



# TOWN OF WINTHROP

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### MINUTES OF MEETING 7:30 P. M. – May 14, 2014 Joseph Harvey Hearing Room Winthrop Town Hall

**Members in Attendance:** Mary Kelley, Chairperson, Stephen Machcinski, Karen Winn, Norman Hyett, David Girard, Karen Winn, Wayne George, Michael Rinaldi, Brian Corbett.

**Patricia R. Kuschell, 428 Revere Street** – Discussion regarding construction of retaining wall without prior Commission authorization.

Ms. Kuschell explained the project and how she came about to hire the contractor. Contractor informed the owner that no permits were required. When Conservation Commission letter received, she was quite upset. She went to Building Inspector who conducted a site visit. He said that he had no problem with the wall.

After further discussion, Ms. Kuschell explained that she had the wall installed to protect her property from the flooding caused by the DCR project at Short Beach. FEMA suggested she have the wall put in. The Commission explained, by having the wall installed, it caused problems for her abutters.

Commission informed Ms. Kuschell that she must submit a Notice of Intent with all documentation. Owner will need a survey of the property indicating the location of the flood plain boundaries, wetland buffer zones and the general elevation of the property particularly as it relates to the recently constructed wall and if that wall falls within the 10, 25, or 100 year flood plains.

**Cottage Park Yacht Club – Representative Ernest Hardy** – Discussion regarding Addendum request for DEP File #082-0373, addition of two (2) new pilings.

Mr. Hardy explained the request and stated the contractor does not have the correct pilings at this time. After further questions and responses, the Commission **VOTED** to approve the request. **MOTION** by Mary Kelley; Stephen Machcinski, 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion; **UNANIMOUS VOTE**.

**PUBLIC HEARING – Town of Winthrop DPW, DEP File #082-0408** – Notice of Intent for the removal of chain link fence, replace with wooden guard rail; removal of 24" C.I culvert & 150 s.f. earth over MWRA sewer line (flow restriction); removal of invasive species root mass from within channel of man made ditch and formation of grassed swales from golf course fairways to ditch.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Veterans Road, Winthrop. Representative: David Crispin, PE; BSC Group, Inc. Boston, MA

Mr. Crispin explained the project to the Commission. The Commission asked many questions which Mr. Crispin responded along with DPW Director, Steven Calla.

Members of the audience which included John DeLuco, Golf Club grounds manager, Ed McGrail, President of the Golf Club and David Stasio, Secretary asked questions and stated their concerns. One was with the construction of a wooden rail, debris, such as bottles, cans, etc., will continually get into the ditches and cause back-ups.

Discussion included construction of a berm; damage to the Golf Clubs greens and they are losing members because of the loss they are experiencing because of the flooding. Members are upset that a berm was not in current Notice of Intent. If not allowed to put berm in and floods again, which will cost the Club a lot of money to replace again, the Club may have to exercise their rights out of their contract with the Town. Mr. Calla stated that a berm could cause even more problems with flooding.

Mr. Calla also explained that the current NOI is only a part of this whole project to come. Right now, only Veterans Road will be done, not the River Road side.

David Stasio, Secretary of the Golf Club suggested an on-going Order of Conditions for maintenance. The Commission suggested that the Town, DPW and the Golf Club sit down to discuss this and then submit to the Commission.

**MOTION** to close this hearing - Mary Kelley; 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion, Michael Rinaldi; **UNANIMOUS VOTE**.

**MOTION** by Stephen Machcinski to accept Minutes of Meeting from April 9, 2014 as written; 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion, Mary Kelley; **UNANIMOUS VOTE**.

**Melissa Nowak, 63 Nahant Ave., Winthrop – Certificate of Compliance, DEP File #082-0384 –**  
Discuss site visit by Commissioner Hyett – **MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT**, Stephen Machcinski; 2<sup>nd</sup> the Motion, Michael Rinaldi; **UNANIMOUS VOTE**. Certificate signed by the Commission.

Discussion for the following requests:

1. Installation of a swimming pool at 111 Grovers Ave. – Commission reviewed project plans. Project is within 100' of the Buffer Zone. Contractor must submit a Notice of Intent.
2. Construction of a small retaining wall in back yard – 39 Grovers Ave. – The Commission stated, because the project area is with the 100' foot buffer zone, owner must submit a Request for Determination of Applicability.
3. Discuss Current/Old correspondence – None at this time.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 9:00 P.M.**