

PROVINCETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JUDGE WELSH ROOM IN TOWN HALL
March 1, 2011
6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Dennis Minsky, Lynne Martin Jack McMahon, David Hale and Hank Janowsky.

Members Absent: Barbara Prato (excused).

Others Present: Brian Carlson (Conservation Agent), Ellen C. Battaglini (Recording Secretary) and Mark Pfeifer (Americorps).

WORK SESSION

Dennis Minsky called the Work Session to order at 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES: February 15, 2011 – *Jack McMahon moved to approve the language as written, David Hale seconded and it was so voted, 5-0.*

OUTREACH MATERIALS AND SIGNAGE FOR SUZANNE’S GARDEN – MARK PFEIFER

The Commission reviewed and discussed Pfeif’s material, including a Conservation Commission logo, a booklet of local regulations, bumper stickers and t-shirt designs. Dennis suggested making a checklist for Conservation applicants. Pfeif also presented ideas for building information kiosks to be located at Old Colony Nature Pathway, Shank Painter Pond Wildlife Sanctuary and B-Street Gardens. Pfeif told Commissioners to send him their comments and suggestions about design, layout or text of the materials presented. He will e-mail any corrections he makes.

The Commission discussed the signage for Suzanne’s Garden and for the B Street Gardens.

MEETING PROTOCOL AND MONTHLY POSTING OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS IN NEWSPAPER – DENNIS

The Commission discussed publishing monthly postings of the Commission’s determinations in The Banner and online. The postings would include violations and determinations.

David Hale moved to publish any Notices of Violations in the legal section of The Banner as they occur, Dennis Minsky seconded and it was so voted, 5-0.

Dennis reviewed his 2007 memo about running an effective meeting and suggested changes in the dynamics of Conservation meetings, including posting the interests of the Wetland Act at each Public Hearing. Lynne has a copy of the original list and will make a large print-out to post. The Commission discussed the process of Public Hearings. Dennis will now explain the process for members of the public who are not familiar with the format of Public Hearings. The

Commission also discussed scheduling applicants, which was done for a brief period of time, but decided against it.

DRAFT RFPs FOR BEACH CLEANING PROJECT AND WATER QUALITY STUDY – DENNIS

The Commission discussed the process of publishing RFPs. Dennis has spoken to Pam Hudson about the issue. The Commission reviewed and discussed the contents of the RFP to determine the effects of beach raking. Evaluation of the effects of beach raking would be a condition of the Notice of Intent if approved. The Commission then discussed an RFP for water quality testing at Shank Painter Pond.

Lynne Martin moved to publish an RFP for a study to determine the general health of the southeastern lobe of Shank Painter Pond as presented, Dennis Minsky seconded and it was so voted, 5-0.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULATION AND BY-LAW UPDATES 2011 – BRIAN

The Commission reviewed the changes made to Chapter 12 and the Local Regulations. *David Hale moved to approve the amendments to the Wetlands Protection By-Law as presented and to insert same on the warrant for the April Annual Town Meeting, Dennis Minsky seconded and it was so voted, 5-0.*

David Hale moved to approve the amendments to the Conservation Commission's Local Regulations as presented, Hank Janowsky seconded and it was so voted, 5-0.

David Hale would like to do test Shank Painter Pond after a heavy rainfall.

David Hale moved that he and Brian Carlson coordinate more water quality testing for Shank Painter Pond, specifically after a heavy rainfall, Dennis Minsky seconded and it was so voted, 5-0.

GRANTS UPDATE – BRIAN

This topic will be discussed later.

B-STREET GARDENS - DAVID

The Commission discussed an art proposal for decorated beehives at the B Street Gardens. They would remain for the season. Signage would be erected.

Lynne Martin moved to approve the placement of no more than two decorated beehives at the B Street Garden, Dennis Minsky seconded and it was so voted, 5-0.

FEMA is requiring a minor amendment to the conservation restriction for Bay Harbour.

David Hale moved to amend the conservation restrictions for Bay Harbour as directed by Town Counsel, Lynne Martin seconded and it was so voted, 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: *Jack McMahon moved to adjourn at 9:00 P.M. and it was so voted unanimously.*

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Conservation Commission at their meeting on _____, 2011

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen C. Battaglini

Approved by _____ on _____, 2011
Dennis Minsky, Chair