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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: April 1, 2024**

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Carol Girard-Irwin, Vice Chair Linda Noons-Rose, Commissioners Bob White & Diane Messinger were present in person. **Absent:** Clint Kershaw; **Others Present:** Emily Beebe, Conservation Agent; Courtney Warren, Assistant Conservation Agent.

This was a hybrid meeting with both in-person and remote participants. Chair Carol Girard-Irwin called the meeting and public hearings to Order at 5:00 pm and provided the virtual meeting instructions.

The Commissioners began the meeting with words of remembrance for former Commission Chair Deborah McCutcheon who recently passed away.

**Notice of Intent: 402 Shore Road, Kevin Shea (SE#75-1193):** install seasonal beach access stairs within a shared easement with Ms. Murtagh; Barrier Beach, Coastal Dune, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. (Map 10, Parcel 22) This hearing was first heard on January 8, 2024 and continued until this date. The easement has been moved and agreed upon by the parties. Attorney Stephanie Keefer of Smolak & Vaughn confirmed that the entry point to the easement had been altered to protect the vegetated area of the dune. The Agent asked about the seasonality of the stairs. A condition of approval will be that the seasonal stairs be removed and stored off-site between October 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Abutter Judy Powers asked about the stakes delineating the easement. They had seen the previous stakes but the surveyor moved the stakes that morning to reflect the current location of the easement. She also asked about some apparent cutting of beach grass. The Agent noted that the foot traffic would result in maintenance of the grass. The Commission will add a condition that prohibits any grass cutting. Abutter Mike Powers asked about the plan from the packet vs the stamped plan and for clarification on the location of the easement relative to a vegetated dune area. The Agent explained that the dune area was in the road layout and the entrance to the easement has been adjusted to not cross the dune. She also noted that the only difference between the draft plan and the stamped plan was additional measurements, but no change to the location of the easement. Chair Carol Girard-Irwin stated that nothing is perfect but the owner and applicant have come to the best agreement that they could. **Motion:** Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose moved to approve the Notice of Intent with conditions; **Second:** Commissioner Bob White; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried.

**Request for Determination of Applicability: 21 Fisher Road, Kathy Jackson:** cesspool upgrade; Buffer Zone to Isolated Wetland. (Map 54, Parcel 13) Laura Schofield represented the request for a cesspool upgrade. **Motion:** Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose moved for a negative 3 determination; **Second:** Commissioner Diane Messinger; **Vote:** 4-0; the motion carried.

**Notice of Intent: 5 Depot Lane, Ann Marie Wilkinson:** vista pruning; Riverfront Area,

Buffer Zone to a Coastal Bank. (Map 50, Parcel 95) Charles Wentz from Ponderosa Landscaping and Ken MacPhee from Bartlett described the proposed work and mitigation. They have proposed two view corridors. The Commissioners expressed concern that the piles of dead material on the property may be a fire hazard. The Agent stated that the view corridor on the left side was clear but asked for more definition for the other view corridor. Ken MacPhee explained that the view corridor was only evident from the second floor of the dwelling and included removing some limbs on an oak, the dead pine snags, and dead lateral limbs from some of the live pine trees. The Agent also asked about new plantings. Those will be added in the areas that will be flush cut. The Commission clarified a condition about the dead material to state that all cut material should be removed. The dead material over the bank should remain as habitat but the material to the east of the house should be removed. **Motion: Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose moved to approve the Notice of Intent with conditions; Second: Commissioner Diane Messinger; Vote: 4-0-0; the motion carried.**

**Notice of Intent: 11 Old County Road, Eric Bingham:** vista pruning; Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. (Map 50, Parcel 237) Property owners Joe Robbat (50 and 52 Depot Ln) and Eric Bingham (11 Old County Rd) plan to rearrange their property lines and donate a section to the Conservation Trust. A view easement will be included across this donated lot. The Agent asked for a description of phasing the project. Representative Chris Lucy stated that in Phase 1 they would remove trees greater than 20 feet in height from the view corridor. The view corridor would be reevaluated, Phase 2 cutting would address any further reductions or trimmings. The Commissioners asked the applicant to remove the invasive honeysuckle in a 20-foot radius around Eastern Red Cedar trees adjacent to the driveway. On-going maintenance would likely be an on-going condition. **Motion: Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose moved to approve the Notice of Intent with conditions; Second: Commissioner Bob White; Vote: 4-0-0; the motion carried.**

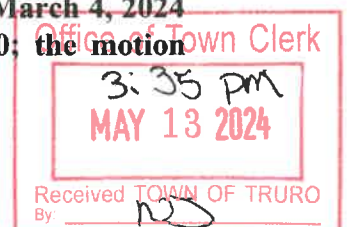
**Field Change:** 15 Avocet Road, SE075-1194

Laura Schofield described the proposed field change to reduce the size of a deck and replace existing timber sand filled landings with wood framed landings, 1 to 1. **Motion: Commissioner Bob White moved to approve the field change; Second: Commissioner Diane Messinger; Vote: 4-0; the motion carried.**

**Certificates of Compliance:** (1) 522 Shore Road SE# 75-1106 This item was tabled and no action taken.

**Administrative Review application:** (1) 6 Ryder Beach Way: 30-day extension, (2) 372 Shore Road: 60-day extension, (3) 21 Crestview Circle: plantings; (4) 566 Shore Road: U:7: repair stair; (5) 482 Shore Road: nourishment; (6) 618 Shore Road: repair wooden steps; (7) 33 Knowles Heights Road: hand dig helical pile extensions; **Motion: Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose moved to approve all of the administrative review applications; Second: Commissioner Diane Messinger; Vote: 4-0; the motion carried.**

**Minutes-** February 5, 2024, March 4, 2024 **Motion: Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved to approve the minutes from February 5, 2024 and the minutes from March 4, 2024 as amended.; Second: Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose; Vote: 4-0-0; the motion**



**carried.**

**Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose moved to adjourn the meeting; Second: Commissioner Bob White; Vote: 4-0-0; the motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted by Courtney Warren*

