

**Orleans Conservation Commission**  
**Town Hall, Skaket Room**  
**Work Meeting, Tuesday, April 5, 2011**

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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

**Administrative Reviews**

**John Nichols, 45 Nichols Road.** The proposed planting of 2 blueberry bushes, the transplanting of 1 juniper, the removal of two oak trees, and pruning of two oak limbs. Work will occur within 100' of the Edge of Wetland. Work to be done by applicant. Arnold Henson asked about the size of the oak trees as he was concerned about the view. John Jannell advised the trees did not provide screening for either the owner or the neighboring house from the water.

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

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Ginia Pati, 25 Ellis Road.** The proposed removal of 7 locust trees. Work will occur within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank, Edge of Marsh, and the A.C.E.C.. Work to be done by A to Z Treez. John Jannell recommended taking no action at this time. He explained he is meeting the property owner later in the week and will come back to the Commission after the meeting takes place.

**Bill Wibel, 61 Keziah's Lane.** The proposed removal of dead wood and pitch pine from the marsh, removal of a pitch pine from within the deck, and the removal of English Ivy and Bittersweet from the Top of the Bank. Work will occur within the A.C.E.C., Top of the Coastal Bank, and within 100' of the Top of the Coastal Bank. Work to be done by Jeff Norgeot. Arnold Henson asked about the view from the water. John Jannell explained that the bank was covered with English Ivy and Bittersweet, and there was not a view to be sought and no canopy exists on the bank.

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

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Elizabeth DeLima, 11 Uncle Harvey's Way.** The proposed removal of invasive species, removal of 2 dead scotch pines, the pruning of native species to stimulate growth, and replanting with native species. Work will occur within 100' of the Edge of Uncle Harvey's Pond. Work to be done by applicant.

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

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**James Hughes, 5 Skaket Circle.** The proposed replacement of a roof, windows, and siding to an existing dwelling. Work will occur within the A.C.E.C. and within 50' of the Edge of Marsh. Work to be done by Paul Van Steensel. John Jannell explained that the applicant had an open Order for the building of an addition and subsequent mitigation, neither of which would be taking place. A Certificate of Compliance citing an Invalid Order of Conditions will be filed in the near future. Arnold Henson asked if the proposed Administrative Review was strictly a repair to the home and no changes to the footprint would occur. John Jannell said yes.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve this project was made by Steve Phillips and seconded by Adrienne Pfluger.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Stephen & Jane Williamson, 64 Namequoit Road.** The proposed installation of a sewer line between the existing garage and house. Work will occur within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank. Work to be done by F.L. Quinn.

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

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Kris Ramsay/OCT, 61, 65, 68, &75 Old Duck Hole Road & 5, 11, &17 Lovell Lane.**

The proposed removal of invasive species and pruning of invasives species as a part of the AmeriCorps work week. Work will occur within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank, Edge of Marsh, and the A.C.E.C..

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

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Town of Orleans, Harvey's Lane/Landing.** The proposed removal of invasive species and the installation of dug in steps for canoe access. Area to be revegetated during AmeriCorps work week. Work will occur within 100' of the Edge of Harvey's Pond and an Inland Bank. Steve Phillips asked if the parking access at this area would be improved. Kris Ramsay of the Orleans Conservation Trust explained that the Commission had previously approved the removal of 13 Locust trees on the OCT adjacent property, but that the area was for wildlife habitat. Arnold Henson reminded the Commission that access to Harvey's Lane was from Pochet Road, and Judith Bruce felt the access steps would be used primarily by residents in the surrounding area.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve this work was made by Judith Bruce and seconded by Steve Phillips.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Town of Orleans, Skaket Annex Beach.** The proposed moving of snow fence and rocks delineating parking area due to erosion. Advice is sought regarding the beach access due to the State's removal of the boardwalk. Work will occur on Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Coastal Bank, Coastal Dune, and within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank. Arnold Henson asked if parking would be lost due to the proposed move, and Paul Fulcher explained that the area will be tight. Arnold Henson asked if the area

would eventually be lost to erosion. Paul Fulcher said that the area appeared to have settled, but it is a fragile area and if it continues to erode, protecting the cranberry bog and houses will become a concern. The Commission discussed the possibility of creating a new path to replace the boardwalk, and Paul Fulcher said he would look into options to be brought to the Commission at a later time.

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

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Town of Orleans, Nauset Beach.** The proposed re-installation of the stairs at the main boardwalk at Nauset Beach. Stairs will be relocated 5' landward due to erosion over the 2010-2011 winter months. Work will occur on Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Coastal Bank, Coastal Dune, and within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank.

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

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Town of Orleans, Nauset Beach.** The proposed removal of sand covering the main boardwalk, north board, and north boardwalk handicap ramp that was blown in during the 2010-2011 winter months, and the opening of the asphalt drainage waterway grown over with vegetation. Work will occur on Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Coastal Bank, Coastal Dune, and within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve this project was made by James Trainor and seconded by Judith Bruce.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Town of Orleans, Skaket Beach Annex.** The proposed removal of rock and cement debris from the town beach for public safety. Work will occur on Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Coastal Bank, and within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank. Paul Fulcher, Superintendent for the Orleans Parks and Beach Department, explained that there was debris on the beach and parking area from the State approved removal of the walkway due to erosion problems. Judith Bruce was concerned about an exposed pipe and the remaining boardwalk being removed which had been left in place because it was partially buried within the dune. Paul Fulcher said with the Commission's permission, he would cut and remove the portion of the state boardwalk that was exposed. The pipe was likely remains from the cottage which was previously located on the property.

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

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Town of Orleans, Skaket Beach.** The proposed hauling of sand from a land-based site to top dress Skaket Beach with sand that is stored in Skaket Beach parking lot. The grade would be consistent with the approved Ryder & Wilcox Plan Job Number 6427. Work will occur on Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Coastal Bank, Coastal Dune, and within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank. Paul Fulcher explained that the

renourishment through the Administrative Review was necessary while they waited on their permit from the Army Corps of Engineers, and renourishment was needed within the next moon tide. The beach would not be built up to the extent it had in the past.

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

**VOTE**: Unanimous

### **Chairman's Business**

Approval of the Minutes from the Work Meeting on March 22, 2011.

**MOTION**: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Adrienne Pfluger and seconded by Bob Royce.

**VOTE**: Unanimous

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

Mark Budnick of the Orleans Highway Department would like to address the Commission about past, current, and future drainage projects. Mark Budnick was not present therefore the discussion was tabled.

### **Administrator's Business**

John Jannell requested to use \$982 from the filing fees from the Conservation Department: \$582 for the replacement of fencing along various Conservation properties, and \$400 to demarcate a parking area at the Putnam property. The Commission was concerned about allocating the funds for the Putnam property when the access to the property had not been properly established. Paul Fulcher explained that in order for the town to receive a state grant to offset the purchase of the Putnam property, a parking area must be allocated. This parking area can be changed once an official access area is established.

**MOTION**: A motion to approve the allocation of funds from the filing fees was made by Judith Bruce and seconded by Adrienne Pfluger.

**VOTE**: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03am.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin C. Shupenis, Principal Clerk, Orleans Conservation Department