

Orleans Conservation Commission
Town Hall, Skaket Room
Work Meeting, Tuesday, March 22, 2011

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TOWN OF ORLEANS
TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

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PRESENT: Arnold Henson, Chairman; Judith Bruce, Vice-Chairman; Bob Royce; Adrienne Pfluger; Steve Phillips; James Trainor; Jamie Balliett; Jim O'Brien (Associate Member); John Jannell, Conservation Administrator.
8:30 a.m. Call to Order

Continuations

Last Heard 3/15/11 (SP1)

Livingston Van De Water, 225 Brick Hill Road. by Ryder & Wilcox, Inc. Assessor's Map 12, Parcel 58. The proposed installation of a gravel driveway. Work will occur within 100' of the Edge of Wetland. Adrienne Pfluger asked about a condition for no pesticides to be used on the driveway, and Steve Phillips asked for a condition that the driveway always remain gravel. David Lyttle of Ryder & Wilcox, Inc. said that both of those conditions could be incorporated into the Order under the special conditions.

MOTION: A motion to approve the plan subject to the conditions for no pesticides to be allowed on the driveway and for the driveway to always remain gravel was made by Jamie Balliett and seconded by Bob Royce.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Certificates of Compliance

The Community of Jesus, 5 Bay View Ridge Drive. The proposed request for a Certificate of Compliance for an Order of Conditions for demolition of an existing chapel building and construction of a Retreat House-Refectory-Offices, a Chapter house and an Atrium. An as-built has been submitted reflecting the work completed. John Jannell felt the applicant was substantially in compliance with the work that had been done. Judith Bruce asked about drainage pipe located between Wetlands A & B. Tim Brady of East Cape Engineering, Inc. explained that the pipe had been installed prior to the work he had done and had historically connected the two wetlands. Chris Kanaga representing the Community of Jesus explained that when the Rock Harbor bulkhead was rebuilt one of the conditions of the Cape Cod Commission asked was to maintain the hydrological conditions associated with the pipe. Judith Bruce asked about the lawn maintenance and whether any pesticides or herbicides were emptying into the wetlands. Tim Brady explained that any runoff from the lawns emptied into catch basins and into leaching areas. Steve Phillips asked about the mulched area indicated on the plan and whether or not mulch could be abandoned. Tim Brady said the mulching had recently been ceased.

MOTION: A motion to issue this Certificate of Compliance was made by Judith Bruce and seconded by Steve Phillips.

VOTE: Unanimous

Administrative Reviews

Marnie Munger, 4 Seal Lane. The proposed removal of 4 Eastern Red Cedars and existing overgrown foundation and island plants. An existing gravel driveway is proposed to be re-surfaced with shells and existing lawn to be re-seeded. Work will occur within 50' of the Top of a Coastal Bank and Salt Marsh. John Jannell explained

that while the plan was extensive, the present plantings were either overgrown or dead and the proposed work would be an improvement in the buffer zone. Phil Cheney, Landscape designer for the applicant, explained that several of the plantings are within 6-7 feet of the foundation, and causing damage to the house. The removal of invasive species and planting of natives would result in a more naturalized area that would require minimal irrigation. Judith Bruce was concerned about the survivability of the plants, and Phil Cheney explained that the applicant had a vested interest in maintaining the plantings because they are foundation plants. Adrienne Pfluger asked if the work would be completed within a year, and Phil Cheney said yes. Jamie Balliett suggested that while this application was the farthest an Administrative Review should extend, the Commission could always follow up with enforcement if the plan was not implemented. Judith Bruce felt the plan was an improvement to the overall area.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Administrative Review was made by Jamie Balliett and seconded by Adrienne Pfluger.

VOTE: Unanimous

Jim Bast, 128 Monument Road. The proposed removal of a partially dead tree. This tree had been previously pruned under an Administrative Review but has since declined in health. Work will occur within 100' of the Edge of Wetland.

MOTION: A motion to approve this Administrative Review was made by Adrienne Pfluger and seconded by Bob Royce.

VOTE: Unanimous

Kris Ramsey/OCT, 2 Little Sipson Island. The proposed moving of an Osprey pole from Strong Island in Chatham to Little Sipson Island in Orleans. Work will occur within 100' of the Edge of Marsh, Coastal Bank, and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. Work to be done by Orleans Harbor Master and Wellfleet Bay's Wildlife Sanctuary. Kris Ramsey of Orleans Conservation Trust and Bob Prescott of Massachusetts Audubon Society explained that this would be a collaborative project with AmeriCorps and the Orleans Harbor Master.

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

VOTE: Unanimous

Eileen Delory, 15 Country Lane. The proposed removal of a pitch pine. Work will occur within 100' of the Edge of Pond and the Pleasant Bay A.C.E.C. Work to be done by Roger McAdams.

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

VOTE: Unanimous

Chairman's Business

Approval of the Minutes from the Work Meeting on March 15, 2011.

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

VOTE: Unanimous

Other Member's Business

Steve Phillips asked for an update regarding the Orleans Highway Department bank re-stabilization. John Jannell explained that the bank had been restored, and that he would be working with the Assistant Town Administrator to put together a Wetlands Training for the town workers. John Jannell told the Commission Mark Budnick would be presenting plans illustrating the drainage changes which would be implemented by the Highway Department. The Commission felt they should have an accurate record of past, present, and future drainage work impacting the resource areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08am.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin C. Shupenis, Principal Clerk, Orleans Conservation Department