

WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING

January 8, 2008

**Present:** Prudy Burt Chair, Hadden Blair Judy Crawford, Binnie Ravitch, Peter Rodegast, Tara Whiting and Maria McFarland

**Absent:** Dan Pace

**Also present for all or part of the meeting:** Martha Moore, Gerald Ferry, Reid Silva of Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering and Bart Smith

Prudy Burt called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

The minutes of the December 11 and December 19 meetings were reviewed. A motion was made to accept both sets of minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Map 11 Lot 82. 1 Conservation Restriction Bennett/ Land Bank** Maria was instructed to ask a representative of Island Housing Trust to attend the next meeting to clarify how construction on the lot sold to Island Housing Trust by the Bennett Family ( Lot 2 on the conservation plan) may impact the conservation area portion of this lot. No action taken.

**Map 39 Lot 4 Request for a Determination of Applicability** filed by Martha Moore owner of property located at 176 Middle Point Road. The project consists of removing 12 scrub oak trees in the buffer zone. A site visit was conducted this morning. Maria was instructed to check the status of the post oak trees found on the property with the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. The trees are not listed. After a brief discussion the public meeting was closed. A motion was made and seconded to issue a Negative Determination. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Map 7 Lot 142 Notice of Intent** filed by Gerald D. Ferry, Trustee of DDF Realty Trust, owner of property located at 175 Longview Road. The project consists of the installation of an upgraded septic system for an existing four-bedroom house together with associated site work and the removal of underground structures currently draining a wetland from a neighboring property into another wetland. Prudy opened the public meeting. It was explained to Mr. Ferry the septic system design was fine but that the board needs more information about the hydrologic connection between the wetland on the opposite side of Longview Road and the one behind his house and the impact of removing the pipe connecting these two wetlands on the road, his property and the neighboring properties. This subdivision predates stormwater management regulations therefore the pipe connecting the two wetland areas must be treated as jurisdictional i.e. an intermittent stream. LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc. was contacted for a cost estimate to evaluate the hydrology associated with the existing culvert. It was agreed that the cost of this evaluation should not be solely Mr. Ferry's. Mr. Ferry agreed to talk with the neighborhood association about working out a plan to redesign the culvert and drainage in this area. Mr. Ferry will also be in contact with NHESP in order to fulfill requirements of the MESA review of the clearing work for the leach field. With agreement of the applicant, a motion was made and seconded to continue the public hearing on this matter to January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:40 PM, All in favor.

**Map 6 Lots 7.2 and 8 Request for a Determination of Applicability** filed by Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering on behalf of Harrowby Property Company, LTD & Milton Estates Ltd. owners of property located at 245 and 223 John Cottle Road. The application requests the confirmation of the boundaries of a bordering vegetated wetland and confirmation that the brook is an intermittent stream. Reid Silva and Bart Smith were present for the property owner. The applicant decided that it will take too long if the Commission decides to hire a consultant to verify the boundary lines. Reid informed the members that they were withdrawing the Request for Determination even though LEC said they could do the work next week. Reid submitted a Notice of Intent for a boardwalk project. Reid will send a letter of withdrawal on the Determination to the office and to DEP.

**Administrative**

**Greenlands** – A motion was made to sign a new trail maintenance agreement with the Land Bank. The new agreement will be self renewing. A site visit will be scheduled to walk the trails. Hadden offered to take a bike ride through the area and give the board a report.

MACC Coastal Conservation Commission Training- Maria, Tara and Binnie will attend this conference on January 12<sup>th</sup> in Hyannis.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland  
Board Administrator  
APPROVED