

Conservation Commission Public Hearing Minutes – December 19, 2018

Time: 7:30 PM – 8:45 PM

Location: Police Station

Members Present: Toni Bandrowicz, Vice Chair; Jennifer Simon; Colleen Hitchcock; and Randall Hughes (alternate)

Members Absent: Tom Ruskin, Chair; Jonathan Grabowski; Monica Lagerquist; Monica Tamborini; and Laura Spathanas (Selectmen Liaison)

The names of others present are listed on the attached sign-in sheet.

The public hearing of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:30 pm.

The public hearing was video recorded.

1. Approval of November 15, 2018 Minutes

The Commission postponed approval of the November 15th minutes until the next public hearing.

2. Notice of Intent: Mass DEP file #071-0316 (53 Puritan Road) – Filed by Carol & Gerald Sneirson

The project is both within the buffer zone of a Coastal Bank (sea wall) and Coastal Beach, as well as within Land Subject to Coast Storm Flowage. John Dick, the applicant's consultant, explained that the project would involve (as noted on the plans), removal of section of an existing garage, construction of an addition to the house, and landscaping. No work is being proposed on the sea wall, and the project will result in slight building set back from Coastal Bank as well as a small increase in pervious surface. Mr. Dick explained there was drainage system in the yard that allowed stormwater to drain toward the beach and through pipes in the sea wall. During the project, he would be sand bagging the catch basins in the yard to prevent sediment from entering the drainage system. He did not believe that siltation fences were necessary, nor did he believe that the project would result in flooding issues for the neighbors. He noted that the sea wall was higher than the yard, but that during storms, waves crested over the wall into the yard. He also said that the staging area, where dirt and debris would be stored, would be in the driveway, closer to the road.

The owner of a neighboring property, Larry Bithell, while not objecting to the project, expressed general concern over sea wall integrity given the increase in, and intensity of, storm events, and that the Commission needed to keep that in mind, and condition projects accordingly.

The Commission voted to approve the project and issue an Order of Conditions, and to include in the Order special conditions requiring both protection of the drainage system and stockpiling away from the Coast Bank and Beach.

3. Request for Determination of Applicability -- (Bus Stop at 4777 Salem Street) Filed by MBTA

Presentation of the project, which involves construction of a bus stop on Salem Street (by Humphrey Street), was made by Holly Palmgren and Sandra Clarey. The project is in buffer zone of a wetlands which is behind a stone wall that runs along Salem and Humphrey Streets. The project will involve constructing a sidewalk segment on Salem Street, putting in a new cross walk and flashing pedestrian sign across Humphrey Street, and other work; no work will occur in the wetland resource area which is located behind the stone wall. Erosion control will be employed at the end of the new sidewalk construction, and at catch basins in the road.

The Commission voted to issue a negative determination with conditions requiring erosion control.

4. Request for Certificate of Compliance – (One Salem Street) Filed by Kenneth Chiarello

Applicant did not appear, so request postponed until next public hearing.

5. Other Business

The public hearing adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the third Thursday of January (January 17, 2019).