



Town of Duxbury Conservation Commission

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Minutes of October 18, 2016

The Conservation Commission met on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Mural Room at the Duxbury Town Hall.

Members Present: Chairman Corey Wisneski; Sam Butcher; Robb D'Ambruoso; Tom Gill; Mickey McGonagle; Holly Morris; Scott Zoltowski

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Joe Grady, Conservation Administrator; Susan Ossoff, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING; SMITH & STERN; 553 UNION STREET; RELOCATE AND PAVE DRIVEWAY SE18-1753

Erica Stern described the project which is to pave a driveway. The applicant used a plan of the property and existing wetlands flags that she then located on the plan; she also did the coverage calculations. The property is mostly in a buffer zone. Joe Grady expressed concern after looking at the plan that there is an area of paved driveway not included in the coverage calculations; Ms. Stern said there is another stream area on the property that she did not include that she will add to the plan. Joe Grady said he will assist Ms. Stern with the coverage calculations; if the proposed coverage is close to 15%, the services of a professional surveyor will be necessary.

On a motion by Tom Gill, seconded by Sam Butcher, it was voted 7-0-0 to continue the hearing for SE18-1753 until November 1 at 7:20 pm.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING; SULLIVAN; 78 SAW MILL ROAD; GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ARRAY SE18-1749

Michael Tangy of BlueSel Home Solar said that following the last hearing, the applicant and the Koplovsky's had met at the site and the area where the panels would be located was staked out. The revised plan moves the array further away from the bog area. Ninety nine percent of this project is not in the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction. Mr. Sullivan, the property owner, said he is concerned that moving the project closer to the street may cause his neighbors to be unhappy because of the visibility of the project, and he prefers the original location initially presented rather than the location on the revised plan submitted by the solar company.

Joe Grady said the bank is very steep and removing all vegetation will lead to erosion problems. There are already erosion problems around the house. If the area around the panels is cut it might be advisable to require that it be permanently stabilized with stone, rip rap, or vegetation before the panels are installed.

Joe Grady said there are Orders of Conditions on the original house that required drainage in the driveway, yet there is no evidence this was done. There is severe erosion in back of the house as well, in part due to downspouts that were required in the Orders of Conditions to be discharged into leeching pits but do not do so. The Orders on the house should be closed before another project is permitted at the site. If the project is moved out of the buffer zone, and the limit of work is also out of the buffer zone, the Conservation Commission has no jurisdiction over the project.

The applicant asked for a further continuation of the hearing to review the information discussed. On a motion by Tom Gill, seconded by Sam Butcher, it was voted 7-0-0 to continue the hearing for SE18-1749 until November 1 at 7:25 pm.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING; DUXBURY CONSTRUCTION; 283 KING CAESAR ROAD; DEMOLISH POOL AND PATIO, REMOVE BLOCK WALL AND CONSTRUCT SLOPE STONE SEAWALL

SE18-1752

Joe Grady said the applicant requested a further continuance to continue to negotiate with the abutters over some matters.

On a motion by Holly Morris, seconded by Scott Zoltowski, it was voted 7-0-0 to continue the hearing for SE18-1752, 283 King Caesar Road, until November 1, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

DUXBURY BEACH RESERVATION: ANNUAL PROJECT LIST PRESENTATION

SE18-1198

Joe Grady stepped aside from this discussion as he is a Trustee of the Beach Reservation. Al Vautrinot and Maggie Kearney were present from the Beach Reservation. The letter they provided (dated October 16) details the work they would like to perform this year if permitted by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species office. Mr. Vautrinot reviewed the list of work. Later this year they will provide a report to the Commission of the progress on the proposed work.

On a motion by Tom Gill, seconded by Scott Zoltowski, it was voted 7-0-0 to approve the project list presented in the letter from the Duxbury Beach Reservation to the Commission dated October 16, 2016 (Project SE18-1198).

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

MINUTES:

July 12, 2016: On a motion by Tom Gill, seconded by Sam Butcher, it was voted 7-0-0 to approve the minutes of June 12, 2016 as written.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Robb D'Ambruoso made the following motion: I move we go into Executive Session to consider the taking, purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property because such discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body, and to reconvene in open session in accordance with MGL C.39, Section 23B, Subsection to adjourn. The motion

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was seconded by Tom Gill. Roll call vote: Corey Wisneski, yes; Robb D'Ambruoso, yes; Tom Gill, yes; Sam Butcher, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Scott Zoltowski, yes

Adjournment: On a motion by Sam Butcher seconded by Corey Wisneski it was voted 7-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.

MATERIALS REVIEWED AT THE MEETING

NOI materials for SE18-1753; SE18-1749

Beach Reservation Letter dated 10/16/16

Draft minutes of July 12