

WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

January 9, 2007

Present: Prudy Burt Chair, Judy Crawford, Peter Rodegast, Tara Whiting, Pat Durfee and Maria McFarland

Absent: Debra Swanson

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Kristen Fauteux of Sheriff's Meadow Foundation

Prudy Burt called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

The minutes of the November 14, 2006 meeting were approved with corrections. Peter abstained. The minutes of the December 12, 2006 were also approved with corrections.

Hearings

Map 5 Lot 1 a public meeting under the Wetlands Protection Act and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Sheriff's Meadow Foundation owner of property located at Obed Daggett Road known as Cedar Tree Neck Sanctuary. The applicant seeks permission to remove invasive species in the parking lot of the Sanctuary, to relocate a bench located on the cliff overlooking Vineyard Sound and to attempt to stabilize the area by planting native vegetation to prevent future erosion

Kristen represented Sheriff's meadow and described the work to be done. Dead trees and invasive species such as oriental bittersweet and bush honeysuckle will be removed in the parking lot area. The work will be done using hand tools or a chain saw as needed, and debris will be disposed of off site. A bench located at the top of an eroding cliff will be relocated to a safer spot in the same general area. Native plants will be planted in an attempt to revegetate the area to prevent future erosion of the cliff. The native plants will be obtained from island seed, local cuttings or by purchase from the Going Native Nursery or Polly Hill Arboretum. All plants will be appropriate for the habitat. A motion was made to issue a **Negative Determination**. The motion was seconded and the vote unanimous in favor.

New Business

Land Bank – The board discussed the draft management plan for the Tisbury Great Pond Beach. A letter will be sent to the Land Bank suggesting that the management plan take note of the long-standing gentlemen's agreement limiting the use of outboard motors to 10-horse power.

Old Business

Map 32 Lot 101.2 SE 79-262 Sheriff's Meadow The Commission reviewed and discussed a letter submitted by Sheriff's Meadow as requested at the November 14th meeting regarding the use of plastic sheeting to kill the grasses as part of this project. It was agreed that request did not require an amendment to the Order as it is within the scope of the original project.

Administrative

New Members: The board discussed the qualities they would like to see in new members appointed to the Commission. With the resignation of Patrick Phear there are now two open spots for full members and one associate member slot. Discussion was continued to the next meeting.

Map 7 Lot 45 SE 79-249 (Chudnow) A Certificate of Compliance was approved and signed.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland,
Board Administrator
APPROVED