

Salisbury Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes July 2, 2021 Colchester Auditorium, Town Hall 5 Beach Road Salisbury, MA 01952 Special Meeting 12:30 P.M.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairwoman Sheila Albertelli (SA), Jane Purinton (JKP), Michael Colburn (MC), Julie Doughman-Johnson (JDJ), Blake Leibert (BL)

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Daniel Richard (DR)

ALSO PRESENT: Conservation Agent, Adriane Marchand (AM).

Chairwoman Sheila Albertelli opened the meeting at 12:56 pm under the Wetlands Protection Act & Open Meeting Law and informed the public that the meeting was being recorded.

A. MINUTES:

March 17, 2021

JDJ Motioned to approve the minutes of March 17, 2021 **MC** Seconded

VOTE: 5-0, unanimous. Motion Carried.

B. <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

1. Request for Certificate of Compliance, 45 Folly Mill Rd.

Bob Grasso of Engineering Land Services presented the Request. The Commission had no questions. **AM** stated the site looked good.

JKP Motioned to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 45 Folly Mill Rd.

MC Seconded

VOTE: 5-0, unanimous. Motion Carried.

2. Request for Certificate of Compliance, 86 & 88 Elm St.

AM stated the representative Tyler Ferrick couldn't make it, but put on the agenda as the Commission is very familiar with the property. **AM** reviewed the procedural history and stated that the irrigation pond has been filled in.

BL Motioned to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 86 & 88 Elm St.

MC Seconded

VOTE: 5-0, unanimous. Motion Carried.

3. Request for Certificate of Compliance, 23 Commonwealth Ave.

Matt Steinel of Millennium Engineering (MS) reviewed the project, which was for a deck on the ocean side of the home, and the planting of dune grass for mitigation. The deck was constructed within close reasonable dimensions, and additional planting was done under the deck. 150 additional plugs were placed on the ocean side of dune, and vegetation is growing in healthy under the deck, which has thru flow decking. The project was completed in close reasonable compliance to plans.

JKP Motioned to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 23 Commonwealth Ave.

MC Seconded

VOTE: 5-0, unanimous. Motion Carried.

BL motioned to take agenda category C: Enforcement Orders out of order

JDJ seconded

VOTE: 5-0, unanimous. Motion Carried.

C. ENFORCEMENT ORDERS:

1. **212 N. End Blvd.**

AM stated the enforcement was for construction of a deck without permits on dune. She has been contacted by the property owners and the deck has been removed, which she verified. **JKP** asked if they were planning on vegetating the dune. **AM** stated one wasn't included in the Enforcement Order. She added that the deck was pretty damaged by a storm in February. She added that seagrass will be added through a neighborhood project.

BL motioned to lift the Enforcement Order for 212 North End Blvd.

MC seconded

VOTE: 5-0, unanimous. Motion Carried.

2. 114 Bridge Rd.

AM stated there was a site visit yesterday. They discussed the partially completed curbing in the carport area. They have placed erosion control around the area. The property owner would like to install the remainder of curbing. AM reviewed the plans for the area, which included adding additional curbing, a planting area, and repairing the pavement around the outside of the curb. JDJ & MC were both at the site visit and stated they were good with getting curbing in. JDJ added that the existing holes are holding water and are breeding mosquitos. MC added it was in the best interest of the town to get the curbing in.

JDJ Motioned to amend the enforcement order for 114 Bridge Road to allow them to finish curbing and planting boxes under the carport.

MC seconded

VOTE: 5-0, unanimous. Motion Carried.

B. <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

4. Discussion on S 2475, An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency

SA reviewed an email from the Agent discussing what options are available, and the requirements of each. **SA** also reviewed recommendations from SCTV regarding arrangements for hybrid and in person meetings. **SA** stated she would like to set a date to revisit the issue in the fall. She noted that hybrid is more flexible, but she is in favor of holding remote meetings as she is not comfortable with the prevalence of variants and breakthrough

infections. JDJ stated she would like to stay remote until September. SA noted that quorum issues can be resolved by having remote meetings. **BL** stated he is comfortable going back completely live and personally would like to do it, and he believes the community wants it. It presents better as a Commission. However, if anyone is uncomfortable, the Commission needs to consider that. BL added that he is fine with remaining remote, as long as there is an end point, once all the Commission members are vaccinated. He stated he feels there will always be variants, and we need to resume lives again. MC agreed, and stated he is willing to wait until everyone on the commission is vaccinated, as long as there is an end date. SA stated she prefers remote meetings. JKP stated she doesn't want to come back until she absolutely has to, and wants to stay remote. She is concerned about the influx of people. She added that people appreciate remote meetings, as they are more accessible. She also requested for if the Commission does return to in person meetings, that they find out if the Commission can require attendees to be masked. MC noted that the ZBA hybrid meeting worked well. BL commented that holding meetings via Zoom is making them last longer and the Commission should institute a cap and expedite remote meetings. SA noted they could tighten conduct on remote meetings. JKP asked if the meetings could be capped to 10 pm. SA replied they can set time limits on individual presentations, and in the past, they have offered to continue items at the bottom of the agenda and in return have them first on the agenda for the following meeting. AM advised that once a hearing is subject to a public notice, it needs to be continued to a specified date and place, and that the Commission is required to hear a public hearing within 21 days of the public hearing notice. The Commission can also hold special meetings if the agenda is getting too burdensome. SA discussed enforcing submission deadlines and not allowing a presentation if materials were not submitted in time. JDJ suggested they hold meetings remotely until September 15, and at the first meeting in September, they address meeting format going forward. BL suggested a special meeting for discussion and added that he's fine with going hybrid now. **SA** stated she wanted to hold off on hybrid meetings.

JDJ motioned to stay remote until September 15. A special meeting will be held in the beginning of September to determine meeting format going forward after September 15.

JKP seconded

VOTE: 5-0, unanimous. Motion Carried.

D. ADJOURNMENT:

JKP Motioned to adjourn the July 2, 2021 Special Meeting of the Conservation Commission at 1:59 PM **BL** Seconded

VOTE: 5-0, unanimous. Motion Carried.