

Orleans Conservation Commission
Town Hall, Skaket Room
Work Meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 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

Last Heard 4/2/11

Ginia Pati, 25 Ellis Road. The proposed removal of 3 locust trees and replanting with bayberry, beach plum, and lowbush blueberry. 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 explained that the application had been revised to reduce the scope of the work and include replacement plantings.

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

VOTE: Unanimous

Christopher Frey, 71 Briar Springs Road. The proposed removal of 3 dead trees and the removal of dead bittersweet vines. Work will occur within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank, Salt Marsh, and in the A.C.E.C.. John Jannell explained an Administrative Review had been filed to continue the work on the open Order of Conditions from 2003 which had since expired. The Commission asked for clarification of the location of this site, and discussed the open Order. Judith Bruce asked if the trees asked to be taken down were threatening the dwelling, and John Jannell replied no. Judith Bruce felt no more work should be permitted until the 2003 Order has been complied with. Arnold Henson asked how much additional work would be required to satisfy the open Order. John Jannell explained that he wanted to see the plantings through a growing season before a Certificate was issued and additional plantings may be required. Arnold Henson asked that John Jannell work with the applicant to put together a complete Administrative Review which encompassed all of the remaining work to be done prior to the Certificate of Compliance filing. The application will be held until John Jannell speaks with the applicant.

Adrienne Pfluger, 20 Briar Springs Road. The proposed removal of 2 dead cedars, the cutting of bittersweet and multiflora rose, and gravely the English ivy. Work will occur within 100' of the Edge of two Vernal Pools. Work to be done by Cape Cod Tree and Landscape.

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

VOTE: 6-0-1, Adrienne Pfluger recused herself.

Judith Bruce, 26 Towhee Lane. The proposed digging of a trench to replace existing electrical lines to dwelling. Work will occur within 100' of the Edge of Deep Pond and Shoal Pond.

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

VOTE: 6-0-1, Judith Bruce recused herself.

Aideen & Peter Jenkins, 118 Freemans Lane. The proposed building of a dormer to an existing roof. Work will occur within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank. Work to be done by Safe Harbor Environmental Services. Arnold Henson asked if the footprint of the building would be changing, and John Jannell said no.

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

VOTE: Unanimous

Marcia Galazzi, 24 Tom's Hollow Lane. The proposed filling of potholes with clean gravel and stone mix from the 2010-2011 winter storms (annual nourishment). Work will occur within 100' of the Edge of two Wetlands. Work to be done by Paul Daniels.

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

VOTE: Unanimous

Mark Kritzman, 204 Barley Neck Road. The proposed pruning of a cedar tree touching house. 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 Jay Pettit.

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

VOTE: Unanimous

Michael & Elizabeth Bell, 43 Nichols Road. The proposed annual view cutting over property of John Nichols, cutting of two existing shrubs 3'x 5', and potential removal of poison ivy. Work will occur within 100' of the Edge of Wetland. Work to be done by applicant. John Jannell explained that the neighbor was both aware and in support of the work.

MOTION: A motion to approve this project was made by Steve Phillips and seconded by Bob Royce.

VOTE: Unanimous

Kris Ramsay/OCT, Namskaket Marsh, Map 31, Lot 1. The proposed debris and trash clean up along the back-portion of the marsh abutting the bike trail. Work to be by the Orleans Conservation Trust.

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

VOTE: Unanimous

Request for Information

Stephanie Sequin would like to discuss 65 Old Colony Way to determine if an Amended Order of Conditions may be filed for work to be done or a new Notice must be filed.

Stephanie Sequin presented a preliminary plan outlying the development of 65 Old Colony Way. John Jannell reminded the applicant that this was not going to be conducted as a hearing because proper notification had not been given to all parties, and this was an informal session to provide guidance on how to file. Stephanie Sequin explained that the abutters list for this parcel was extensive, the cost for a new Notice is significantly more than

the Amended Order, and the work proposed was similar to the approved work under the existing Order. The Commission was concerned about the timeline for the work to be completed under an Amended Order of Conditions versus restarting the process with a new Notice of Intent. Stephanie Sequin felt the applicant was comfortable with the existing timeline and would file for a year extension should the Commission approve the Amended Order when it expired in September of 2011. John Jannell suggested that the planting plan incorporated with the Order would potentially require a performance bond. Stephanie Sequin asked for the final recommendation from the Commission. The Commission stated that the filing of an Amended Order of Conditions would be satisfactory.

Request to Use Conservation Properties

Kent's Point Educational Walk 6/11/11 Rich Eldrich/OCT 10am-12pm 15-25 People

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

VOTE: Unanimous

Putnam Farm Educational Walk 7/23/11 Jay Putnam/OCT 10am-12pm 15-25 People

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

VOTE: Unanimous

Chairman's Business

Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting on April 5, 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 updated the Commission on the highway department bank restoration work, explaining that the pipe which had been buried had been re-exposed, and erosion control blankets and plantings installed. Judith Bruce asked if additional erosion control measures were still in place. Mark Budnick explained that the haybales and siltfence used to initially thwart any additional runoff before the bank restoration work was done were still in place, and would remain so until sediment discharge was not a threat. Steve Phillips asked if the drainage going into the Barley Neck Landing area was treated. Mark Budnick explained that leaching chambers had been installed sometime in the 1980's to treat runoff. The system itself had recently failed, and the Highway Department was working on a proposal to be brought in front of the Commission for the system's repair. The Commission commended Mark Budnick on the information provided and asked that any additional future as-builts be submitted to the Conservation Department so that it may have an accurate record of work completed within the town's resource areas.

Alan McClennen presented the Putnam Land Management Plan to the Commission. The Commission asked for information about leasing options and competition amongst residents

wanting to use the property. Alan McClennen explained that a person or persons would submit a proposal requesting to use the property for a specific purpose and their application would be reviewed by the Commission. James Trainor was concerned about liability, and Alan McClennen explained that the applicant would have to provide an insurance policy to protect themselves while working on town-owned land. Alan McClennen explained that the Commission's approval of the land management plan would be the final approval before it went in front of the Town to be voted on in May.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Land Management Plan was made by Judith Bruce and seconded by Jamie Balliett.

VOTE: Unanimous

Administrator's Business

The Commission discussed the Site Visits.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24am.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin C. Shupenis, Orleans Conservation Department