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**Orleans Conservation Commission**  
**Town Hall, Nauset Room**  
**Hearing Meeting, Tuesday, February 22, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Arnold Henson, Chairman; Judith Bruce, Vice-Chairman; Adrienne Pfluger ; Steve Phillips; James Trainor; Jamie Balliett; Jim O'Brien (Associate Member); John Jannell, Conservation Administrator.

**ABSENT:** Bob Royce

8:30 a.m. Call to Order

**Continuations**

Last Heard 2/15/11 (AP1)

**Janet Holian 30 Twinings Lane.** by Ryder & Wilcox, Inc. Assessor's Map 88, Parcel 20. The proposed removal of invasive species and replanting of native species. Work will occur within and on a Coastal Bank and on Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. Arnold Henson asked what trees if any would be removed. Seth Wilkinson explained that 6 pitch pines would be removed; all were either dead or wind thrown, and two of which located within the view corridor. Dave Chalker of Bartlett Tree Experts said three English Oaks are proposed to be pruned, work which was now part of Phase Two of the project. Judith Bruce brought up her concern with the relocation of 36 pitch pine saplings and cutting of 29 oak saplings, stumps to remain, as part of Phase One, and the impact on the view corridor through their removal. Steve Phillips had thought Phase One was the removal of the invasive Black Locusts and replanting with Black Tupelo, and the defining of the view corridor would be part of Phase Two. Seth Wilkinson discussed that his client was concerned with cost issues for the removal of only the Black Locusts, which he felt would not impact the view from the water of the house. Seth Wilkinson suggested they remove the Black Locusts as part of Phase Two, with the remaining work proposed as part of Phase One to remain. Judith Bruce stated that the removal of the Black Locusts was beneficial, but she was concerned about the relocation and cutting of the saplings. James Trainor felt the removal and replanting of the 1-inch pitch pine trees would not have an adverse impact on the view corridor. Judith Bruce asked why the oak saplings had to be cut. Seth Wilkinson explained that the oak trees would grow and eliminate the view corridor. By reducing the amount of oak saplings and installing a maritime community, Seth Wilkinson felt a better plant community would be established. Steve Phillips was concerned about the sequence of events, and if the view corridor could be established in Phase Two. Seth Wilkinson was concerned that the view corridor would not be permitted once the invasives were removed. Steve Phillips asked Seth Wilkinson to clarify what the applicant wanted. Seth Wilkinson stated that the applicant wanted to maintain the view corridor which had been illegally cut by the previous owner, but neither widen nor expand the view corridor beyond what had been done. Jim O'Brien and Jamie Balliett voiced their support for the plan. Jim O'Brien stated the removal of the Locust and replanting of Tupelo should be considered mitigation for the view corridor that the applicant wishes to keep. Seth Wilkinson explained that not all of the trees were shown on the plan that would remain, and welcomed the Commission to return to the site to determine that the Phase Two

work proposed was in compliance with their regulations. Adrienne Pfluger asked about the platforms located along the pathway to the water, and Seth Wilkinson said those were existing rest areas for the walk to and from the pond. Adrienne Pfluger asked that the plan be amended to change the word "Corridors" to a singular "Corridor."

**MOTION**: A motion to approve the plan pending the submittal of a revised plan was made by Jamie Balliett and seconded by Jim O'Brien.

**VOTE**: 6-1-0, Motion approved.

### **Administrative Reviews**

#### **Orleans Conservation Trust: Kris Ramsey, Land Manager, 25 Fox Ridge Drive.**

The proposed removal of invasive species and seasonal mowing of an early succession field habitat. Work will occur within 100' of the Edge of Wetland. Work to be done by Orleans Conservation Trust and Americorps. Kris Ramsey, of the Orleans Conservation Trust, went over the scope of the project, explaining that the work would occur on Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:30am. Steve Phillips asked whether or not trails would be created through the invasive removal work. Kris Ramsey explained that at this time the Orleans Conservation Trust was debating about installing a mowed path for the local community and birders.

**MOTION**: A motion to approve this Administrative Review was made by Judith Bruce and seconded by Adrienne Pfluger.

**VOTE**: Unanimous

### **Request to Use Conservation Properties**

**Windmill Wedding 5/29/11 Byron/Erhardt 3-6pm 60 People**

**MOTION**: A motion to approve this event was made by Adrienne Pfluger and seconded by Judith Bruce.

**VOTE**: Unanimous

### **Chairman's Business**

Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting on February 15, 2011.

**MOTION**: A motion to approve the Minutes pending changes was made by Judith Bruce and seconded by Adrienne Pfluger.

**VOTE**: Unanimous

### **Other Member's Business**

**Alan McClennan: Update on Putnam Property**

Alan went over the draft letter to be reviewed by Town Counsel regarding access to Putnam Farm, CPA funding, the removal of the greenhouses, the restoration of the barn, and the removal of invasive species. James Trainor asked about the liability the town could face by leasing the land and public safety. Alan McClennan explained the lease would be both stringent and specific, more details which he would provide at a later meeting. James Trainor asked how the area would be separated for farmers looking to lease a portion of the area. Alan McClennan explained a grass strip would be one of the ideas which would be explored as a means of separation. Judith Bruce asked what type of support he required from the Commission, and Alan McClennan said the approval of the draft memo to go in front of Town Counsel.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the draft proposal was made by Judith Bruce and seconded by Adrienne Pfluger.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Administrator's Business**

Update on 10 Sparrow Lane: Town Counsel discussion. John Jannell updated the Commission on his meeting with Town Counsel. John Jannell stated that Town Counsel has recommended not changing the Enforcement Order for 10 Sparrow Lane. Counsel advised the Commission to continue to work with the applicant on the Notice of Intent that has been filed. Town Counsel will prepare a suggested motion for approval of a satisfactory Restoration Plan and he will also draft the Order of Conditions when necessary.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:45am

Respectfully submitted,

Erin C. Shupenis, Principal Clerk, Orleans Conservation Department