Town of Nahant Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 7:00 PM via Zoom



Meeting Opening

Attendance: Colleen Collins, Tom Famulari, Henry Hall, Mark Patek, and Skylar Tibbits

Meeting opened at 7:06 PM

1. Request for Determination of Applicability, 430 Nahant Road

Northeastern University

Proposed access road repairs within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and the 100 foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and Bank.

Northeastern University is proposing to rehabilitate the existing dirt access road on the site. The work is being undertaken at the request of the Nahant Department of Public Works and Fire Department. The contractor will excavate out the road material in order to maintain the existing roadway elevation. The applicant will install erosion controls and notify the Conservation Commission in advance of the work being performed.

Motion to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability, with the aforementioned conditions, made by Collins, seconded by Patek. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Request Certificate of Compliance, 151 Bass Point Road (047-0601)

Request to close out permit for construction of a single family home within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and the 100 foot buffer zone to Bank.

The applicant was not present for the meeting. Neighbors raised concerns regarding the amount of pavers on the site, changes in site elevation and stormwater runoff to the street. A site visit was scheduled for September 14, 2023 at 8:00 AM.

Motion to continue made by Famulari, seconded by Tibbits. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Enforcement Order, 12 Castle Road

Unpermitted driveway construction within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

Driveway work was observed at the site, without prior communication with the Commission. The property owner, Christian Howard, and his attorney were present for the meeting. The property owner stated that the work consisted of installation of a cobblestone border along the edge of the driveway to help keep the driveway gravel in place. The Commission conveyed that since the property lies entirely within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, work on the property must be communicated to the Commission.

Motion to lift the Enforcement Order made by Collins, seconded by Tibbits. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Little Nahant Playground

The Town is preparing to rehabilitate the Little Nahant Playground with the addition of two new play structures. Native sand excavated from the playground will be placed on the Short Beach dune. Work is anticipated to begin the week of 9/4/23.

New Business:

- A broken outfall pipe was discovered on Tudor Beach, which is believed to be impacting the
 effectiveness of the stormwater system in the area. The Town will be replacing the pipe in-kind
 immediately.
- The Commission discussed the status of the Short Beach dune project and when the Order of Conditions was set to expire (3/11/25).
- The Commission discussed challenges related to tree removal in Town. Town currently has a Tree Committee in place.
- Members of the Commission asked whether a plot plan was required for a building permit application. Ms. Kent will check with the Inspectional Services office.

Motion to adjourn by Tibbits, seconded by Collins. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristin Kent, Conservation Agent

Meeting Minutes approved by the Conservation Commission on November 15, 2023