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Town of Duxbury Conservation Commission

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Minutes of February 28, 2017

The Conservation Commission met on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Mural Room at the Duxbury Town Hall.

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

Members Absent: Tom Gill

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING; DUXBURY WETLANDS REGULATIONS PROPOSED REVISIONS; 7:05 pm

Corey Wisneski read the Public Hearing notice that was published in the Duxbury Clipper for two consecutive weeks. Lenore White of Pine Street had no comments but appreciated the consideration of her suggested changes and edits and commended the Commission for their work on these revisions. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Lenore White and others who submitted suggested changes and comments for their valuable input.

On a motion by Sam Butcher, seconded by Holly Morris, it was voted 6-0-0 to approve the Duxbury Wetlands Regulations with the draft revisions titled 'Duxbury Wetlands Regulations Draft Revisions for Public Hearing 2/28/2017.'

PUBLIC MEETING; BAY FARM ASSOCIATION TRUST; BAY FARM POND; AQUATIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

James LaCasse of Solitude Lake Management explained that his firm has done work on this pond since 1995 and want to continue with the application of herbicides. Corey Wisneski asked if the same chemicals will be used and Mr. LaCasse said it is the same chemicals with increased frequency. Ms. Wisneski asked if the increased frequency of application is of concern; Mr. LaCasse said it was not of concern; the algaecide will be used more often and the herbicide 1-2 times per summer.

Joe Grady said although using chemicals is not ideal, application of these chemicals is how nuisance vegetation is controlled and the goal is to apply only as much as is needed.

On a motion by Corey Wisneski, seconded by Scott Zoltowski, it was voted 6-0-0 to issue a Negative Determination such that a Notice of Intent is not required for the Aquatic Management Program at Bay Farm Pond.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

MINUTES

February 7, 2017: On a motion by Corey Wisneski, seconded by Sam Butcher, the draft minutes of February 7, 2017 were approved as written by a vote of 6-0-0.

EXTENSION REQUEST: Island Creek Village North; SE18-1667

Island Creek Village has requested an extension of the Orders of Conditions for this project. Most of the work is complete except for stabilizing the site. On a motion by Corey Wisneski, seconded by Sam Butcher, it was voted 6-0-0 to approve the Extension Permits for SE18-1667, Island Creek Village North, for 3 years.

REQUESTED REVISION TO PLANS: 30 Bradford Road; SE18-1697

Grady Consulting sent a request to revise the plans at 20 and 30 Bradford Road; the changes only affect the work at 30 Bradford Road. Joe Grady explained that at a site visit, he suggested 90 degree angles between the sections of drift fence to help dissipate wave impacts. In addition the applicant is requesting the height of the drift fence be increased 1.5 feet so it extends above the sand, and they propose a cobble core between the two drift fences. Joe Grady explained he has seen cobble berms used on the beach in higher velocity areas but has not seen cobble used as proposed by the applicant. Having it pinned between the two lines of fence will not allow it to move and roll which is how it functions on the beach.

Freeman Boynton, Jr., representing the applicant, said after the recent blizzard 800-900 cubic yards of sand was lost at the site. The drift fence will hopefully help retain the sand, and they want to have a 'last line of defense' in case there is a winter storm, the sand washes away and can't be replaced before the next storm – the cobble will be a last line of defense for the house. In the spring, the sand can be replaced and revegetated and the cobble will be hidden.

Sam Butcher commented that the current Orders of Conditions require the replenishment of sand when the marker stone at elevation 8 becomes exposed. The cobble wall is proposed to go to elevation 10, meaning there could be 2 feet of exposed cobble without any obligation to rebuild the dune and restore the sand to elevation 12. Scott Zoltowski asked Mr. Boynton if the cobble core approach has been used previously, and he said not that he is aware of. Sam Butcher added that although he understands what they are trying to do, he is concerned that this is like a wall. Corey Wisneski agreed that this seems like a wall, and if it is lower won't function as intended; she suggested the need for some professional input. Holly Morris felt the cobble makes it a wall. Corey Wisneski commented that the Commission's goal is to protect the beach, not the house.

Mr. Boynton asked about putting the cobble on the beach and covering it with sand so that after the sand washes away it will stop when it hits the cobble. Sam Butcher said he prefers this approach. Joe Grady said that to use it on the beach will require the notification of abutters who have deeded rights to the beach. Mickey McGonagle said that without any evidence that this cobble core approach has worked in the past, he is not inclined to support the request to use cobble. Sam Butcher suggested that to continue with this request, the original hearing needs to be reopened.

Mr. Boynton suggested they focus on the changes to the fence angles and height and not consider the cobble further at this time.

On a motion by Sam Butcher, seconded by Robb D'Ambruoso, it was voted 6-0-0 to approve the revision to the plans approved under the Orders of Conditions for SE18-1697, 30 Bradford Road, to allow the 90 degree angles in the drift fence construction and to allow the increased 1.5' of height but not to include the proposed cobble core, contingent on receipt of a revised plan that does not include the cobble core.

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 6 to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Sam Butcher. Roll call vote: Corey Wisneski, yes; Sam Butcher, yes; Robb D'Ambruoso, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Scott Zoltowski, yes. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0-0.

Adjournment: On a motion by Robb D'Ambruoso, seconded by Sam Butcher, it was voted 6-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

MATERIALS REVIEWED AT THE MEETING

Draft Revised Duxbury Wetlands Regulations
RDA Materials for Bay Farm Pond
Revised Plans for SE18-1697
Draft Minutes of February 7, 2017