



TOWN OF TRURO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: June 3, 2024

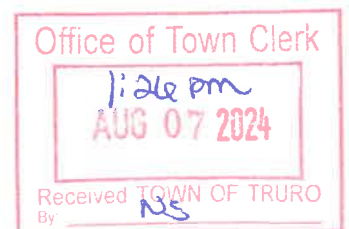
Commissioners Present: Chair Carol Girard-Irwin, Commissioners Bob White, Diane Messinger, and Clint Kershaw. **Absent:** Vice Chair Linda Noons-Rose, **Others Present:** Emily Beebe, Conservation Agent; Courtney Warren Assistant Conservation Agent

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 5:04 pm and provided the virtual meeting instructions.

Conservation Restriction: 17 Depot Road, Presented by Fred Gaechter, Truro Conservation Trust. The Trust has acquired this property and having a conservation restriction in place is a legal requirement to receive payment from two grants. **Motion:** Commissioner Clint Kershaw moved to recommend the Conservation Restriction to the Select Board; **Second:** Commissioner Bob White; **Vote:** 4-0-0, the motion carried.

Notice of Intent: 63 Head of the Meadow Road, Jay Merchant: construction of beach stairs within easement located on National Seashore property; Coastal Bank. (Map 33, Parcel 3) *(continued from 5/6/2024)* Steve McKenna and Jay Merchant reported that after the last hearing, they met on-site with the Conservation Agent. They are now proposing a low-profile elevated walkway between the existing deck and the top of the proposed stairs to protect sensitive vegetation. The walkway will be 18-24" above grade with ½" spacing between boards. Chair Carol Girard-Irwin asked about revegetation of disturbed areas. Steve McKenna said they planned to primarily plant beach grass as directed by the Seashore. Conditions of approval include revegetation of disturbed areas and the existing footpath with American Beach Grass or other native species to match existing vegetation. Conditions set by NHESP and by the Cape Cod National Seashore will be included in the Order. **Motion:** Commissioner Bob White moved to approve the Notice of Intent with conditions; **Second:** Commissioner Diane Messinger; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried.

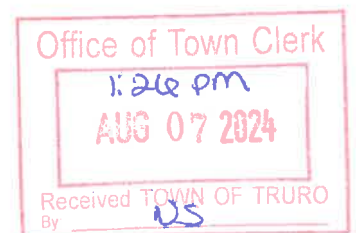
Notice of Intent: 2 Heron Lane, Hugh Simons: Coastal Bank stabilization; Coastal Bank, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. (Map 39, Parcel 221). *(continued from 5/6/2024)* Stan Humphries from ECR stated that since the last hearing they identified an access at 7 Kestrel Lane to allow crane access to move equipment and materials to the beach. It will serve multiple projects in the area. The plan was revised to extend the installation ~10' further south and ~30' further north to meet the abutting coir installations. The Agent noted that the standard conditions for coir arrays include nourishment and planting requirements, and funds in escrow. Commissioner Bob White asked for the length of the entire installation. Stan Humphries estimated ~180'. **Motion:** Commissioner Clint Kershaw moved to approve the Notice of Intent with conditions; **Second:** Commissioner Diane Messinger; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried.



Request for Determination of Applicability: 525 Shore Road, U:7, Cheryl Silvernail: landscaping; Barrier Beach, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Coastal Dune. (Map 6, Parcel 5.7) The Agent noted that the new native vegetation will require hand watering. **Motion:** Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved for a negative 3 determination; **Second:** Commissioner Bob White; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried.

Notice of Intent: 617 Shore Road, Lorna Messier & Caroline Carpenter: 3-season room in place of existing deck; new shed; Barrier Beach, Coastal Dune, & Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. (Map 3, Parcel 3) Gordon Peabody from Safe Harbor Environmental represented the homeowner's request for a modest increase in the size of a porch to create a three-season room. The concrete supports for the existing porch would be replaced with pin piles and the room would not be insulated. The proposal includes a deed restriction to define the addition as a 3-season room not a bedroom. Removal of invasive vegetation, and native revegetation, is proposed to mitigate. A small shed with a fold up access ramp will be added in a previously disturbed area. To mitigate, the shed will have a green roof. Chair Carol Girard-Irwin asked about a kayak rack observed in the proposed mitigation area. The property owner was amenable to relocating the kayaks by hanging them from the fence or new shed. Commissioner Bob White asked about the timing for the deed restriction and the Agent replied that recording the deed restriction would be a condition for receiving a Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner Bob White also asked how the shed would be supported and noted that it would need to be raised slightly to keep it out of the flood plain. Gordon Peabody stated that the shed would be on pin piles. It was agreed that the shed should be elevated 12-18". Commissioner Bob White stated that a green roof would require irrigation. The applicant agreed to the deed restriction and asked clarifying questions about the doors on the new structure. The door between the existing kitchen and the new room will be glass to eliminate privacy so that it doesn't meet the definition of a bedroom. **Motion:** Commissioner Clint Kershaw 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: 43 Pond Road, Marjorie & Marston Hodgkin: beach stair repair; Coastal Bank & Coastal Beach. (Map 38, Parcel 1) Gordon Peabody from Safe Harbor Environmental represented the request to replace storm-damaged beach access stairs. The contractor proposes removing the damaged stairs and replacing them with pre-made sections. Sand nourishment and beach grass planting will be necessary and will be done later in the year. Commissioner Clint Kershaw asked if the stairs would be removeable. Commissioner Bob White felt that completely removeable stairs would cause more damage than just removing the lower section since the upper section would not be impacted by a storm. The Agent stated that completely building back the entire structure might not make sense because of the erosion of the bank and asked to meet with the builder. The Agent shared a picture taken from the beach to illustrate that the bank eroded, and the footings were now further seaward. The Commission asked for a sketch to show what specifically is proposed and suggested a site visit with the Agent, the builder, and the homeowners. **Motion:** Commissioner Clint Kershaw moved to continue the matter until July 1, 2024; **Second:** Chair Carol Girard-Irwin; **Vote:** 4-0; the motion carried.



Request for Determination of Applicability: 383 Shore Road, Pamela Shanley: fence; Barrier Beach, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, and Coastal Dune. (Map 10, Parcel 9) Homeowner Pam Shanley started by thanking Assistant Agent Arozana Davis for her help in guiding her through this process. She would like to put up a fence between her vacant lot at 383 Shore Rd and the abutting property at 379 Shore Rd. She has hired Schofield Brothers to survey the lot to be certain about the lot lines. She is proposing a chain link fence elevated at the bottom to allow for animal passage. Chair Carol Girard-Irwin asked if she would be amenable to a wood split rail fence since that would be less obstructive to wildlife. Commissioner Clint Kershaw asked about the fence sections in the front that are in a state of disrepair. If approved the replacement of the split rail fences along the road would be included. The Agent stated that an open, wood split rail fence would be the least impactful. **Motion:** Commissioner Clint Kershaw moved for a negative 3 determination with the condition that the fence be a wooden split rail fence. **Second:** Commissioner Bob White; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried.

Certificate of Compliance: (1) 522 Shore Road (#75-1106) **Motion:** Commissioner Clint Kershaw moved to approve the certificate of compliance request for 522 Shore Road; **Second:** Chair Carol Girard-Irwin; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried.

Administrative Review application: (1) 54 Ryder Beach Road: abandon cesspools, small section of building sewer; (2) 448 Shore Road: electrical service trench; (3) 5 Depot Lane: replace buried power line (emergency repair); (4) 23 Crestview Circle: sister new posts to existing loose posts on stairway for support. **Motion:** Commissioner Diane Messinger moved to approve the Administrative Review permits for 54 Ryder Beach Rd, 448 Shore Rd, and 5 Depot Ln; **Second:** Chair Carol Girard-Irwin; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried. **Motion:** Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved to approve the Administrative Review permit for 23 Crestview Circle; **Second:** Commissioner Diane Messinger; **Vote:** 3-0-1 with Commissioner Bob White abstaining; the motion carried.

Minutes- May 6, 2024 **Motion:** Commissioner Clint Kershaw moved to approve the minutes from May 6, 2024 as presented; **Second:** Chair Carol Girard-Irwin; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried.

Commissioner Clint Kershaw moved to adjourn the meeting; **Second:** Chair Carol Girard-Irwin; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Courtney Warren CW

