



# CITY OF GLOUCESTER

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Minutes

**WEDNESDAY September 18<sup>th</sup> 2013 - 7:00 PM**  
**City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl. Council Committee Room**  
**Robert Gulla Chair**

**Members Present:** Robert Gulla, Chair, Ann Jo Jackson, Co-Chair, John Feener, Barry Gradwohl, Helene Kwasi-Shaw, Charles Anderson, Robert Sherman

**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.

**462 Essex:** DoA 1365 Jeffrey French

**Ms. Press** reported that the filing has not been received.

**Minor Modification #28-2188 120R Wheeler:** Deck and stone patio

**Presenter: John Barrows, Engineer**

**Ms. Press** reported that a deck and fire pit were not on the original plan. A revised plan has been submitted. The changes are in Riverfront.

**Mr. Feener** stated concern that the fire pit was down slope toward resource past the deck.

**Daniel Peabody, Landscape Designer**

**Mr. Peabody** explained that the fire pit area will be pea-stone and the patio will be flagstone.

**Mr. Gulla** stated concern of the increase of impervious on the site. There is little natural area left.

**Mr. Peabody** reviewed the planting plan with the commission.

**Mr. Feener** reiterated his concern of the firepit location. He requested that it be moved over laterally, away from the resource. He also discussed the selected plantings stating that other species will enhance and protect the site better.

**Public comment: None**

**Mr. Peabody** questioned the size of the trees that the commissioned wanted for the site, stating the area to be planted is ledge and the difficulty of planting the large root ball. He requested that a smaller tree be approved to ensure better survivability.

**Mr. Feener** suggested trying to find isolated areas where the trees could be placed; if it does become an issue, then the applicant can come back to the commission. The commission concurred.

**Conditions:**

- **Revised plan to be submitted to Agent showing new fire pit placement and planting plan**

**Motion: Approval of the DoA for 462 Essex Ave.**

**1st: John Feener**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Barry Gradwohl**

**Vote: 6-0 with Mr. Sherman abstaining.**

**\* Mortality is a concern**

**Minor Modification #28-2072 30 Sleepy Hollow Road:** Addition of generator, propane tank and utilities

**Presenter: Vaclav Talako**

**Mr. Talako** reminded the commission that this project had an Amended OoC from 2012. Sewer, electric, water lines need to be brought in and the chimney had to be moved. A generator, propane tank and another tank are needed. The existing Rosa Rugosa will be removed to do the work and then replaced in

the same area.

**Ms. Press** reminded the board that the cutting through the vegetation was not on the original Nol.

**Mr. Feener** suggested after taking the existing Rosa Rugosa out, that new Rosa Rugosa be planted.

**Public comment: None**

**Conditions:**

- **Plant new Rosa Rugosa over the trench; One gallon plant for every 2 feet in an alternate pattern**
- **Vaclav to mark trench**

**Motion: Approval of the Minor Modification at 30 Sleepy Hollow Road**

**1st: Ann Jo Jackson**

**2nd: John Feener**

**Vote: Approved 7-0**

## **II. PUBLIC COMMENT -**

### **A.) Discussion: Bayle Lane Boardwalk Project, DeRosa Environmental**

**Mike DeRosa, DeRosa Environmental**

**Ms. Press** informed the commission that she has been in discussion with area residents regarding how to access the beach from the dune which is over 2 stories.

**Mr. DeRosa** stated that the entire street is in favor of the project. A boardwalk will be built using CZM recommendations. The steps will be removable. The dunes will be stabilized with dune grass and beach pea. A survey will be needed. Construction would start in the spring.

**Mr. Feener** asked for a plan to be submitted in case additional dune nourishment is needed.

**Mr. Gulla** stated that this plan is exactly what is need and will be a model for others to follow.

### **650 Washington St. Emergency Certificate, Wetlands and Land Management**

**Ms. Press** reported that a corner section of wall fell down. A plan to stay within the existing footprint has been submitted. The applicant would like the work to start before winter. The Nol will be before the Commission on October 2.

**Mr. Gulla** voiced concern regarding the wall collapsing during repair.

**Conditions:**

- **Wall collapse plan**
- **Daily update with photographs showing work progression.**

**Motion: Approval of the Emergency Certificate for 650 Washington Street**

**1st: Helene Kwasié-Shaw**

**2nd: Barry Gradwohl**

**Vote: Approved 7-0**

**Mr. Feener** informed the commission of an informative website for trees. [treesaregood.org](http://treesaregood.org)  
He stated it answers a lot of questions and is a good idea for it to be available on the website for applicants.

## **III MINUTES REVIEW August 21 and September 4**

**Motion: Approval for the minutes of August 21, 2013 & September 4, 2013**

**1st: Robert Sherman**

**2nd: John Feener**

**Vote: Approved 7-0 for August 21, 2013 and 6-0 for September 4, 2013 with Mr. Gradwohl abstaining**

## **IV Block 1\***

**A. New NOI 1 Stanwood Point** Submitted by KMS Investments (represented by Gateway Consultants) for the construction of a single family house. (Map 230. Lot 51) **To Opened and Be Continued to October 2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing at Request of Applicant**

**Motion: To continue the project at 1 Stanwood Point Submitted by KMS Investments for the construction of a single family house. (Map 230. Lot 51) to October 2, 2013**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Ann Jo Jackson**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Charles Anderson**

**Vote: Approved 7-0**

**B. New NOI 5 Stanwood Point** Submitted by KMS Investments (represented by Gateway Consultants) for the construction of a single family house. (Map 230. Lot 160) **To Opened and Be Continued to October 2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing at Request of Applicant**

**Motion: To continue the project at 5 Stanwood Point Submitted by KMS Investments for the construction of a single family house. (Map 230 Lot 160) to October 2, 2013**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Ann Jo Jackson**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Charles Anderson**

**Vote: Approved 7-0**

**V. Block 2\***

**A. Continued NOI: #28-2280 937 Washington Street** Submitted by John & Patricia Austin (represented by DeRosa Environmental), for the installation of seasonal float and ramp. (Map 157 lot 26).

**Motion: To continue the project at 937 Washington Street Submitted by John & Patricia Austin for the installation of seasonal float and ramp. (Map 157 lot 26) to October 2, 2013**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Charles Anderson**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Ann Jo Jackson**

**Vote: Approved 7-0**

**B. Continued RDA: #13-71 R78 Commercial Street** Submitted by Felicia Oil Company (Represented by self) for the repair and replacement of a beam in a pier. (Map 1 Lot 12)

**Ms. Press** stated that the work is necessary for safety and stability.

**Public Comment: None**

**Motion: Negative determination for the project at R78 Commercial Street Submitted by Felicia Oil Company for the repair and replacement of a beam in a pier. (Map 1 Lot 12)**

**1<sup>st</sup>: John Feener**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Ann Jo Jackson**

**Vote: approved 7-0**

## Requests for Certificates of Compliance

Duplicate Certificate of Compliance for **#28-1894**. Issued, not recorded, lost.  
Duplicate Copy of **#28-2262** Order of Conditions. Original lost

**#28- 472** 111 East Main Street East Gloucester Marine

**#28- 497** 111 East Main Street East Gloucester Marine

**#28-2103** 6 Fortune Lane Stefan Abramo

**Motion: Approvals for a Certificate of Compliance: 28-472, 28-497, 28-2103**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Ann Jo Jackson**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Barry Gradwohl**

**Vote: 6-0 with Mr. Feener abstaining**

**Motion: Adjournment**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Barry Gradwohl**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Ann Jo Jackson**

**Vote: Approved 7-0**

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

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