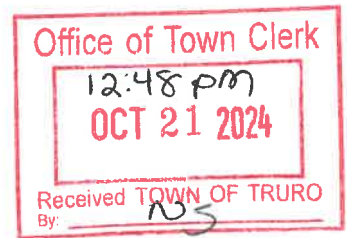




**TOWN OF TRURO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**
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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: August 5, 2024

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

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.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 4 Katharine Road, John & Joan Marshall: replace existing deck, moving footprint towards the rear of the house; Coastal Bank. (Map 59, Parcel 58)

Motion: Commissioner Clint Kershaw moved for a negative 3 determination; **Second:** Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion carried.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 263 Shore Road, U:2, Mark Scott: 8'x4' shed; Barrier Beach, Coastal Dune, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. (Map 17, Parcel 1.2) Homeowner Mark Scott represented the request to install a pre-fab storage shed. He stated that when the home was recently raised, a plastic storage container was removed. They propose to replace it with a shed. The Agent noted that the shed should be raised (9") and that hazardous materials not be stored in it. Commissioner Clint Kershaw thanked the homeowner for the beach grass plantings that were done. **Motion:** Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose Kershaw moved for a negative 3 determination with the condition that the shed be raised 9" and that there be no storage of hazardous materials in the shed.; **Second:** Commissioner Diane Messinger; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion carried.

Administrative Review Applications: 1.) 20 Mill Pond Road: cut locust tree; 2.) 0 Old County/0Abby Lane/14 Abby Lane: osprey pole; 3.) 510 Shore Road, U:C: replace 2nd story deck with new stair location; 4.) 432 Shore Road: ratify sand nourishment; 5.) 482 Shore Road: sand nourishment behind bulkhead – 60 day request; 6.) 93 North Pamet Road: cut 2 pine trees; 7.) 14 Great Hills Road: four 2" monitoring wells; 8.) 127 Slough Pond Road: small shed; 9.) 37 Knowles Heights Road: replace treads on beach stairs **Motion:** Commissioner Diane Messinger moved to approve the Administrative Review permits for 20 Mill Pond Rd, 0 Old County Rd/0Abby Ln/14 Abby Ln, 510 Shore Rd, U:C, 432 Shore Rd, 482 Shore Rd, 93 North Pamet Rd, and 14 Great Hills Rd; **Second:** Commissioner Linda Noons-Rose; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion carried. **Motion:** Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved to approve the Administrative Review permit for 127 Slough Pond Rd with the condition that no hazardous materials be stored in the shed; **Second:** Commissioner Connie Mather; **Vote:** 5-0-0; the motion carried.

Motion: Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved to approve the Administrative Review

permit for 37 Knowles Heights Rd; Second: Commissioner Diane Messinger; Vote: 5-0-0; the motion carried.

Request for extension to AR at 544 Shore Road: a temporary, removable deck extension that was constructed without prior review or permit application was approved on 7/1/2024; Chair Carol Girard-Irwin was absent from the meeting where this was initially discussed but has watched the video. New Commissioner Connie Mather was in the audience for the last meeting. Jane Sheehan from the board of SMILE Mass represented the request to allow their deck extension to remain in place until the end of the rental season. The Chair expressed concern that the deck did not have prior approval and there is extreme erosion in that area. Jane Sheehan explained the function of the structure, which includes a ramp that allows a wheelchair to get up over the lip of the sliding door and extends to the edge of the deck. The deck extension allows the wheelchair space (5') to maneuver and turn around. The Chair noted that the deck is in a velocity flood zone and should not be on the sand. There are permits that the association already have in place allow for sand nourishment and the Chair asked if nourishment combined with a mobi-mat would work instead of a deck structure. The Commissioners discussed other possible options for addressing this issue with less impact to the resource area. The Commissioners were also concerned that the deck pieces though removeable would just be stacked up on the patio and become a battering ram in a storm event. The Agent refocused the conversation on the request before them which was to leave the deck extension in place until November.

Motion: Commissioner Clint Kershaw moved to deny the request to allow the deck extension to remain in place until November 1st. Second: Chair Carol Girard-Irwin Jane Sheehan was concerned about the potential loss of rental income if the deck were unavailable because that income is a large part of the organization's budget.

Vote: 3-2-0 with Chair Carol Girard-Irwin and Commissioners Clint Kershaw and Linda Noons-Rose voting to deny the extension. Commissioners Diane Messinger and Connie Mather voted to allow the extension.

Appointment to Community Preservation Committee

Motion: Commissioner Diane Messinger moved to appoint Clint Kershaw as the Commission's representative to the Community Preservation Committee.; Second: Chair Carol Girard-Irwin; Vote: 5-0-0; the motion carried.

Minutes: June 3, 2024 Motion: Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved to approve the minutes from June 3, 2024 as presented; Second: Commissioner Clint Kershaw; Vote: 5-0-0; the motion carried.

Commissioner Clint Kershaw suggested three topics for future discussion:

- The possibility of going to paperless packets
- Discourage the use of green roofs as mitigation due to the maintenance required
- A by-law change to define the amount of required mitigation

Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved to adjourn the meeting; Second: Commissioner Clint Kershaw; Vote: 5-0-0; the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Courtney Warren CW

