

**WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

May 12, 2009

Present: Prudy Burt Chair, Joanie Ames, Hadden Blair, Judy Crawford, Dan Pace, Binnie Ravitch, Tara Whiting and Maria McFarland

Absent: Peter Rodegast

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Rick Karney

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

There are no minutes to review this afternoon.

Mussel Farm Aquaculture Project/SE79-290– continuation of the public hearing under the requirements of M.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 Martha’s Vineyard Shellfish Group on behalf of the Town of West Tisbury for permission to establish a 25-acre offshore aquaculture zone for submerged long line mussel culture in Vineyard Sound. The anchors for these lines will be located in Land under the Ocean.

Rick Karney was back to discuss this project. Maria reported that it was determined that no abutter notification was needed as none of the project touches land. The land under the Ocean is owned by the Division of Marine Fisheries. They have to issue permits in connection with this project there is no reason to notify them.

The Army Corp of Engineers is still reviewing the project. One of the requirements for the issuance of their permit is having an Order of Conditions in place. Rick told the members that they may be required to do a study by the Mass Bureau of Underwater Archeology which would be very expensive. There being no further discussion the public hearing on this matter was closed. A motion was made and seconded to approve this project. All in favor.

Members reviewed, discussed and revised the draft special conditions with input from Rick. The special conditions for this project in Chilmark have been incorporated into ours. A motion was made and seconded to approve the special conditions for this project. All in favor.

Map 35 Lot 6.2 – continuation of the public hearing under the requirements of M.G.L. Ch.131 § 40, as amended and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw and regulations on a **Notice of Intent** filed by Schofield, Barbini & Hoehn, Inc. on behalf of Mitchell Pennington owner of property located at 32 Plum Bush Point Road. The project consists of the clearing of trees and brush within the buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Mitch was not present for this hearing this evening. A message was left on his cell phone. A motion was made and seconded to continue the public hearing on this matter to June 9th at 5:10 PM. All in favor.

Old Business

Map 5 Lot 2.1/Smith/ZBA/Deck – At the request of the Zoning Board the members reviewed the plans for this project to decide if the property owner should be required to reduce the size of the deck which was 108 square feet larger than approved. It was decided that it would be more

detrimental to require the deck to be cut down. A letter will be sent to Mrs. Smith with a copy to the ZBA.

Runoff on Deep Bottom Road – Update on Site visit held on May 5th with Ken Eber. He will let the Commission know when a plan has been made on how to address the runoff problem near the town watering hole.

New Business

Map 11 Lots 43 & 44/Ravitch/trenching - Prudy, Tara and Maria walked the path for the Comcast trenching with Binnie earlier this afternoon. Both sides of the path are heavily vegetated. The machinery will create an 18” wide trench that is back filled as the machine moves along, unless it hits a root or rock. The work will be done in one day if possible. Maria will send a letter to Binnie that this work is approved under administrative review and does not require further paperwork.

Map 26 Lots 12. 1 & 12.15/ Nat’s Farm CR/horse run in shelters- The Kenny’s have asked Sheriff’s Meadow if they can relocate one of the run in horse shelters and to build a new shelter in a pasture that is currently not used and does not have a shelter in it. A site visit will be scheduled. No action was taken.

Administrative

Map 35 Lots 1, 1.1, 1.2 & 1.13/Manter/Harbormaster permits were sent to the Board of Selectmen for signature.

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland
Board Administrator
APPROVED