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Orleans Conservation Commission
Town Hall, Nauset Room
Work Meeting, Tuesday, August 9, 2011

ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

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

ABSENT: Jamie Balliett

8:30 a.m. Call to Order

Continuations

Last Heard June 7, 2011 (SP1, JB1)

Charles & Mary Longworth, 8 Priscilla Road. by J.C. Ellis Design Co, Inc. Assessor's Map 22, Parcel 18. The proposed upgrading of an existing septic system and abandonment of existing cesspools. Work will occur within 100' of the Edge of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

MOTION: A motion to continue this hearing to September 6, 2011 was made by Bob Royce and seconded by Judith Bruce.

VOTE: Unanimous

Administrative Reviews

David Dickerson, 68 Gibson Road. The proposed removal of a standing dead Eastern Red Cedar, stump to remain. Work will occur within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank. Work to be done by The Tree Wizard.

MOTION: A motion to approve this work was made by Adrienne Pfluger and seconded by Jim O'Brien.

VOTE: Unanimous

Roy Steigbigel, 136 Portanimicut Road. The proposed cutting of two standing dead pitch pines. Work will occur within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, and in an A.C.E.C. Work to be done by The Tree Wizard. John Jannell said he was concerned about the tree debris being left on the bank, and the Commission asked that the Administrative Review be held until John Jannell spoke with The Tree Wizard to address his concerns.

Judy Reed/ Elie & Mary Rivollier, 26 Hayward Lane. The proposed pruning of 3 oak trees and 1 black cherry tree to 2-4' in height, and the proposed removal of 1 apple tree and 1 black cherry. Work will occur within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, the Pleasant Bay A.C.E.C., and within 50' of the Top of a Coastal Bank. Work to be done by Bartlett Tree Service. The Commission was concerned about the height which the trees would be trimmed. John Jannell explained this work was to restore a small view corridor that had grown in and recommended approval.

MOTION: A motion to approve this work was made by Adrienne Pfluger and seconded by Jim O'Brien.

VOTE: Unanimous

Cathy Hollinger, 149 Namequoit Road. The after the fact removal of a storm damaged locust located on the rear bank. A stump had been left. Work had occurred

within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank, Salt Marsh, and the Pleasant Bay A.C.E.C. John Jannell explained that this was an after the fact filing because a storm caused the tree to fall onto the neighbor's property blocking their walkway. An on-site was conducted on the day of the fall and removal. John Jannell stated that he would have recommended the removal of the tree had it been filed for prior to its removal.

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

VOTE: Unanimous

Susan Walker, 15 Saltworks Circle. The proposed repair of existing erosion along path leading to the beach and along the house. Work will occur within 100' of the Top of a Coastal Bank and the Edge of Salt Marsh. John Jannell explained that only half of the work proposed was within the buffer zone. Kristen Pike from Sorbello Landscaping, Inc. provided a plan showing the installation of 5 timber steps with $\frac{3}{4}$ " crushed native stone and a river rock filtration system. Judith Bruce was concerned about the amount of work proposed under the Administrative Review, and Steve Phillips asked about the width of the path. Kristen Pike explained that the path was currently 10-12' wide, and acted as an access way to both the existing 4' wide path to the water and the garage. Steve Phillips asked why the path was maintained at that width when the Conservation Commission only allowed for 4' wide paths. Kristen Pike said it was being maintained at its existing width to help with drainage, and that it would be re-graded a couple of inches to help thwart future problems. The Commission decided to conduct a site visit to understand the proposed work. The application will be continued to August 16, 2011.

Chairman's Business

Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting on August 2, 2011

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

VOTE: Unanimous

Other Member's Business

Administrator's Business

John Jannell along with Kris Ramsey from the Orleans Conservation Trust would like to prepare a Joint application with the Community Preservation Committee for Trail Maps. John Jannell explained there was a public interest in having a trail map created to detail walking trails on public Conservation areas. John Jannell also explained that there was interest in a blazing or naming system of the public trails for emergency responders. Arnold Henson was concerned about the overall cost for the work. John Jannell said the application to the CPC is to seek funding for the project; the project is not currently funded. John Jannell reported that the Conservation Department and the Orleans Conservation Trust were in the preliminary stages of development, and ultimately they would come back for a letter of support for the application. The Commission felt that a letter supporting the preliminary phase of the work would be fine.

The Commission discussed the site visits. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43am