



# CITY OF GLOUCESTER

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### MINUTES

WEDNESDAY October 2nd 2013 - 7:00 PM  
City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl. Council Committee Room  
Robert Gulla Chair

**Members Present:** Barry Gradwohl, Robert Sherman, Helen Shaw Kwasié , John Feener, Rob Gulla- **Absent**, Ann Jo Jackson- **Absent**, Charles Anderson- **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.

462 Essex St Cape Ann Veterinary

**Motion: To continue 462 Essex St Cape Ann Veterinary to October 16, 2013**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert Sherman**

**Vote: Approved 4-0**

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

III **MINUTES REVIEW**

**Motion: To approve the minutes of September 17, 2013**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Helene Kwasié- Shaw**

**Vote; Approved 4-0**

IV **Block 1\***

A. **NEW NOI #28-2302 3 Aileen Terrace:** Submitted by Robert Crandall (represented by Wetlands and Land Management) for sediment and filtration of a quarry. (Map 137 Lot 2)

**Presenter: Bill Manuell, Wetlands & Land Management**

**Mr. Manuell** explained that the project was in front of the Commission in 2006. An OoC was given to drain the quarry and dredge the sediment in the bottom to improve the water clarity. The work was never done. The technology is better now than in 2006 and the owner would like to proceed with the project. The water clarity has been degrading and is now an opaque green color from the organic sediment that has collected over the years. The system to be used is a constant filtration process, with self contained filtration canisters with various screens. The water is pumped through the system and then clean water is pumped back into the quarry. A diver will do the work by sucking the

sediment off the bottom. When the filter box is full it is taken off site and new one brought in. The work will be done next April or May. Water and sediment samples have been done.

**Commission Comments;**

**Mr. Feener** suggested a section of the quarry remain untouched for the amphibian wildlife to hibernate.

**Mr. Sherman** stated concern that the entire quarry is a man made vernal pool and amphibian wildlife depend on it. If the muck layer is removed, then a habitat is removed for all vernal pool life. It is an important wildlife habitat. It should be assessed by a biologist to see what is living there now.

**Ms. Press** informed the board that DEP comments suggested that a wildlife habitat analysis be done.

The commission discussed at length the necessity of the wildlife habitat analysis, questioning the scope needed.

**Mr. Manuell** stated an analysis usually targets specific species for the study and assess the characteristic for the species.

**Ms. Press** suggested continuing to the next meeting. She stated she will call DEP and ask what they want for habitat study.

**Public Comment: None**

**Motion: To continue the project at 3 Aileen Terrace for sediment and filtration of a quarry. (Map 137 Lot 2) to October 16, 2013**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Helene Kwasié- Shaw**

**Vote: Approved 4-0**

**B.) New NOI #28-2301 650 Washington Street:** Submitted by Katherine McMillan (Represented by Wetlands and Land Management) for repairs to an existing seawall. (Map 113, Map 10)

**Presenter: Bill Manuell, Wetlands & Land Management**

**Ms. Press** read the Department of Marine Fishery comments to the commission. She stated the work was started 2 weeks ago with an Emergency Certificate.

**Mr. Manuell** informed the board that all work is being done by hand and is on the inboard side. The wall is being raised 18 inches. The barge will be needed when the stones are delivered to raise the wall. The work is slow and will be done in another 3-4 weeks.

**Commission Comments;**

**Mr. Feener** stated he was not aware of the wall height increase of 18 inches.

**Mr. Manuell** stated it is part of the NOI. The owner increased the wall height because of the sea level rising. Waves are impacting seawalls. It is a precaution for future events. The commission discussed potential impacts on wave energy and velocity with the 18 inch wall height increase..

**Ms. Press** stated she would like to review Dave Sargent's comments on the increased wall height.

**Public Comment: None**

**Motion: To continue the project at 650 Washington Street for repairs to an existing seawall. (Map 113, Map 10) to October 16, 2013.**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert Sherman**

**Vote: Approved 4-0**

**C.) NEW: Re-Opened Notice of Intent #28-2254 31 Stanwood Avenue:** Submitted by Michelle Tallgrass (represented by Seekamp Environmental Consulting) for the construction of a single family house. ( Map 230 Lot 157)

**Motion: To continue the project at 31 Stanwood for the construction of a single family house. ( Map 230 Lot 157) to October 16, 2013**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert Sherman**

**Vote: Approved 4-0**

**D.) NEW: Re-Opened Notice of Intent #28-2255 33 Stanwood Avenue:** Submitted by Jackie Misuraca (represented by Seekamp Environmental Consulting) for the construction of two single family houses, one on each lot. The two filings are being reviewed jointly ( Map 230 Lot 158)

**Motion: To continue the project at 33 Stanwood Avenue for the construction of two single family houses, one on each lot. The two filings are being reviewed jointly (Map 230 Lot 158) to October 16, 2013.**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert Sherman**

**Vote: Approved 4-0**

**E.) Continued NOI: #28- 2300 1 Stanwood Point** Submitted by KMS Investments (represented by Gateway Consultants) for the construction of a single family house. (Map 230. Lot 51)

**Motion: To continue the project at 1 Stanwood Point for the construction of a single family house. ( Map 230. Lot 51) to October 16, 2013.**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert Sherman**

**Vote: Approved 4-0**

**F.) Continued NOI: #28 – 2299 5 Stanwood Point** Submitted by KMS Investments (represented by Gateway Consultants) for the construction of a single family house. ( Map 230. Lot 160)

**Motion: To continue the project at 5 Stanwood Point for the construction of a single family house. (Map 230 Lot 160) to October 16, 2013.**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert Sherman**  
**Vote: Approved 4-0**

**V. Block 2\***

**C.) 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 for the installation of seasonal float and ramp. (Map 157 Lot 26) to October 16, 2013.**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert Sherman**

**Vote: Approved 4-0**

**VI. AGENT'S REPORT ON VIOLATIONS**

**A.) 3 Lanes Cove:** Jane and Richard Rose for removal of trees and vegetation in buffer zone without a permit.

**Ms. Press** reported that the lot was cleared without approval. There is a question whether it is her property or the city's. Her violation is for work in the buffer without a permit and for work done on conservation owned land.

**Mr. Feener** discussed the black locust trees that were cut on the site. The cut trees have to be maintained or new black locust trees will sprout.

**B. Requests for Certificates of Compliance**

- 1.) **#28-2139** 280 Atlantic Road, Richard Kohn
- 2.) **#28-2209** 32 Laurel Street, Katherine Schlichte
- 3.) **#28-1818** 12 Dorset Drive, Nowell Mann

**Motion: To approve the Certificates of Compliance for #28-2139 280 Atlantic Road, #28-2209 32 Laurel Street, and #28-1818 12 Dorset Drive**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert Sherman**

**Vote: Approved 4-0**

**Motion: To adjourn**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Robert Sherman**

**Vote: Approved 4-0**

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

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