

**PROVINCETOWN  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
JUDGE WELSH ROOM  
October 21, 2014  
6:30 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Dennis Minsky, David Hale, Lynne Martin and Mark Irving.

**Members Absent:** Barbara Prato (excused).

**Others Present:** Brian Carlson (Conservation Agent) and Ellen C. Battaglini (Recording Secretary).

Chair Dennis Minsky called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M.

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS:**

None.

**MINUTES:** Postponed to the end of the meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Administrative Review Determination:**

Application by **Romolo Del Deo** requesting permission to build an accessory studio at the property located at **Atkins Mayo Road** in Provincetown.

Mr. Del Deo appeared to discuss the project. The project has received a decision of 'no take' from Natural Heritage and Mr. Del Deo has submitted a planting plan. The Commission discussed the planting plan with Mr. Del Deo. He would like to keep as much tree cover on the south side as possible. Dennis said the Irene Seipt had told him that sassafras trees have a poor survival rate when transplanted. Mr. Del Deo said that he would just recycle them on the bluff or he will bag them for transplanting. Dennis said that Mr. Del Deo should develop a more detailed planting plan showing which trees will be impacted and what will be planted on the site as mitigation. The Commission discussed the planting plan. Brian will e-mail Mr. Del Deo a list of native trees recommended by the Commission. Mr. Del Deo agreed to replace each tree removed with a new one planted. Dennis would like Mr. Del Deo to put the planting plan in written form.

***David Hale moved to approve the Administrative Review with the condition that the six impacted trees identified on the plan be relocated to another area of the property if feasible, Mark Irving seconded and it was so voted, 4-0.***

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Notice of Intent**

Application by **Church of St. Mary of the Harbor, Terry Pannell, Rector**, represented by **Edward Dusek, , Manitou Architects**, for a **Notice of Intent** under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 131, §40, and the Provincetown Wetlands By-Law, Chapter 12. The scope of work will include the proposed reconstruction of existing foundations for Worship Hall at the property located at **517 Commercial Street** in Provincetown. Lynne Martin disclosed that she is a parishioner of the church.

**Presentation:** Edward Dusek appeared to present the application. Due to the badly deteriorated perimeter and interior footings and foundations of the Worship Hall, they will be repaired and replaced. The work will include some excavation and backfilling along the exterior perimeter of the Chancel area and along the east and west walls of the Nave. The area of excavation is 750 sq. ft. After the repair and replacement work, the ground will be restored to its current condition. Access for equipment and the delivery of materials will be via Commercial Street and the paved parking lot.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Commission Discussion:** The Commission questioned Mr. Dusek. Brian said that the project did not meet the threshold that would require that it be compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program. Mr. Dusek agreed and added that, pursuant to those regulations, there is less than 50% of the appraised value of the Church involved in the repair project.

*Dennis Minsky moved to approve the Notice of Intent by Church of St. Mary of the Harbor, Terry Pannell, Rector, represented by Edward Dusek, , Manitou Architects, under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. c. 131, §40, and the Provincetown Wetlands By-Law, Chapter 12 for the proposed reconstruction of existing foundations for Worship Hall at the property located at 517 Commercial Street with the Standard Order of Conditions and with the Special Condition that no work will commence until a DEP file number has been issued for the project, David Hale seconded and it was so voted, 4-0.*

## **DISCUSSION:**

### **Americorps Individual Placement work plan:**

Brian submitted a list of projects for the new Americorps person. Brian reviewed the list. The Commission discussed the list and decided to add database management.

### **Update on Coastal Resiliency Grant Program:**

Brian said that there was a stakeholder group session held at the Center for Coastal Studies. About 20-25 individuals attended. The panel identified high-risk areas for coastal storm flowage and damage in Town. There will be another meeting in January when the panel will be looking to site a potential pilot project, such as a dune restoration project in a high-risk area in Town and use of green structures, such as fiber coils and plantings.

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION STATEMENTS:**

Dennis got a call from Barbara Rushmore about the clear-cutting of trees on land owned by the National Seashore between Herring Cove and Race Point. Brian and Dennis called Karst Hoogeboom to discuss the situation. Mr. Hoogeboom said that tree pruning was always being done on National Seashore land, however in regard to the area in question, trees had to be removed because of work being done on the bike trail. The Commission briefly discussed the issue.

Dennis asked Brian if he had researched the Shank Painter Pond Sanctuary management plan in regard to bee hives and if he has contacted DPW about the survival of the trees at the Route 6 staging area. Dennis said he has been researching box turtle protection protocols to add to those proposed by DPW for work done at the Transfer Station. He would like to set up another Work Session with Rich Waldo to discuss protocols for DPW work.

**MINUTES: September 30, 2014 – *Dennis Minsky moved to approve the language as written, Mark Irving seconded and it was so voted, 4-0.***

**October 7, 2014 – *David Hale moved to approve the language as written, Dennis Minsky seconded and it was so voted, 4-0.***

**October 15, 2014 – *David Hale moved to approve the language as written, Dennis Minsky seconded and it was so voted, 4-0.***

**ADJOURNMENT: *Mark Irving moved to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. and it was so voted unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen C. Battaglini

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014  
Dennis Minsky, Chair