



CITY OF GLOUCESTER

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY April 3, 2013 - 7:00 PM
City Hall, Kyrouz Auditorium
Robert Gulla Chair

Members Present: Robert Gulla, Chair, Ann Jo Jackson, Co Chair, Robert Sherman, Charles Anderson, John Feener, Barry Gradwohl- **Absent**
Staff: Lisa press, Agent, Pauline Doody, Recording Clerk

Items may be heard out of listed order.

I. 1-5 minutes, review of amended, updated or final information, status reviews, modifications, signing decisions etc.

28-2262- Niles Pond Rd.

Motion: To continue 28-2262- Niles Pond Rd to April 17, 2013

1st: Ann Jo Jackson

2nd: Charles Anderson

Vote: Approved 5-0

II. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

III MINUTES REVIEW

Motion: To approve minutes of February 26, 2013 & March 6, 2013

1st: Robert Sherman

2nd: Charles Anderson

Vote: Approved 4-0 with Ms. Jackson abstaining.

IV **Block 1***

A. **New- 28-2265- 49 Parker** – Notice of Intent submitted by Jack LeVie, to construct a 2nd story deck over an existing deck and to construct a 60' retaining wall in the buffer to a coastal resource area. (Map 54, lot 61).

Presenter: John Levie, 49 Parker St

Mr. Levie stated he would like to construct a second floor deck on back of property and the creation of a parking area which will include a retaining wall.

The deck is on top of the wharf which is in existence. I am waiting on the Chapter 91 license. He stated he received an email that it would be approved. Mr. Levie explained the scope of work and its process.

Ms. Press stated that Chapter 91 license does not allow any expansion or second story deck over the water. There are no comments from DMF yet.

Mr. Gulla stated that the commission should review the project as it stands and wait until comments from DMF are received.

Public comment: None

Motion: To continue the application for 49 Parker – Notice of Intent submitted by Jack LeVie, to construct a 2nd story deck over an existing deck and to construct a 60' retaining wall in the buffer to a coastal resource area. (Map 54, lot 61) to April 17, 2013.

1st: Ann Jo Jackson

2nd: Charles Anderson

Vote: Approved 5-0

B. New- Wyoma Road Request for Determination submitted by Waterman Association, to install a replacement drain pipe and 2 mini catch basins in the buffer to a coastal bank. (Map 256 lot 103)

Presenter: John Judd, Gateway Consultants

Mr. Judd explained that the drainage improvement were out of the buffer zone. The water comes down the road, into a gully and into an existing pipe. The existing pipe will be reset 12 inches lower to connect to the existing catch basin. There is no increase to impervious. The runoff will be collected and the surface will be stabilized.

Ms. Press requested a management plan for the catch basin.

Mr. Judd stated the association will clean them once a year.

Mr. Feener stated the vegetation needs time establish itself for 1 year. He suggested that the water be redirected at the beginning and have it bump out in the middle of the path.

Public comment: None

Conditions:

- Rip rap installed
- Work in dry weather
- Vegetation around catch basin to be monitored for 1 year
- Management Plan

Motion: Negative determination for the project at Wyoma Road submitted by Waterman Association, to install a replacement drain pipe and 2 mini catch basins in the buffer to a coastal bank. (Map 256 lot 103)

1st: Ann Jo Jackson

2nd: Charles Anderson

Vote: Approved 5-0

C. New- 28-2267- 444 Essex Ave Notice of Intent submitted by Paul Shea, NS Mini Storage Inc. to construct a 6000 SF addition on slab in the buffer to an inland resource area. (Map 54, lot 61).

Presenter: John Judd , Gateway Consultants

Mr. Judd this project was for the expansion to the existing business. Additional storage on will be added onto existing pavement. 3 trees will remain. The plans have been submitted to engineering.

Ms. Press requested mitigation planting and for the replacement of any trees that come out.

Mr. Feener stated to remove the mulch for mitigation.

Public comment: None

Condition:

- Remove mulch for mitigation
- Engineering approval needed

Motion: To approve the project 444 Essex Ave submitted by Paul Shea, NS Mini Storage Inc. to construct a 6000 SF addition on slab in the buffer to an inland resource area. (Map 54, lot 61).

1st: Ann Jo Jackson

2nd: Charles Anderson

Vote: Approved 5-0

D. Continuation- 28-2220-138 Wheeler Street, Notice of Intent submitted by Damian Dell' Anno, to remove and replace dwelling in a riverfront resource area. (Map 100, lot 24).

Applicant requests a continuance to May 1, 2013

Motion: To continue the application for 138 Wheeler Street, Notice of Intent submitted by Damian Dell' Anno, to remove and replace dwelling in a riverfront resource area. (Map 100, lot 24) to May 1, 2013.

1st: Charles Anderson

2nd: John Feener

Vote: Approved 4-0 with Mr. Gulla recusing

V. Block 2*

A. Continuation- 28-2257- 259 Washington Street, Notice of Intent submitted by Gloucester Housing Authority, to reconfigure and expand a paved parking area in the buffer to an inland resource area. (Map 105, lot 7)

Presenter: Bruce Yeamans, Lin Associates, Inc.,

Mr. Yeamans stated he met with the city engineer and Ms. Press. This project will benefit the Gloucester housing Authority. There will be many benefits in controlling the storm water runoff. There is no storm water treatment at this time.

Ms. Press suggested a vegetated berm for the site at the 50 foot line.

Mr. Gulla stated the idea is to trap the water and recharge it. A plan is needed to clean the trough out, how it should be controlled, who will determine how it will be done and if the direction of the overflow will be controlled.

Mr. Feener stated the design will be a raingarden.

Public comment: None

Motion: To continue the project at 259 Washington Street, Notice of Intent submitted by Gloucester Housing Authority, to reconfigure and expand a paved parking area in the buffer to an inland resource area. (Map 105, lot 7) to April 17, 2013.

1st: Robert Sherman

2nd: Charles Anderson

Vote: Approved 4-0 with Ms. Jackson abstaining

B. New- 14 Nautilus Road Notice of Intent submitted by Jacquelyn Bell, Bass Rocks Beach Club Inc. to repair 60' of retaining wall and banking in coastal resource area. (Map 68 lot 18).

Presenter: Michele Harrison, Member of Board Directors, 27 Sayward St

Ms. Harrison stated the NOI was prepared by Bill Manuell of Wetlands and Land Management. The project includes repair of the wall from the March storm. The wall is across the street from the beach club and gives access to Good Harbor Beach. The capstones were lost and the stability of the wall is compromised. It will be re-pointed and re-chinked. There will be no increase in impervious and no loss of vegetation. It will be replaced with prewashed stone, filter fabric, with loam on top with salt resistant grass.

Mr. Feener suggested a low growing salt tolerant plant planted a foot long along the wall It will help retain soils for the next storm and stabilize the bank bearberry.

Condition:

- **Vegetated strip planted. Salt tolerant plants along wall for soil stabilization**

Public Comment: None

Motion: To approve the project at 14 Nautilus Road submitted by Jacquelyn Bell, Bass Rocks Beach Club Inc. to repair 60' of retaining wall and banking in coastal resource area. (Map 68 lot 18).

1st: Charles Anderson

2nd: Ann Jo Jackson

Vote: Approved 5-0

C. Continuation- 28-2251-34 Beach Road Notice of Intent submitted by Bass Rocks Golf Club, to conduct drainage improvements and stormwater management and cart path relocation in the buffer to an inland resource area. (Maps 72, 73, lots 20, 7, 1 & 2).

D. Continuation- 28-2251-34 Beach Road

Applicant requests continuation to May 1, 2013.

Motion: To continue the project at 34 Beach Road Notice of Intent submitted by Bass Rocks Golf Club, to conduct drainage improvements and stormwater management and cart path relocation in the buffer to an inland resource area. (Maps 72, 73, lots 20, 7, 1 & 2) to May 1, 2013

1st: John Feener

2nd: Robert Sherman

Vote: Approved 4-0 with Ms. Jackson recusing.

VII. AS TIME PERMITS: COMMISSION BUSINESS

**A. Requests for Letter Permits/Modifications
31 Salt Island Rd**

Ms. Jackson recused herself

Andrew Steven, 10 Winterhaven Road

Mr. Steven asked to remove and replace the remainder concrete blocks of the house. They are in poor condition. Then the installation of the foundation will be done. The soil is 3 feet deep and then there is ledge. No changes to the site are needed. A medium size backhoe will be used.

Conditions:

- **soil trucked off site**
- **Plywood laid down for backhoe travel**
- **Perimeter drain system**
- **Spill kit**
- **More mitigation for not removing retaining wall**

Motion: To approve the modification request for 31 Salt Island Rd

1st: John Feener

2nd: Charles Anderson

Vote: Approved 3-0 with Mr. Sherman abstaining

Ms. Jackson rejoined the commission.

VII. AGENT'S REPORT ON VIOLATIONS

B. Requests for Certificates of Compliance
28-1902 16 Cononicus Rd

Motion: To approve the Certificate of Compliance for 16 Cononicus Rd

1st: John Feener

2nd: Ann Jo Jackson

Vote: Approved 5-0

Mr. Sherman addressed the commission regarding the new Mass General Law Chapter 30 Section 62 which requires that boards and commissions shall consider predicted changes in climate, sea level rise, and more frequent and stronger storms.

Mr. Gulla stated that the commission can start guiding applicants to consider the future environmental impacts and plan accordingly.

Motion: To adjourn

1st: Ann Jo Jackson

2nd: Charles Anderson

Vote: Approved 5-0

***Please note that items may be taken out of order.**

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Commission Members: If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact the Community Development office at 978-281-9781 or send Lisa or Marie an e-mail