

WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2008

**Present:** Prudy Burt Chair, Joanie Ames, Judy Crawford, Dan Pace, Binnie Ravitch, Peter Rodegast, Tara Whiting and Maria McFarland

**Absent:** Hadden Blair

**Also Present for all or part of the meeting:** Matthew Dix and Kent Healy

Prudy Burt called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

The minutes of the November 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with corrections. Binnie and Peter abstained.

**Map 25 Lots 5.1 and 11** - continuation of a public hearing under the requirements of M.G.L. Ch 131 § 40, as amended and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw to consider a **Notice of Intent** filed by the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank holder of two trail easements over property located off Old Country Road owned by the Trustees of the William W. Hickie Trust. This property is known as the Square Field. The project consists of the establishment of 695 linear feet of walking trail within the bordering vegetated wetland and buffer zone adjacent to the Mill Brook. The project will incorporate ground-level and raised boardwalks as well as earthen steps as necessary. This hearing was continued because the review letter from NHESP was outstanding. The letter, dated November 19, 2008, states that under the WPA the project will not adversely affect the actual Resource Area Habitat of state-protected rare wildlife species, and under MESA, the project will not result in a prohibited "take" of state listed rare species.

There being no further discussion or public comment, Prudy closed the public hearing. A motion was made a seconded to approve the project as presented. All in favor. The special conditions were reviewed and approved.

**Lambert's Cove Road Bridge** - 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 Kent A. Healy on behalf of the Board of Selectmen for a project to repair the Lambert's Cove Road Bridge over Blackwater Brook. Kent Healy presented this project. The section of the asphalt roadway over the brook will be replaced with a reinforced concrete deck slab. There is no work proposed on the banks of the stream and no need to work or have equipment in the stream. The work will be done by the highway department in the fall of 2009. The Commission asked that work also be done to eliminate the run off issue that presently exists. It was suggested that Jessie Oliver be asked to monitor run off during storm events. A motion was made and seconded to issue a **Negative Determination** that while the work involved to repair the bridge is in the Riverfront Area, it does not require an Order of Conditions. Kent will work on a design that will avoid having runoff go directly into the brook. No machinery will be operated, parked or maintained outside of the roadway and care must be taken to ensure that no debris falls into the stream while the repair work is being done.

**Map 3 Lot 1.1/Sheriff's Meadow/Goethals CR/ Permission for public walk** - This request will be forwarded to the Selectmen for approval.

**Map 22 Lots 22 and 24/Berresford/special conditions-** The special conditions were reviewed and approved as corrected.

**Administrative**

A Certificate of Compliance was approved and signed for **Map 3 Lot 65.2/ SE79-248/Case-Senchaks**. It was noted that there had been some tree limbing and removal in the buffer zone. The cover letter transmitting the certificate of compliance will remind the property owner that this type of work requires permission from the Commission.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland  
Board Administrator  
APPROVED