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WEST TISBURY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

July 10, 2012

Present: Peter Rodegast, Chair, Prudy Burt, Whit Griswold, Binnie Ravitch, Tara Whiting, and Maria McFarland

Absent: Tom Della Rocco

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Kent Healy, Richie Olsen, and Reid Silva

The meeting was opened at 5:05 PM. The minutes of the June 12th and Jun 26th meetings were approved as corrected.

Hearings:

Map 11 Lot 43/SE79-326: Continuation of a public hearing under the requirements of G.L. Ch.131 § 40, as amended, and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw and regulations to consider a Notice of Intent filed by Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc. on behalf of Mary Robin Ravitch owner of property located at 36 Ophelia Way. The project consists of the establishment and maintenance of a brush-cut path through the Buffer Zone, a 355' long elevated boardwalk through a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and the construction and maintenance of 8'x 8' platform and stairs on Old House Pond.

Binnie is the applicant for this project. She recused herself and moved to sit with her representative, Reid Silva.

Reid submitted a revised project plan and a waiver request for work in the bordering vegetated wetland and in the buffer zone. The boardwalk has been reduced from 355 feet long to 193 feet by moving a section of the boardwalk out of the bordering vegetated wetland. The anchoring system for the boardwalk posts is called a butterfly. It is two pins going in to keep the posts stabilized. The 56 posts will be cedar. The limit of work will be six feet wide. The finished boardwalk will be three feet wide. The posts will rest on 8"x8"x4" masonry block.

There was no public comment. The public hearing was closed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the project as revised. The waiver request was approved. All in favor.

Special Conditions were discussed and approved:

- Pre-construction site visit once the path and boardwalk have been flagged and laid out in the field. The finished width of the path shall be three (3) feet wide.
- Clearing not to exceed six (6) feet wide for construction of the boardwalk. Boardwalk posts made of naturally rot resistant wood. (i.e... locust, cedar, fir, etc.), and placed on an 8"x8"x4" masonry block known as a pancake block set onto the wetland surface.
- The framing shall be ACQ pressure-treated wood and elevated a minimum of 18 inches above the bordering vegetated wetland.
- The decking will be perforated fiberglass decking with fifty (50) percent light penetration.
Pond-side platform shall be anchored using the pin foundation system shown on the cross section on the project plan. The framing stock and the decking material shall be made of naturally rot resistant wood. (i.e... locust, cedar, fir, etc.), or fiberglass. If wood decking is used instead of a fiberglass grating, the planks shall be spaced ½ inch apart.
Work shall be done over a tarp to avoid leaving shavings and sawdust in the bordering vegetated wetland.

Old Business:

Scotchmans Lane/Stormwater management: Kent and Richie were present for a second informal discussion on stormwater management on Scotchmans Lane. Kent has done some calculations of the velocity of water. During a rainstorm of 1 inch per hour the runoff from the west would be .7 cubic feet per second. Kent recommends that

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the berm that has developed along the sides of the road over time be removed at 4 specific locations. Two of the asphalt diversions will be removed. Four 25'x5' new channels will be located on both sides of the brook as shown on Kent's sketch plan.

Members discussed the pros and cons of other devices such as the Stormceptor® system suggested by Rez Williams. Space constraints including width of the right of way (road layout) expense of installation, operation and maintenance. Kent said he was not in favor of this type of system in this location.

Members reviewed the applicable regulations at 310 CMR 10.58 (6) which states in part that , "maintenance of roads (limited to repairs, resurfacing and repaving, but not enlargement) are exempt under the Riverfront Regulations provided that there is no work within other resource areas or their buffer zones." It was recommended that the two areas of bordering vegetated wetland between the road and the brook be flagged to determine if the location of the 4 berms are appropriate. Given the proximity of these wetland areas to the road, a Notice of Intent should be filed before the repaving project begins. No action was taken.

Administrative:

An ad for new members was place in the Gazette (7/6) as a box ad and as a legal ad in MV Times (7/5).

Correspondence:

In: None

Out: Map 36 Lot 2/SE79-320: Denial of Order of Conditions
Map 35 Lot 1.5/SE79-325: Order of Conditions
Map 1 lot 41.1/SE79/171/Berlin

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6: 20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland
Board Administrator
APPROVED