

**WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

March 23, 2010

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

Absent: Hadden Blair and Dan Pace

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Anna Alley, Bob and Barbara Day, Kent Healy, Cindy Mitchell, Phyllis Meras Cocroft, Rez Williams and Bob Woodruff,

Prudy Burt called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. [An audiotape of this meeting is available for review.]

Mill Pond: Members of the Mill Pond Committee were present. The Mill Pond Committee does not need to formally convene as there are no actions to be taken by the committee. This meeting is for informational purposes only.

Kent Healy made a presentation the committees to make sure there was a transfer of information on the Mill Pond so that everyone understands the hydraulics and hydrology of the pond.

Kent handed out a map of the watershed of the Mill Brook generated from Kent's report of the Tisbury Great Pond. He also distributed copies of the Assessors Maps showing the area from Scotchmen's Bridge Lane to the Mill Pond marked to show the elevations of the water surface as above sea level in feet.

Topics Discussed:

- Mill Brook Watershed
- Legal Easements/ water rights
- Percentage of water diverted to Parsonage Pond
- Diversions along the Mill Brook
- Groundwater elevations
- Perched pond
- Weir boards
- Composition of bottom sediments
- Previous dredging projects
- Warrant article
- Methods of dredging
- DEP Guidance document on Aquatic Plan Management (members of the Mill Pond Committee were given copies of Section II.)

It was noted that the Mill Pond Committee is having a public meeting on the Mill Pond warrant article on April 7th at 7:00 PM at the Howe's House.

Old Business:

Map 39 Lot 11/SE79-296: Review of the decision to deny an Order of Conditions on the Notice of Intent, as amended, filed by the Woods Hole Group on behalf of Endofthedirtroad LLC for property owned by Endofthedirtroad LLC located at 234 Middle Point Road. The proposed project includes the installation of approximately 177 feet of sloping low-profile rock revetment along the eastern shoreline of the Tisbury Great Pond, together with the routine maintenance of the revetment, in order to stabilize an eroding coastal bank. The project also includes a proposal to do annual monitoring and beach nourishment. Work will take place on a coastal beach, coastal bank, coastal dune, land subject to coastal storm flowage and in the buffer zone. Construction access will be over the buffer zone, considered a resource area under the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

The members reviewed procedures for signing the denial of an Order of Conditions as set forth in 310 CMR 10.05. They also reviewed and revised the draft language of the written portions of the decision. The Order must be signed by a majority of the Commission regardless of how they voted. A majority of the members are present tonight to sign the Order.

The discussion centered on whether Hadden needed to be present to finalize the language of the written decision/denial. The actual vote to deny the project was done on March 9th after the public hearing was closed.

A meeting will be scheduled for Friday or Monday in order for Hadden to be present to vote on the language of the decision. Maria will make the changes to the draft of the written decision discussed tonight and will post the necessary notice.

Administrative:

Minutes: The minutes of the February 23rd and March 9th minutes were approved as corrected.

Map 11 Lots 41.1, 42.1, 43, 44, 45 & 46.1, 3, & 4, / Ravitch and others/ NSTAR/ Administrative Review. Binnie recused herself and stepped away from the table.

Nancy Schwentker received a letter from NSTAR informing the property owners of the above referenced lots that vegetation maintenance needs to be performed on a private utility line that runs through these lots. Maria made a site visit with Binnie, one of the property owners. Pictures from the site visit were circulated. Public utility line maintenance through a wetland is an exempt activity. Binnie said all the work will be done by hand; some of it will be done by Bruce Marchend and some will be done by Beetlebung or Vince Maciel.

Maria will try to get a copy of the NSTAR letter through Linda Coutinho's office and will write a letter to Ms. Schwentker that the work as been approved under an administrative review.

Correspondence:

In: copy of a letter dated March 2, 2010 from Adam Moore of Sheriff's Meadow Foundation to the Jen Rand re: Tree Cutting at Lambert's Cove Beach.

Time and Bills were signed:

LEC Environmental Bill \$1,780.53

There being no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland
Board Administrator
APPROVED