

Minutes
Tuesday, March 22, 2016
Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission
4:00 pm - Town Hall

Members Present: Terry Appenzellar, Ron Zentner, Joan Hughes

Others Present: John Lolley, Kara Shemeth

Lehner – NOI for periodic placement of dredge spoils and planting beach grass over an existing septic system to maintain proper coverage at 331 East Chop Drive

Ms. Shemeth stated that Ms. Lehner would like to add dredge material to the site as soon as possible. She stated that she put together a list of proposed plantings based on the lists provided by Ms. Durkee. Ms. Shemeth stated that she hoped to acquire dredge material for the nourishment. Commissioner comments on plantings and renourishment material:

- Go to local nursery with expertise for help with plant selection
- The grain size must be tested for compatibility
- It's a cobble beach
- Contact Barnstable – they do much dredging
- The material must be clean
- Nourishment to be restricted to the original elevations
- The material must be unloaded from the road, not the water

A motion was made by Ms. Appenzellar and seconded by Mr. Zentner to approve the plan with the stated conditions. All voted in favor.

Martha's Vineyard Hospital – Two requests for Certificates of Compliance (storm water management)

Mr. Lolley stated that one Order is the original and the second was issued when the parking lots were enlarged. He stated that a Town Meeting warrant article will address the public way issue of the hospital road. He stated that Mr. Claytor from Horsley Witten came for a site inspection and his letter is attached. Ms. Durkee stated that ongoing conditions will include maintenance and annual reports. A motion was made by Ms. Appenzellar and seconded by Mr. Zentner to approve the two Certificates of Compliance. All voted in favor.

Town Meeting Warrant Articles for discussion – East Chop Bluff vegetation management, FEMA flood maps, beach rake petition article

Commissioner and agent comments on beach rake:

- Ms. Durkee will write a letter to the editor

- Research other Towns
- The Town has a lot of beach to manage
- The Parks chair is not in favor of the beach rake and has better uses for \$40,000
- The beach committee has stated that a Conservation permit is not required
- This should be part of a master plan
- A beach rake is an oversimplification of how to fix the beaches

Minutes of March 8, 2016

Mr. Zentner corrected the spelling of attendee Connie Parham. A motion was made by Ms. Appenzellar and seconded by Mr. Zentner to approve the minutes with the correction. All voted in favor.

Sutton – Request for Extension of Order of Conditions

The list of buffer strip plantings was reviewed. Ms. Hughes stated that's some plants were not on the approved list and others are different species of the approved plants. Commissioner agreed that they would like to monitor the plantings for resilience. A motion was made by Ms. Appenzellar and seconded by Mr. Zentner to extend the Order for three years with the qualification that the Commission monitors the plants for survivability. All voted in favor.

Klein/Rolland – Request for extension of Order of Conditions for bank restoration

Ms. Durkee recommended approval of the extension so the restoration can be maintained. A motion was made by Ms. Appenzellar and seconded by Mr. Zentner to approve a three year extension. All voted in favor.

Water District Plan for Solar Project off Airport Road

Ms. Hughes stated that the project was withdrawn after the state denied it due to the amount of trees proposed to be cut.

East Chop bluff – FEMA Pre-Hazard Mitigation Grants

Ms. Durkee stated that seawall restoration may be added to the grant projects; Mr. Pena is going to a workshop on the grant process April 13 and Ms. Durkee might also attend.

FEMA Flood Maps – Town Meeting

Ms. Durkee stated that there have not been a lot of inquiries about this issue and only a few people showed up at the Planning Board public hearing.

North Bluff Bank Restoration Plan Update

Ms. Hughes stated that she may put together a small committee to address the issue of the planters on the plaza portion of the project by the restrooms. She stated that Ms. Barmakian is concerned that the planters will alter the site line.

Planning Board Town Hall survey

The survey is not yet available.

Sailing Camp Park update

Ms. Hughes stated that there is a need to publicize use of the mainstay for small weeknight events.

22 Martha's Park Road – tree cutting in buffer zone

Ms. Appenzellar stated that the letter from the Homeowners Association appears to be above-board, the property owner is in violation, and there should be redress. Ms. Hughes stated the owner brush cut the buffer zone. She stated that much of it will come back. She suggested prohibiting the owner from mowing or cutting in the buffer zone. A motion was made by Ms. Appenzellar and seconded by Mr. Zentner to issue an Enforcement Order prohibiting any cutting or mowing in the buffer zone based on the delineated wetland and no use of heavy equipment. All voted in favor.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Durkee