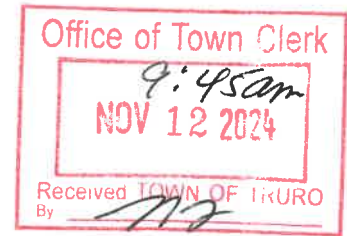




**TOWN OF TRURO
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**
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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes: September 9, 2024

Commissioners Present: Chair Carol Girard-Irwin, Commissioners Bob White, Diane Messinger, and Connie Mather. **Absent:** Vice Chair Linda Noons-Rose; Commissioner Clint Kershaw **Others Present:** 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 5:01 pm and provided the virtual meeting instructions.

Notice of Intent: 10 Thornley Meadow Road, Roland & Lucia Letendre (SE#75-1198): after-the-fact filing for beach stair replacement and beach grass trimming; Coastal Bank & Coastal Dune. (Map 53, Parcel 87) The Applicant requested a continuance until the October 7, 2024 meeting. **Motion:** Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved to continue the hearing until October 7, 2024; **Second:** Commissioner Diane Messinger; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 32 Shore Road, Christian Union Church: cesspool upgrade; Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. (Map 36, Parcel 132) Robert Reedy from JM O'Reilly & Associates briefly described the project which is a cesspool upgrade to an I/A system with a raised leaching area. The required variances have already been approved by the Board of Health. **Motion:** Commissioner Bob White moved for a negative 3 determination; **Second:** Commissioner Connie Mather; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 535 Route 6, Dunes Crest Motel: construct new decks; Buffer Zone to a Coastal Bank. (Map 32, Parcel 28) Michael Martin described the project as the replacement of existing individual decks with one continuous deck. Diamond footings would be used, and the old concrete footings would be removed. The Commission asked that the spacing between the deck boards be the widest allowed by the Building Code and confirmed that there would be no skirting around the deck. Commissioner Bob White asked about the footprint of the deck. Michael Martin stated that the distance from the buildings would remain at 6'. **Motion:** Commissioner Diane Messinger moved for a negative 3 determination with the condition that the width between deck boards be the widest allowed by the Building Code and that there be no deck skirting; **Second:** Chair Carol Girard-Irwin; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried.

Request for Determination of Applicability: 12 Quanset Road, Cobb Farm Association: remove trees around tennis court; Buffer Zone to a Vernal Pool. (Map 59, Parcel 43) Doug Cox, contractor, described the project as the removal of selected trees that are impacting the playing surface of the tennis court. The Commissioners asked about a pile of grass clippings near the tennis court on the slope toward the vernal pool. Doug Cox

replied that the clippings are likely from an abutting property and will be removed as part of this project. He also stated that he would replant any high bush blueberry or bearberry that gets disturbed during this work. The Commission discussed a time restriction and settled on November 15th to protect the nearby vernal pool.

Motion: Commissioner Diane Messinger moved for a negative 3 determination with the condition that work be completed in the summer/fall (by November 15) to protect the vernal pool. **Second:** Commissioner Bob White; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried.

Administrative Review Applications: 1.) 510 Shore Road, U:C: 60 Day extension request; **Motion:** Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved to approve the extension request; **Second:** Commissioner Diane Messinger; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried.

Request for Certificate of Compliance: (1) 12 Pilgrims Path, SE# 75-1146; (2) 7 Yacht Club Road, SE# 75-1060; (3) 8 Castle Road, SE# 75-0841; (4) 8 Castle Road, SE# 75-1105
Motion: Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved to approve the COC request for both projects at 8 Castle Road; **Second:** Commissioner Diane Messinger; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried. Gordon Peabody from Safe Harbor Environmental provided the Commission with photos of the woody stem vegetation at 12 Pilgrims Path. He also noted that this request for 7 Yacht Club Road was for the local COC and that they will request a COC from the state for the superseding order of conditions. **Motion:** Chair Carol Girard-Irwin moved to approve the COC request for 12 Pilgrims Path and 7 Yacht Club Road; **Second:** Commissioner Connie Mather; **Vote:** 4-0-0; the motion carried.

Commissioner Bob White moved to adjourn the meeting; Second: Commissioner Diane Messinger; Vote: 4-0-0; the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Courtney Warren

