

Conservation Commission Public Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2021

Time: 7:22 – 8:04 PM **Location:** In-person, First Floor Conference Room, Town Hall, 22 Monument Ave

Members Present: Toni Bandrowicz, Vice Chair; Jonathan Grabowski (late); Monica Lagerquist; Colleen Hitchcock; Molly O’Connell (staff)

Members Absent: Tom Ruskin, Chair; Monica Tamborini; A. Randall Hughes

The public hearing of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:22 pm.

AGENDA

1. Certificate of Compliance (COC): 178 Puritan Road

MOTION: C. Hitchcock to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 187 Puritan Road (DEP# 071-0341). Seconded by J. Grabowski. Unanimously approved.

2. Other Business

a. Approval of previous meeting minutes

MOTION: C. Hitchcock to approve the meeting minutes of April 22nd, 2021 and May 20th, 2021. Seconded by J. Grabowski. Unanimously approved.

b. Discussion of: potential Knotweed Program; Wetlands Bylaw; Kleinfelder report on flood measures

The Commission members discussed enacting a knotweed program similar to what Stowe has in place. T. Bandrowicz reported on her site visit to 39 Pleasant View which will come in with an RDA for knotweed removal by hand and with direct injection into the plant. Members should review Stowe’s program details and application and send comments to Toni.

Members discussed the Harbor Plan and the potential new pier and living reef projects. They would like to meet with the Harbor and Waterfront Committee and maybe put a Commission member on there, such as J. Grabowski who has field expertise in this area. He mentioned engaging CZM at an early stage to ensure environmental protections are in place / feasible.

Members briefly discussed the Kleinfelder report, which is not yet finalized but almost complete.

There was a discussion of the signs that have appeared on Whales’ Beach. Ms. O’Connell reported that this section of the beach is believed to be private, however it is unclear whether or not they could install the signs without ConComm permission. It was suggested to draft a letter to the owners. The left side of Whales’ Beach is public, and that was confirmed a number of years ago through deed research by Town Counsel.

Meeting adjourned: 8:04 p.m.

