

Conservation Commission Meeting August 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Via Zoom

Commission Members in attendance: Henry Hall, Mark Patek, Kristin Kent, Tom Famulari, Colleen Collins

Absent: Ellen Steeves, Eden Reiner

1. Continued Request for Determination of Applicability, 12 Spouting Horn Road. Construction of an addition within buffer zone to Coastal Bank.

Site visit was conducted. Commission is comfortable with the proposal.

Motion to issue a Negative Determination with the condition that erosion controls be installed

Motion made by Patek and seconded by Hall

Motion passes unanimously.

2. Continued Notice of Intent, 4 White Way. After the fact application for installation of a driveway, shed and landscaping and proposed construction of a deck within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

Property owner has not yet been able to procure a site survey.

Motion to continue to next meeting

Motion made by Patek and seconded by Famulari

Motion passes unanimously.

3. Continued Resident Complaint, 2 White Way. Unpermitted hardscape and landscape work within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

Motion: Dismissal of complaint.

Motion made by: Patek

Seconded by: Famulari

Vote: Unanimous.

Kent and Patek visited the site and have no concerns

4. Request for Determination of Applicability, 135, Castle Road. Renovation of the house on the existing footprint within buffer zone to coastal Bank and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

Applicant: described the proposed plan.

Kent: no change of footprint- requested that an RDA be filed

Patek: critical if anything impacts water flow.

Kent: property owner is getting a FEMA map amendment to be in floodplain rather than “velocity zone”. They are reconfiguring.

Applicant: need to move the front door.

Patek: does the ocean side change?

Applicant: no

Famulari: It is an RDA. Not applicable since footprint is not changing. Same situation for state and town.

Motion to issue a Negative Determination

Motion made by Famulari and seconded by Hall

Motion passes unanimously

5. Request for Determination of Applicability, 0 Willow Road. Installation of a series of flag poles within buffer zone to Coastal Bank and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

Kent: has had meetings with the applicant. The flags would be along the revetement which is owned by the applicant but maintained by the Town. Revetement protects the golf course.

Patek: Will flag poles be an obstruction?

Kent: the goal is to give the property a “resort feeling”.

Hall: will it make more work for the DPW?

Kent: DPW says it will be no problem. Flags 60’ apart and poles are inserted in buried concrete pillar. She will check again with DPW to confirm. There was no need for applicant to file – this is a courtesy and also a way to reassure neighbors.

Motion to issue a Negative Determination

Motion made by Famulari and seconded by Hall

Motion passes unanimously

Vote #6: Request for Determination of Applicability, 116 Willow Road. Demolition of the existing garage and construction of a new garage within the buffer zone to Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

Applicant Carl Jenkins: Construction of a two car garage with entrance on Willow Road. Old garage was for one car. No change in water flowage.

Kent: Is DPW concerned?

Jenkins: No. Hedge will be removed, telephone pole stays, flat roof, paved or pavers, not dirt.

Collins: There is a steep pitch – will you flatten the corner?

Jenkins: will lower the garage to reduce the pitch. More at ground level.

Collins: how about icy condition which might allow car to slide into road?

Jenkins: sun shines there all the time, all day – better than current set up. The pitch will be less steep.

Kent: there will be a small apron onto Willow.

Jenkins: water comes down Winter Street so it is better to have it on Willow. Filing fee of \$55 was paid on Monday.

Motion to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability

Motion made by Patek and seconded by Hall

Motion passes unanimously

New business:

Kent: Northeastern University permit has been issued.

Motion to close the meeting

Motion made by Collins and seconded by Hall

Motion passes unanimously

Adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by: Vi Patek, 172 Willow Road, Nahant

Date minutes were approved: 11/17/21