

WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

FEBRUARY 24, 2009

Present: Prudy Burt Chair, Joanie Ames, Hadden Blair, Binnie Ravitch, Peter Rodegast, Tara Whiting and Maria McFarland

Absent: Judy Crawford and Dan Pace

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Richard Dubin, Chris Egan, George Sourati, and Bill Wilcox

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

The minutes of the February 10th meeting were approved. Hadden abstained.

Maps 36, 41 and 43 Lots 28, 1 and 8 respectively - a public hearing under the requirements of G.L. Ch.131 § 40, as amended and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw and regulations to consider a **Notice of Intent** filed by the Trustees of Reservations for property located at 330 Long Point Road. The project consists of habitat restoration and maintenance including, but not limited to, burning, grazing, herbicides to treat Phragmites, clearing and mowing of early successional habitats as set forth in the Long Point Management Plan.

Prudy opened the hearing, Chris made a brief presentation. With the consent of the applicant, a motion was made and seconded to continue the hearing to March 10th at 5:10 PM as DEP and NHESP have not issued their respective review letters. All in favor.

Old Business: Mill Brook Watershed Study: The commission invited Bill Wilcox and the Board of Selectmen to meet with the Commission so that Bill could present a summation of his very preliminary Mill Brook Watershed study. (The Selectmen had a meeting conflict and could not attend.) The upshot of Bill's preliminary findings is that the data collected so far indicates that the town might want to do further sampling in ponds along the brook and upstream. Bill suggested that it might also be a good idea to do some mapping of what the buffer vegetation situation is all along the Mill Brook and to locate houses and septic systems within 300' of the brook to have a base line map.

No action was taken.

Open Space Plan Update/ Survey: Members reviewed the survey put together by the subcommittee. The survey is based on the model provided in the Open Space Planner workbook and the Oak Bluff's survey used for their 2004 Open Space Plan. The Tisbury Printer can turn the survey into a three panel self mailer that would come folded and printed on 60lb stock white with black ink - 2,500 copies will cost about \$360. We will have a better idea on the number of surveys needed once the labels are printed. The mailing will cover the names on the street list and off island tax payers. The survey will also be available on the town website and at the library. It will be mailed to coincide with the Annual Town Meeting on April 14th so that it can be mentioned at the town meeting.

Administrative

Map 1 Lot 33/ SE79- 281 / Dubin/ revision to project /Informal Discussion

Dick Dubin and George Sourati brought a plan showing a revision to the proposed septic system to the Commission entitled, “New Sewage Disposal System In the Town of West Tisbury Proposed Five Bedroom House as revised to February 23, 2009” for an informal discussion on whether the proposed changes require an amendment to the Order or if it could be handled as an administrative review. The project approved under this order is for a 4 bedroom house and associated septic system. The Commission asked that the revised plan be approved by the Board of Health first and then brought back to the Commission to decide whether it would be an amendment to the order, or just a letter.

The following Certificates of Compliance were approved and signed:

TTOR/Map 42 Lot 1/SE79-211 (Viewing Blind)

TTOR/ Map 36 Lot 28 and Map 42 Lot 1/ SE79- 217 (Management Plan/Burns, mowing and clearing)

TTOR /Map 42 Lot 1/SE 79- 231 (Boardwalk)

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Burt, Chairperson

APPROVED