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MINUTES – CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: June 5, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: HEARING ROOM

Final Agenda for this meeting includes some last minute filings.

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 John Abodeely, Peter Sampou, and Larry Morin. Commissioners Scott Blazis and Louise Foster were away. Conservation Agent Darcy Karle assisted.

The meeting was held in the Hearing Room, Barnstable Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

I MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

A. May 15, 2012

A motion was made to approve the minutes.

Seconded and voted unanimously.

II REQUESTS FOR DETERMINATION

Herbert Sandberg. Remove existing deck; build screened porch 12' x 20' over deck at 721 Popponessett Rd., Cotuit as shown on Assessor's Map 006 Parcel 045. **DA-12042**

The applicant was represented by Roy LaValley.

Issues discussed: no concerns arose.

A motion was made to issue a negative determination.

Seconded and voted unanimously.

Town of Barnstable/D.P.W. Cut, prune and lift trees and shrubs away from park benches and picnic table; remove invasive species from riparian buffer; remove dead debris; prune damaged vegetation at 110 Freezer Rd., Barnstable as shown on Assessor's Map 300 Parcel 022. **DA-12043**

The applicant was represented by Joe Marshall.

Issues discussed:

- Joe Marshall stated that the work would take place in an area approximately 35 feet in length.
- Aerial photos were displayed and noted as Exhibit 1, 2, and 3.

- Protocol for invasive plant removal to be set in consultation with Conservation staff

A motion was made to issue a negative determination.

Seconded and voted unanimously.

Gordon & Jane Slaney, Trustees, Slaney Cotuit Nominee Trust. Replace invasive and nuisance trees with natives; treat Poison Ivy in back beach and provide anchor post at and below bank toe at 878 Main St., Cotuit as shown on Assessor's Map 035 Parcel 078. **DA-12045**

The applicant was represented by Arlene Wilson, P.W.S.

Issues discussed:

- Anchor post diameter reduced to 6" x 6"
- Concern was expressed that deciduous trees are being replaced by cedars
- Poison ivy control allowed in access corridor, to be done in consultation with staff.

A motion was made to issue a negative determination.

Seconded and voted unanimously.

Stanley M. Hammond. Construct a 10' x 10' shed on existing lawn area at 69 Pine Grove Ave., Hyannis as shown on Assessor's Map 290 Parcel 038. **DA-12046 N/C**
Withdrawn

III NOTICES OF INTENT

John F. Fitzgerald, Tr./Bluff Point 1999 Trust #2. To construct and maintain platform in coastal dune; to place fiber rolls along face of dune to minimize erosion. A restoration and land management plan is proposed for dune and buffer at 128 Bluff Point Dr., Cotuit as shown on Assessor's Map 034 Parcel 069. **SE3-5012**

The applicant was represented by Attorney Liza Cox, Peter Sullivan, P.E., Seth Wilkinson, and Jennifer Exner.

Issues discussed:

- A construction protocol to be submitted to Conservation for approval
- A question was raised about permitting a structure in a resource area for the purpose of placing beach chairs
- No trees flagged for removal
- "Establishment watering" for trees, to be used for three years
- The planting of Scotch Broom was discussed; it has invasive properties and is non-native
- The platform confines activity to one area, and plantings will be added.
- Annual reports to be filed for three years.

A motion was made to approve the project with special conditions.

Seconded and voted: 4 votes aye; 1 vote nay. The motion passed.

John & Christine McCartney. Vista pruning; remove invasive species; transform sections of woodland to coastal shrubland with lower growing canopy and to maritime grassland habitat with maintenance in perpetuity at 109 Seapuit Rd., Osterville as shown on Assessor's Map 118 Parcel 121-002. **BCC-0193**

The applicant was represented by Michael Talbot.

Issues discussed:

- One Commissioner thought that the project went way beyond "vista pruning"
- Standard vista pruning guidelines in the 50-foot buffer would apply

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

- A. Johnson SE3-4737 (coc,ez) maintain tree farm with 25' buffer to bvw *
(continued from 5/22/12)
- B. TOB/DPW SE3-0238 (coc,ez) construct boat ramp at Freezer Road (not done)

A motion was made to approve the above certificates (A and B).

Seconded and voted unanimously.

VII OLD & NEW BUSINESS

- A. Schedule of Fees for the West Barnstable Shooting Range. Fee increases are not anticipated at this time. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the long-standing permit fee discounts granted to law enforcement and natural resource-related professionals.

Police Sgt. Damery was present at the hearing.

Issues discussed:

1. Approximately 20 officers that fall under the category of "Operators of SWAT Team."
2. No charge/free special passes with no guest privileges to C.C. Regional Law Enforcement Council SWAT Team. A list of eligible persons to be provided by B.P.D. Sgt. Damery to Natural Resources Department Supervisor Doug Kalweit
3. Free regular passes to Barnstable Police Officers and Barnstable Natural Resource Officers.
4. Half price, regular permits to all law enforcement who work or live in the Cape Cod region: \$12.50 if Barnstable residents; \$25.00, if not.
5. Yarmouth D.N.R. is eliminated; further application to Conservation Commission may be made through a public hearing if they wish to be included.

A motion was made to approve new fee policies contained in Nos. 1 – 5, above.

Seconded and voted unanimously.

- B. Correspondence from Stuart Rapp

Stuart Rapp, Chair of the Shellfish Committee, recently sent Enforcement Officer, Darle Karle, an enforcement issue for her to address.

Since October, 2004, piers/docks have been required to display a permit sign. Staff has recently revised "Form M" for piers/docks to display permit signs on those piers/docks not previously required to display said signs.

A motion was made to have the Chairman respond to Stuart Rapp's letter.

Seconded and voted unanimously.

- C. Harvard Webinar

Noted.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Seconded and voted unanimously.

The time was 9:03 p.m.