Town of Nahant Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Meeting Opening

Attendance: Tom Famulari, Kristin Kent, Mark Patek, Eden Reiner, Colleen Collins, Henry Hall

Kristin Kent: Opened the Meeting of the Conservation Commission at 7:02 PM.

1. Continued Notice of Intent, 4 White Way (047-0593)

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.

The Commission discussed the storm event pictures and landscaping plan submitted by the applicant. The applicant stated that DPW had cleaned out the catch basin during a recent rain event and it significantly improved flooding. The Commission discussed the fact that the driveway size had doubled and the fact that the applicant was requesting permission after the fact. Two neighbors on White Way submitted letters to the Commission expressing concern about flooding on the street.

Mitigation options were discussed, including piping water from the street back to the golf course and removing the old portion of the driveway. Significant concerns about the fact that fill has been brought in and it displaces water to the road and neighbors. The applicant felt he should not have to fix the neighbors problems.

The applicant will explore mitigation options for the next meeting.

Motion:

Reiner makes a motion to continue to the next meeting. Seconded by Hall. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Request for Determination of Applicability, 2 Summer Street Foundation repairs on Coastal Bank

The applicant's home sits atop ledge. Is proposing to fill cracks in ledge with concrete to prevent damage to his foundation. The bedrock in fracturing in some locations. Work will be performed by hand.

Motion:

Reiner makes a motion to issue a Negative Determination. Seconded by Patek. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Request for Determination of Applicability, Nahant Road @ Little Nahant Road Accessibility improvements in buffer zone to Coastal Bank.

The MBTA is proposing to relocate the existing bus stops toward the Short Beach Playground in order to improve safety and accessibility. The Commission discussed addition of the sidewalk and crosswalk and limits of work.

Motion:

Reiner makes a motion to issue a Negative Determination. Seconded by Patek. Motion passes unanimously.

Other Business:

Review and approval of meeting minutes: July 21, 2021 August 11, 2021 August 18, 2021 September 15, 2021

Approval of meeting minutes was postponed to next meeting.

The Commission discussed erosion control concerns at various sites around town and potential remedies.

Motion to adjourn made by Famulari, seconded by Reiner. Passes unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristin Kent, Chair

Meeting Minutes approved by the Conservation Commission on November 17, 2021.