



CITY OF GLOUCESTER

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY November 20th 2013 - 7:00 PM
City Hall, Kyrouz Auditorium
Robert Gulla Chair

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

Staff Present: Lisa Press, Agent, Pauline Doody, Recording Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. with a quorum present.

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.

#28-2185 20 R Bungalow: Request for Certificate of Compliance

John Dick, Hancock Associates

Mr. Dick presented a history of the property. A storm of 2011 damaged the dune in front of the house and sand in front of bulkhead washed away. In 2012 the homeowner received permission to restore the dune and it was well established until the winter storms of 2012. The area was badly scoured again. Most of the restoration work was lost. The homeowner has declined to pursue more beach nourishment and will not pursue the OoC and is asking for a CoC with an addendum stating the plan did not work. The site is stable.

Ms. Press stated she had no issues but did try to encourage the applicant to keep the order open.

Motion: To approve the Certificate of Compliance for 20 R Bungalow

1st: Charles Anderson

2nd: Helene Shaw-Kwasie

Vote: Approved 6-0

28-1716 84 Magnolia Ave: Request for Certificate of Compliance

John Buckner, 84 Magnolia Ave

Ms. Press informed the commission that the driveway is larger than originally planned. The applicant told Ms. Press that he did receive a verbal ok from Nancy Ryder that it was okay to enlarge it, but there is no paper trail of it of the approval. The planting along the sided of the stream is not as robust as proposed.

Mr. Buckner explained that the blueberry bushes did not take. He stated that Nancy Ryder had told him that she was more concerned with the brook mitigation, not the size of the driveway.

Mr. Gulla stated that the increase in the driveway size has to be mitigated for and recommended that a planting plan be done and presented to the agent.

Ms. Press added that mitigation along the stream is optimal for planting. She also requested that a no mow zone be part of the plan so natural vegetation take root.

Mr. Feener stated that a row of tall plants need to be planted first then a no mow zone be established.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

III MINUTES REVIEW

Motion: To approve the minutes of November 6, 2013

1st: Barry Gradwohl

2nd: Robert Sherman

Vote: Approved 6-0

IV Block 1*

A.) NEW RDA: MassDOT Rt 128 (Near 133 Exit): Submitted by MassDOT (Represented by MassDOT) for the drainage repair and replacement.

Presenter: Renada Welch, Mass DOT

Ms. Welch informed the commission that Mass Dot had identified 2 areas on RT 128 Northbound near exit 14 that are in need of drainage/maintenance work. There is washout of a slope and embankment which is a sign of system failure. The pipe has failed and is corroded.

Commission Comments:

Mr. Gulla voiced concerned that the presented plan is not detailed enough which makes it difficult for the commission to determined exactly where the maintenance work needs to be done. He stated that in the past, road work was done by the state which impacted surrounding wetlands. There was once a large field in the area which was buffer to wetland. It has turned into an asphalt patch. The area is jurisdictional and there is buffer. He suggested a site walk so the commission can have a better sense of the surrounding resources.

Ms. Press concurred with Mr. Gulla stating that the plans are not detailed enough and should not be accepted as submitted.

A site walk was set for Wednesday November 27 at 9:00 am.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To continue the hearing for MassDOT Rt 128 (Near 133 Exit): Submitted by MassDOT for drainage repair and replacement to December 4, 2013.

1st: Helene Shaw-Kwasie

2nd: Barry Gradwohl

Vote: Approved 6-0

B.) NEW REQUEST TO AMEND: 2 Wolf Hill Road: Submitted by Chris Nunes (Represented by Self) for the addition of 10' of length to permitted dwelling.

Presenter: Chris Nunes, 152 Eastern Ave, Essex, MA

Mr. Nunes stated the request is to add an additional 10 feet to the dwelling toward Wolf Hill Road

Attorney Mike Faherty.

Attorney Faherty presented a site plan to the commission.

Commission Comments:

Ms. Press stated it is in the outer 100 feet of riverfront. In the previous filing there was no room to mitigate. This is a tricky site.

Mr. Feener stated concern that the 10 foot bump out will affect existing trees. The commission needs to consider and condition it so the 10 foot bump out does not cause anymore runoff and any more tree loss.

Mr. Gulla stated that he was concerned that the human use factor has not been shown on the plan. He suggested more detail for the plan; shift it, reduce it, etc

Mr. Feener stated the trees will be a total loss and it makes sense to design a mitigation plan now. i.e; rain garden.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To continue the project at 2 Wolf Hill Road: Submitted by Chris Nunes for the addition of 10' of length to permitted dwelling to December 4, 2013.

1st: Barry Gradwohl

2nd: Helene Shaw-Kwasie

Vote: approved 6-0

C.) NEW REQUEST TO AMEND: 2-4 Eastern Point: Submitted by Alex Eisenzopf (Represented by Self) for the installation of a French drain. (Map 131, Lot 7)

Presenter: Alex Eisenzopf, 2-4 Eastern Point

Mr. Eisenzopf explained to the commission that an addition was finished earlier this year and between the high area of ledge and addition, rainwater accumulates to high levels close to the house. It is a safety issue. The new drain would move the water into the existing drain. He also stated that this is a about who owns the sub surface drain which is now under review. The area for the drain is dirt covered with no vegetation.

Commission Comments:

Ms. Press informed the board that the plan has been forwarded to Paul Keene who has reviewed it and submitted a letter with several issues that need to be discussed further.

Mr. Gulla stated he did not that a resource will be affected by the proposed drain.

Mr. Feener suggested planting shade planting species which will help with the water runoff.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To continue the hearing for 2-4 Eastern Point: Submitted by Alex Eisenzopf for the installation of a French drain. (Map 131, Lot 7) to December 4, 2013.

1st: Robert Sherman

2nd: Helene Shaw-Kwasie

Vote: Approved 6-0

D.) NEW NOI: 62 Crafts Road: Submitted by Scott Kellan (Represented by Gateway Consultants) for the reconstruction of a boat house. (Map 244, Lot 4)

Presenter: John Judd, Gateway Consultants

Mr. Judd explained that last winters storms had tidal surges that lifted the structure off the foundation. The fieldstone foundation will be replaced with 10 hand dug concrete sonotubes and raised up to elevation 12. The footprint will not be increased. All supports are proposed upland to mean high water. Erosion control will be in place. The work will be done at low tide. There will be no equipment in the resource. It will move across the lawn. The resource is coastal bank.

Commission Comments:

Mr. Feener expressed concern about the tree roots and stated they needed to be protected. He requested that snow-fencing be installed to designate a roadway for the equipment, and then lay a cushion of wood chips 6-8 inches thick. They are to be removed after work is completed. He also suggested a pruning plan for the tree and vegetation next to the boat house.

Conditions:

- All work to be done at astronomical low tide cycle
- Pruning plan
- Snow fence to create roadway for tree root protection with 6-8 inch wood chip cover to be removed at work completion
- Snow fence along where truck come in and to link up with siltation fence

Public Comment: None

Motion: To approve the project at 64 Crafts Road for the reconstruction of a boat house. (Map 244, Lot 4)

1st: John Feener

2nd: Barry Gradwohl

Vote: Approved 6-0

F.) CONTINUED RDA 13-82: 420 Washington Street: Submitted by Kevin Fahey (Represented by Self) for the repair of a seawall and plantings. (Map 20, Lot 109)

Presenter: Kevin Fahey, 420 Washington St

Mr. Fahey stated that a section of the wall has fallen into marsh and sunk approximately 18 inches. The work involves pulling the rocks back on top of the wall and add rocks if necessary. Plantings will be added to further stabilize the wall. Ms. Press will review the plant selections.

Commission Comments:

Ms. Press stated she had no issues.

Public Comment: None

Motion: Negative determination for the project at 420 Washington Street for the repair of a seawall and plantings. (Map 20, Lot 109)

1st: Robert Sherman
2nd: Barry Gradwohl
Vote: approved 6-0

G.) Continued NOI #28-2300 1 Stanwood Point Submitted by KMS Investments for the construction of a single family house. (Map 230, Lot 51)

Conditions:

- **letter from arborist stating how to protect the trees**

Public comment: None

Motion: To approve the project at 1 Stanwood Point for the construction of a single family house. (Map 230, Lot 51)

1st: Barry Gradwohl
2nd: Robert Sherman
Vote: Approved 6-0

V. Block 2*

A.) CONTINUED RDA 13-83: 6 Andrews Street: Submitted by Jane Rose (Represented by self) for landscaping and site improvements. (Map 142, Lot 62 and 45)

Motion: To continue the project at 6 Andrews Street for landscaping and site improvements. (Map 142, Lot 62 and 45) to December 4, 2013

1st: Helene Shaw-Kwasie
2nd: Barry Gradwohl
Vote: 6-0

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

Motion: To continue the project at 2302 3 Aileen Terrace: Submitted by Robert Crandall for sediment removal and filtration of a quarry. (Map 137 Lot 2) to December 4, 2013

1st: Helene Shaw-Kwasie
2nd: John Feener
Vote: Approved 6-0

C.) Continued NOI #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 Avenue: Submitted by Michelle Tallgrass for the construction of a single family house. (Map 230 Lot 157) to December 4, 2013.

1st: Robert Sherman

2nd: Charles Anderson
Vote: Approved 6-0

D.) Continued NOI #28-2255 33 Stanwood Avenue: Submitted by Jackie Misuraca (represented by Seekamp Environmental Consulting) for the construction of a single family house. (Map 230 Lot 158)

Motion: To continue the project at 33 Stanwood Avenue: Submitted by Jackie Misuraca for the construction of a single family house. (Map 230 Lot 158) to December 4, 2013.

1st: Helene Shaw-Kwasie
2nd: Barry Gradwohl
Vote: Approved 6-0

VI. Block 3*

A.) CONTINUED NOI #28-2305: 26 Beachcroft Road: Submitted by Stephen Cefalo (Represented by Gateway Consultants) for the reconstruction of a single family dwelling (Map 175, Lot 13).

Motion: To continue the project at 26 Beachcroft Road: Submitted by Stephen Cefalo for the reconstruction of a single family dwelling (Map 175, Lot 13) to December 4, 2013.

1st: Barry Gradwohl
2nd: Robert Sherman
Vote: Approved 6-0

B.) CONTINUED NOI 28-2303I: 40 Woodbury Street: Submitted by Victoria Williams (Represented by Wetlands and Land Management) for demolition of a cottage and replacement of a pre-fabricated structure and installation of two sheds. (Map 149, Lot 9)

Presenter: Victoria William, 40 Woodbury St

Ms. Williams stated that a revised plan been submitted showing the fence will be placed in the back right half of the property only. The wetland area will remain open as requested by the commission. A vegetation plan was also submitted and labeled as requested. 7 trees or less will be removed and the planting plan has been enhanced.

Commission Comments:

Ms. Press stated the plan she received was not the revised plan.

Public Comment: None

Conditions:

- **Revised plan to be submitted as presented to the commission**

Motion: To approve the project at 40 Woodbury Street: Submitted by Victoria Williams for demolition of a cottage and replacement of a pre-fabricated structure and installation of two sheds. (Map 149, Lot 9)

1st: John Feener
2nd: Robert Sherman
Vote: Approved 6-0

VII. Requests for Certificates of Compliance

- A. #28-1630: 10 Stanwood Avenue
- B. 50 Mussel Point CoC duplicate signing
- C. #28-2164: 61 Woodward Avenue
- D. #28-1446: 111 East Main Street

Motion: To approved the Certificates of Compliance for #28-1630: 10 Stanwood Avenue,50 Mussel Point CoC duplicate signing, #28-2164: 61 Woodward Avenue, #28-1446: 111 East Main Street

1st: Barry Gradwohl
2nd:Robert Sherman
Vote: Approved 6-0

Motion: To Adjourn

1st: John Feener
2nd: Robert Sherman
Vote: Approved 6-0

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

If you would like additional information regarding the review status of a particular item, please contact the Community Development Conservation Department at 978-281-9781.

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