

Conservation Commission Public Hearing Minutes – June 11, 2020

Time: 7:32 – 8:22 PM **Location:** Remote

Members Present: Tom Ruskin, Chair; Toni Bandrowicz, Vice Chair; Jonathan Grabowski; Monica Lagerquist; Monica Tamborini, Randall Hughes

Members Absent: Colleen Hitchcock; Laura Spathanas (Selectmen Liaison)

The public hearing of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:32 pm.

The public hearing was video recorded.

AGENDA

1. Request for Notice of Intent: DEP #071-0324 (22 Northstone Road) – filed by Chris Casey for a proposed addition of a pool and patio area within the 100' buffer zone of a top of a coastal bank (22 Northstone Road, Map 31, Lot 47A).

This item is being continued at the request of the applicant and consent of the Commission to a special hearing date on June 25th.

MOTION: T. Bandrowicz to continue the NOI to June 25th. Seconded by J. Grabowski; approved 4-0-2 (with M. Tamborini and A. R. Hughes abstaining).

2. Request for Determination: 91 Nason Road – filed by Torrie and Brian Lyngass for removal of an existing wood deck and construction of a new larger deck within 100 feet of a wetland resource area (91 Nason Road, Map 22, Lot 92). The homeowners and Matt Wolfe, project architect, were present. Mr. Wolfe gave a brief overview; the back deck is located within the buffer zone. The plan is to replace and elongate the deck, however it will be no closer to the wetlands than it currently is. The posts will be dug by hand which minimizes soil disturbance. The Commission members had no issues. There was no public comment.

MOTION: M. Tamborini to issue a negative determination for 91 Nason Road. Seconded by T. Bandrowicz; approved 4-0-2 (with J. Grabowski and A. R. Hughes abstaining).

3. Certificate of Compliance: 26 Blodgett Avenue – DEP# 071-0146 – filed by Wendy and Thomas Ruskin to correct registry paperwork error. (Map 32, Lot 60).

T. Ruskin abstaining from voting as it is his former project. The registry had accidentally categorized a copy of the NOI as the COC, and now needs a new copy with wet signatures in order to process.

MOTION: M. Tamborini to reissue the Certificate of Compliance for 26 Blodgett Avenue. Seconded by J. Grabowski; approved 4-0-2 (with T. Ruskin and A. R. Hughes abstaining).

4. Other Business

a. Public Comment

Amy Friend Roberts – local resident – reported that folks are picking the beach plums on the path at Phillips Beach. She is concerned and wanted to be of assistance to the commission if signage is needed. The Commission members stated they would look into the matter and get back to her.

George Potts, Planning Board member, has a preliminary project idea for the area near Stop & Shop, which is partially a wetland. He has been working with the Stop & Shop property owner, and the owner needs an assurance that an application would be heard by the Commission if a project were to occur. The Commission members affirmed that any work in and/or near the wetlands is required by regulation to come before them, and will write a letter for Mr. Potts to that affect.

b. Bathhouse At Phillips Beach

T. Bandrowicz sent a draft letter to the Commission members that has also been written in collaboration with the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee regarding the proposed bathhouse at Phillips Beach. Both committees have serious concerns based on the proximity to the wetlands, the barrier beach issues, and the issue of using Town funds on a project that does not seem feasible.

MOTION: M. Tamborini to approve the Commission's issuance of the letter. Seconded by M. Lagerquist; approved 5-0-1 (T. Bandrowicz abstaining as a member of Open Space).

c. Approval of meeting minutes

MOTION: J. Grabowski to approve the May 14 meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Tamborini; approved 5-0-1 (with A. R. Hughes abstaining).

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.