

WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 8, 2011

Present: Prudy Burt Chair, Joanie Ames, Whit Griswold, Nora Nevin, Binnie Ravitch, Peter Rodegast, Tara Whiting and Maria McFarland

Also present for all or part of the meeting: Reid Silva and Judy Crawford

Prudy Burt called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. The members welcomed Whit Griswold to the Commission.

The minutes of the January 25th meeting were approved with corrections.

**Map 5 Lots 2.1 & 2.4/SE79-305:** 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 Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering Inc. on behalf of Joan Smith for property located at 207 Obed Daggett Road, to raise the existing house, excavate a full cellar, pour a new concrete foundation and lower the house on the new foundation. The work is within the buffer zone to a coastal pond and bordering vegetated wetland. Reid Silva presented the project for Ms. Smith.

The original part of the house is on a fieldstone foundation which as settled over time and is not in good shape; the newer addition to the house has a full foundation under a portion of it. Erosion control measures are shown on the project plan. The project description was read into the record.

Issues Discussed:

- Method of raising the house.
- Ramp will provide one access point at the east end gable bulkhead. Bulkhead is not shown on the plan.
- Excavated materials trucked off site. Remainder stockpiled in front of the barn as shown on the project plan will be used for backfill.
- Erosion control measures as shown on the project plan.
- Porch may need new floor boards or framing but will not be any bigger than the existing footprint when renovated.
- Bobcat will be used to excavate a cellar and a concrete foundation.
- No changes to finished elevations.
- Plan is not signed and stamped because Vineyard Land Surveying did not survey the lot lines in the field. The wetland boundaries are accurate.
- NHESP letter regarding exemption has not been issued. No new site work is proposed.
- A construction schedule is not required. This is not a multi-phased project.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the project as presented and as shown on the project plan. All in favor.

Special conditions were discussed.

- Erosion control barriers and stockpile areas will be as shown on the plan. .
- Daily cleanup of the site with a covered dumpster on site.

- Access for the bobcat will be from the east gable end bulkhead only.
- Preconstruction site visit will all contractors involved in the project. Silt fence and hay bales in place prior to the pre-construction meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the special conditions. All in favor.

The meeting was recessed to give Judy Crawford a fond farewell.

**Old Business:**

**Map 3 Lot 92/ Lambert’s Cove Beach path:** Prudy updated the board after the site visit with Park & Rec and David Merry. The Commission approved a Request for Determination for this project. The issue is whether to have Park & Rec lower the dune and put up snow fencing now, or waits, lower the dune in the spring, and put the snow fencing up in the fall.

Maria had a conversation with Greg Berman of the Woods Hole Sea Grant for his opinion on putting up the snow fencing at this time of year. He said that the best time to do the snow fencing is in the fall when the wind blown sand is prevalent. Now the sand is mostly frozen.

Whit said that the dune never used to be this high. He suggested that the end of the path be relocated so that it came in to the beach at an oblique angle. Relocating the end of the path was also suggested by Greg Berman. Reconfiguring the path is a bigger proposition that would involve Sheriff’s Meadow Foundation, Peter Goethals, Park & Rec, and the Selectmen. The path is owned by Goethals’s Lamberts Cove Limited Partnership. The town has an easement to use the path. Sheriff’s Meadow Foundation holds a conservation restriction on the path.

The cost of this work will come out of the Park & Rec budget. The members viewed the new signs for the beach that we got from Woods Hole Sea Grant. Park & Rec will take care of laminating and posting the signs.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to inform Park & Rec that they should wait until spring to lower the dune and to install the fencing in the fall. All in favor.

A letter will be sent to the Board of Selectmen and Park & Rec to suggest that the town investigate the feasibility of relocating the end of the path with Peter Goethals and Sheriff’s Meadow Foundation.

**Map 3 Lot 2 & 2.1/ Sutula/fencing:** Maria read the e-mails dated February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from the Sutula’s. Their landscaper, Jon Cassel, will take the fencing out as soon as the weather permits. Maria will email back to ask that Jon Cassel call the office when he takes the fencing out.

New Business: Mill Brook: 2010 Water Quality Assessment/Draft Final Report: Maria will contact Bill Wilcox to find out if the Mill Pond Committee will be meeting with Bill to review his report. No action was taken.

**Administrative:**

Correspondence:

- In: Copy of Superseding OOC dated January 31, 2011 re: Endofthedirtroad LLC Beach signs from WHOI
- E-mails from Mary Tavares (Sutula) dated February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Map 39 Lots 10 & 11/ Endofthedirtroad LLC: DEP Superseding Order of Conditions

A motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation involving the Commission's denial of a revetment at Map 39 Lot 10 and 11 and not to reconvene in open session once the executive session is concluded. A roll call vote was taken:

Prudy Burt: aye  
Whit Griswold: aye  
Binnie Ravitch: aye  
Peter Rodegast: aye

This portion of the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland  
Board Administrator  
APPROVED