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**Orleans Conservation Commission**  
**Town Hall, Nauset Room**  
**Work Meeting, Tuesday, April 26, 2011**

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

**ABSENT:** Steve Phillips; Adrienne Pfluger.  
8:30 a.m. Call to Order

**Certificate of Compliance**

**Estate of Clark Gesner, 40 Gesner Road.** The proposed request for a Certificate of Compliance for an Order of Conditions for the installation of a new septic system, the pumping and abandonment of an existing cesspool, the construction of a new gravel driveway, and installation of a new water service.

**MOTION:** A motion to issue this Certificate of Compliance was made by Judith Bruce and seconded by Jamie Balliett.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Donald Wilkins, 13 Greymoor Way.** The proposed request for a Certificate of Compliance for an Order of Conditions for the construction of a single family dwelling.

**MOTION:** A motion to issue this Certificate of Compliance was made by Judith Bruce and seconded by Bob Royce.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Revised Plan**

**D. Jeffrey Karlson & Trisha Daly-Carlson, 11 Sage's Way.** by Ryder & Wilcox, Inc.

Assessor's Map 5, Parcel 12. Request to revise plan for the approved installation of an in-ground swimming pool, including construction of retaining walls, fence, and shed, to include the installation of a propane tank and underground utilities. Work will occur within 100' of Edge of Wetland. John Jannell asked if the utility lines would be installed in existing lawn, and if a mini excavator would be used. Stephanie Sequin said the utility lines would be installed in existing lawn, and a mini excavator would be used to dig an 18" trench.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the revised plan was made by Judith Bruce and seconded by Bob Royce.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Administrative Reviews**

**Peter Galloway, 25 Cheney Road.** The proposed flush cutting of one Eastern Red Cedar and pruning of one Eastern Red Cedar to improve a view. Work will occur within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank. Work to be done by Bartlett Tree Service. David Lyttle of Ryder & Wilcox explained the applicants desire to open a view corridor to create a view window for perspective buyers. John Jannell explained that he did not recommend approval of this application at this time as he felt the existing view corridor was well established, and any additional view corridors to be opened up could be applied for by a future owner. John Jannell was also concerned that the current landscaper had been depositing landscaping brush and debris along the top and buffer zone to the Coastal Bank. Arnold Henson asked if the application could be revised to include the clean-up of the debris. Judith Bruce asked if

the tree proposed to be removed was in decline. John Jannell felt the tree was in decline, and in general did not have an issue with its removal. John Jannell was concerned with the proposed pruning of the second tree understory to improve the views. Judith Bruce asked about the screening of the house, and John Jannell explained that the house was fairly well screened. The Commission asked for a revised application to be submitted to reflect the opinion of the Commission, and David Lyttle said he would submit one. Jamie Balliett asked that a letter be sent explaining no dumping of debris on the Coastal Bank is allowed. John Jannell agreed to follow up.

**Catherine Southworth, 9 Portside Lane.** The proposed removal of two Pitch Pine trees threatening the deck and house. Work will occur within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank. John Jannell felt the removal of the trees would not impact aesthetics on the property as protected in the regulations; the bank was well treed.

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

**VOTE:** Unanimous

**Richard Thomson, 24 Priscilla Road.** The proposed installation of an organic vegetable garden. Work will occur within 100' of the Edge of Wetland. Work to be done by applicant. Judith Bruce asked if the garden would be going over existing lawn, and John Jannell said yes. Richard Thomson, the applicant, asked the Commission if he would be able to fence in the proposed garden to keep out the bunnies, and the Commission said yes.

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

**VOTE:** Unanimous

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

**Windmill      Wedding      9/17/11      Kotak/Bell      3pm-7pm      80 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 Work Meeting on April 19, 2011.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jamie Balliett and seconded by Judith Bruce.

**VOTE:** 5-0-1; Arnold Henson abstained.

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

John Jannell explained that an issue with the approved plan for 39 Willie Atwood to install a water line via moleing had come up on site and he wanted the Commissioners to be aware of it. John Jannell met with the contractor on-site, who explained that due to the lack of suitable soils, moleing the water line could not be accomplished and a mini excavator would have to be used. John Jannell explained a Revised Plan would not be required as the location of the proposed water line and limit of work was not proposed to be changed. In this case, the installation technique was changing out of necessity. John Jannell explained he was comfortable with the change but wanted to explain it before giving the OK to the contractor. Judith Bruce asked for clarification about where the moleing would recommence along the

site. John Jannell explained that it was the intention of the installer to mole under the stream, and this would re-commence once suitable soils were found. Judith Bruce felt whatever harm to the resource area due to the use of an excavator would be minimal.

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

**VOTE:** Unanimous

### **Administrator's Business**

- Report on Orleans Improvement Associations restoration efforts for Meadow on the Cove. Work to commence this spring and continue in the fall.

John Jannell explained to the Commission that the Orleans Improvement Association has contracted with Wilkinson Ecological Design to plant 1,000 wildflower plugs on the Meadow on the Cove Conservation Property. The work will involve some invasive plant control work done in the spring, woody vegetation to be managed, and the majority of the plugs going into the ground in the late summer/early fall. John Jannell thanked the Orleans Improvement Association for this important work and will work with the Association to help advance the project.

- Request to use funds from the Wetland Filing Fees for town-wide aerial photography to be performed in May. Flight to include entire Town and all of Pleasant Bay shoreline. A cooperative effort between the Towns of Orleans, Chatham and the Pleasant Bay Alliance

John Jannell explained that this was a biennial request. Arnold Henson asked if this would be covering all of Pleasant Bay, and what the balance was of the Wetlands Filing Fees account. John Jannell said this would cover all of Pleasant Bay, and the rough balance for the account was \$60,000.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve this allocation of funds was made by Judith Bruce and seconded by Jamie Balliett.

**VOTE:** Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin C. Shupenis, Principal Clerk, Orleans Conservation Department