

WEST TISBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 24, 2011

**Present:** Prudy Burt Chair, Joanie Ames, Nora Nevin, Binnie Ravitch, Tara Whiting and Maria McFarland

**Absent:** Whit Griswold and Peter Rodegast

**Also present for all or part of the meeting:** Caitlin Jones, Virginia Jones, Reid Silva, Rez Williams, Robert Potts, Harriet Bernstein, Ashley Hunter and Janet Bank

The minutes of the May 10th meeting were approved with corrections.

The chair noted that associate members Joanie Ames and Nora Nevin will vote on matters before the Commission this evening due to a lack of quorum of full members.

**Map 11 Lot 36/SE 79-306: continuation** of the public hearing on a **Notice of Intent** to construct a bridge and driveway over a vegetated wetland in order to access a residential building site. The report from LEC dated May 16, 2011 was noted for the record but not discussed. Sourati Engineering has requested a continuance.

A motion was made and seconded to grant a continuance of this public hearing on this matter to June 14, 2011 at 6:00.PM to give the applicant's engineer more time to submit a revised NOI and project plan based on the recommendations in the LEC report. All in favor.

**Map 11 Lot 44/SE79-310:** a public hearing to consider a **Notice of Intent** filed by Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc. on behalf of Myrnice M. Ravitch, Trustee of the Ravitch Family Realty Trust, owner of property located at 62 Ophelia Way. The proposed project consists of excavating for a septic system upgrade and abandonment of the existing cesspool. The work will take place in the buffer zone to Old House Pond.

Binnie Ravitch recused herself from voting on this project.

Reid Silva presented the project. He submitted a revised plan dated May 24, 2011 to which he has added a view channel; together with a letter requesting that the Notice of Intent be amended to include some minor tree branch limbing in the Buffer Zone to open the view from the deck.

Issues Discussed:

- Existing 5 bedroom septic system.
- Location of leach field determined by setback and separation requirements.
- Type of septic system being installed is a drip dispersal system that would be installed by Oakson,
- Leach field will be brush cut. Drip system can be located around trees.
- Installation done by equipment similar to a ditch witch.
- Equipment will stay of the uphill side away from the wetland.
- Once the drip lines are installed, vegetation will be allowed to grow back.
- Minor limbing of trees in front of the deck

There being no further discussion the public hearing was closed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the project as presented subject to special conditions. All in favor.

Special conditions include the following:

- Hay bales and silt fencing as shown on the plan.
- No grade changes when work is finished.
- All work done and equipment operated from the uphill side of the wetland.
- No stockpiling of soils or construction materials outside the limit of work line as shown on the plan.
- Trees to be limbed for the view channel will be flagged in the field for a pre-construction site visit.
- Ongoing maintenance of the view channel is permitted.

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

**Map 36 Lot 1 /SE79-311:** a public hearing to consider a **Notice of Intent** filed by the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank for property located at 216 Clam Point Road **known as Sepiessa Point Reservation**. The proposed project includes reopening 200 feet of old trail, constructing two boardwalks in areas prone to erosion, and work to remove three stands of invasive exotic phragmites along Tiah's Cove and the Tisbury Great Pond shoreline. The work will take place within a salt marsh, on a coastal bank and land subject to coastal storm flowage as well as the buffer zone. The applicant has requested a continuance to June 14th at 5:30 PM.

Caitlin and Virginia Jones were present for the public hearing. They submitted materials on the product known as Rodeo or Roundup for the record. The materials were accepted but not discussed as the applicant was not present.

A motion was made and seconded to grant the applicant's request for a continuance of this public hearing to June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. All in favor.

### **Old Business**

**Map 32 Lot 99/Brandy Brow Path:** Members of the Byways Committee were present to discuss putting an unpaved path through Brandy Brow. Rez summarized the history of the Byways Committees attempt to continue a path to the center of town that currently ends at the Mill Pond.

### **Issues Discussed:**

- A path requires approval of the heirs of Bob Woods. A package of materials has been sent to the family.
- Permission for a crosswalk from the north side of State Road to Brandy Brow would be needed from the State.
- An easement from Wells/ Waldron properties would be handled by the Selectmen
- Town counsel could be asked to investigate a possible right of way held by the town over a section of the Maley driveway that runs along the easterly side of Brandy Brow.
- Level of Land Bank involvement.

No action will be taken on this matter until the Commission receives a response from the Woods family.

**Map 1 Lot 50/SE79-270/Sundin Monitoring reports:** An e-mail was sent to Leslie Fields at the Woods Hole Group. Maria will follow up.

**Map 18 Lot 1/Greenlands:** The letter from Steve Maxner was discussed. Maria and Prudy will work on drafting a response.

**Administrative:**

**Town Map:** Chris Seidel of the MVC has made a topographic map of the town that will be hung in the Selectmen's conference room. The Selectmen will be pay for the framing.

**Correspondence:**

- In:**
- Letter from the Garden Club re: Daffodils at Brandy Brow
  - Copy of letter from Planning Board to Glenn Provost dated May 11, 2011 re: Map 7 Lot 7.2
  - Letter from Rez Williams re: Brandy Brow
  - LEC Report dated May 16, 2011 re: Silva
  - Letter from Steve Maxner dated May 20, 2011 re: Greenlands/Bikes

**Out:** Letter to Rez Williams dated May 16, 2011 re: Brandy Brow

There being no other business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria McFarland  
Board Administrator  
APPROVED