Parcel 003. **DA-11010**

The applicant was represented by John O'Dea, P.E., and Seth Wilkinson.

Issues discussed:

- The proposed plan was displayed and noted as Exhibit A.
- The filing was prompted by enforcement action.
- Conditions recommended by the Conservation Agent will accompany the Determination.
- The Commission expressed concern for burning existing piles of cut material within the 100-foot buffer.

A motion was made to issue a negative determination with special conditions.

Seconded and voted unanimously.

G. Christopher Blauvelt. License existing shore outhaul at 571 Old Post Rd., Cotuit as shown on Assessor's Map 054 Parcel 018. **DA-11011**

The applicant was represented by Steve Wilson, P.E.

Issues discussed:

- The outhaul would serve only a row boat.
- Standard conditions would apply.
- The permit would be issued under Chapter 711-3, A., rather than grandfathering.

A motion was made to issue a negative determination.

Seconded and voted unanimously.

III CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE (ez = staff recommends approval) (* = on-going conditions)

A.	Larson	SE3-4704	(coc,ez)	replace dock, deck, & fence; install sheeting *
B.	Swaim	SE3-4751	(coc,ez)	construct single-family dwelling *
C.	MBTA	SE3-1120	(coc,ez)	work along railroad right-of-way
D.	Bendetson	SE3-4647	(coc,ez)	mitigation planting on coastal bank *
E.	Boyd	SE3-4777	(coc,ez)	replace patio, retaining walls; landscaping *

A motion was made to approve all certificates (A – E).

Seconded and voted unanimously.

IV REVISED PLANS

project type

revision

A. Bendetson SE3-4920

repair pier, ramp, stairs

planting instead of
grating

Vice-Chairman Lee recused himself.

The applicant was represented by Amanda Crouch-Smith and Amy Ball.

Issues discussed:

- A Powerpoint presentation was provided and noted as Exhibit A.
- Approximately 150-200 square feet of beach grass planting was proposed as a substitute for grated decking previously indicated by the Commission. A discussion ensued on the extent to which existing decking should be replaced by grated decking.
- The Commission left the matter as specified in the Special Conditions of the Order of Conditions, to be negotiated with staff.

A motion was made to deny the revised plan.

Seconded and voted unanimously.

V OLD & NEW BUSINESS

A. Workshop on proposed changes to Chapter 704 buffer-zone regulation

The draft revised regulations were outlined by the Chairman.

The Commission discussed the mitigation ratios and found them to be too low as proposed. The use of the term “project alteration” rather than “hardscape” was suggested. A change in the term “difficult to mitigate” was discussed.

Applying the draft regulations to the Request for Determination as well as Notice of Intent applications was discussed.

Another workshop will be held in March, if possible.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Seconded and voted unanimously.

The time was 8:10 p.m.