

MINUTES
Tuesday, January 26, 2016
Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission
4:00 pm - Town Hall

Members Present: Joan Hughes, Ron Zentner, Terry Appenzellar, Margaret Klugman

Others Present: Eric Rahkonen, Jack Graves

North Bluff Seawall/Boardwalk Update – Eric Rahkonen, Northern Construction, Jack Graves, project superintendent

Mr. Rahkonen stated that the mobilization has begun, the office trailer is on-site, the staging plan has been approved by CLE Engineering and the Town, Jack Graves has moved to the Island, and the equipment should be on-site by the end of the week. He stated that they will start establishing an access road in a week or so and then move some stone away from the steel sheeting line and delineate the line for the sheeting. He stated that the staging plan was worked out with Rich Combra. He stated that the general work schedule will be 7 am to 3:30 pm. With regard to impacts on the Steamship Authority Ms. Hughes stated that the work on the road should be done by March so should not impact SSA service. Ms. Hughes asked for the name of the company doing the landscaping work. Mr. Rahkonen will forward the contact information.

Ms. Hughes stated that the MVC decision was essentially the same as the Con Com permit with two exceptions: 1.) changes in the lighting on the boardwalk and 2.) landscaping that has to come back the Conservation Commission for approval anyway. Ms. Hughes stated that the Town sent the MVC a fully permitted plan so the vote the Con Com took still stands. Ms. Appenzellar stated that the Con Com acknowledges and accepts the MVC's direction, while the actual plan does not change, and we accept the plan for the lights. Ms. Hughes stated that there will be no Con Com hearings for the lights. Ms. Appenzellar stated that the process posted by the MVC says that the board that refers the project is to approve the MVC decision and acknowledge receipt of decision. Ms. Durkee stated that the Con Com was not the referring board. A motion was made by ???? and seconded by Ms. Klugman that the Con Com put on record that they reviewed the project and the MVC review and have no issues; there are no resource issues and the Con Com acknowledges that the lighting and landscaping goes back to the MVC and the landscape plan must come back to the Con Com for approval. All voted in favor.

FEMA Flood Maps

Ms. Durkee stated that the new flood maps have to be approved at Town Meeting (the Floodplain Bylaw has to be amended to include the new maps). She stated that the Planning Board must hold a public hearing before Town Meeting. She stated that if the

new maps are not approved the Town will no longer be part of the National Flood Insurance Program. Commissioners suggested education and handouts at the public meeting. Ms. Durkee stated that she and Mr. Barbadoro will present the amendment to the Selectmen on February 9.

Minutes of January 12, 2016

A motion was made by Ms. Appenzellar and seconded by Mr. Zentner to approve the Minutes of January 12, 2016. Ms. Klugman abstained. All others voted in favor.

Brower – Request for 2 Certificates of Compliance

Ms. Durkee recommended approval. A motion was made by Ms. Appenzellar and seconded by Mr. Zentner to approve both certificates. All voted in favor.

Sutton – Request for extension of vegetation management Order of Conditions

This request will be continued to February 9, 2016 due to the snow storm and inability to hold a site visit

Davenport/Snyder/Smith – Request for Appeal of Denial Order letter (Everett Whorton)

A motion was made by Ms. Appenzellar to reaffirm the denial decision based on the fact that no one showed up for the last two hearings, the applicants are not in agreement with what they want to do, and the applications are incomplete. Commissioners agreed that a vote was not necessary to reiterate their position.

Sailing Camp Park update

Ms. Hughes stated that the Conservation Commission is taking over rentals of the mainstay. She stated that she has put together a google calendar, has redeveloped the information sheet, and is working on a spreadsheet. Mr. Zentner agreed to help with the spreadsheet. She stated that she will speak with Linda Mott-Smith, who worked for Mr. Breckenridge at the mainstay, to better understand how the rental system operated under Mr. Breckenridge. Ms. Durkee stated that Ms. Hughes is now doing the bookings. Ms. Hughes stated that there are some issues to address:

- Beer/wine was included in the rental prices but a proctor was also paid
- Jackopierce is a commercial event with ticket sales; concern about insurance - does websafe cover large commercial events? There is a \$425 cleaning deposit for the event
- Ms. Durkee stated that beer/wine sales are not allowed

Ms. Durkee stated that the Selectmen's Sail Camp Services budget for this fiscal year is depleted. Ms. Hughes stated that the Selectmen's budget will be given to the Commission for the coming fiscal year – but only \$25,000, not the full \$40,000. She stated that events start the first of May.

Discuss Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Ms. Durkee stated that she is planning to submit 3 warrant articles for Town Meeting:

1. FEMA flood map – revise Floodplain Bylaw to include new FEMA flood maps
2. Beach Nourishment - \$75,000 to complete permitting and engineering for the beach nourishment project for in-Town beaches. Ms. Hughes stated that there will be a public meeting before Town Meeting
3. Vegetation Management on East Chop bluff – for \$10,000 planting on top of the bluff and removal of trees on the bluff

Ms. Durkee was encouraged to inform the Finance Committee of these articles.

Employee Evaluation

The evaluation has been completed by the Commissioners. Ms. Durkee will add the coming year goals and submit it to the Personnel office.

Continued Phragmites –Discussion

Ms. Durkee stated that she spoke with Rick Karney at the MV Shellfish Group (MVSG) who said that cutting Phragmites in early to mid-august takes up the most nitrogen. She stated that there is a meeting Thursday on the MVSH grant and that the Con Com is participating in the grant project. Ms. Appenzellar asked where the project will take place. Ms. Durkee stated that it will probably be Chilmark Pond but possibly Farm Pond. There was discussion about Farm Pond being a better choice with better access.

Next week's meeting agenda – North Bluff lighting and landscape discussion

Ms. Appenzellar stated that the concern is that the lights will be in people's eyes. Ms. Hughes stated that the lights shouldn't be in people's eyes because the boardwalk is below the bank. Ms. Appenzellar stated that the Con Com should lay out the criteria and goals - public safety, people on porches, light beams. Ms. Hughes stated that the landscape plan is for the coastal bank restoration. She stated that the Con Com has to approve the landscape plan and she will talk with the contractor that got the landscaping bid. She stated that it can't be beach grass but rather must be rosa rugosa and other plants with strong root systems. It was suggested that the Con Com meet with Adam Turner, MVC executive director, to discuss how we felt the review process went as applicants and how it could be improved.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Durkee