

PROVINCETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JUDGE WELSH ROOM
June 5, 2012
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 6:32 P.M.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS:

Berta Romano, Trustee of Bay Colony Condominium appeared to bring the issue of the considerable erosion on the beach and to the stairs that access that beach in front of the property located at 690 Commercial Street to the attention of the Commission. She related the history of the regarding this area of the beach and its subsequent erosion over many years. The sand is being undermined by wave action and many large boulders that served as barriers to wave erosion have been moved as a result of recent storms. She is asking the Commission for permission to move the rocks back to their original positions where they would again act as barriers. She is proposing to contract to use a backhoe. The Commission questioned Ms. Romano and discussed the issue.

MINUTES: May 1, 2012 – The Commission postponed the approval of the minutes until the June 19, 2012 Public Hearing.

DISCUSSION:

State Land Grant application approval – Brian reviewed the details. The grant will fund the purchase of the Sateriale property.

David Hale moved to approve the submission of the application for a State Land Grant to fund the purchase of the Sateriale property, Dennis Minsky seconded and it was so voted, 4-0.

B Street Garden – The Commission briefly reviewed the application of Rebecca Matarazzi for a position on the B Street Garden Advisory Group.

Dennis Minsky moved to approve the application of Rebecca Matarazzi for a position on the B Street Garden Advisory Group, Mark Irving seconded and it was so voted, 4-0.

David has resigned as the chair of the B Street Advisory Group and Dennis is the interim Conservation Commission representative. He has had one meeting with the Group and will give each Commissioner a copy of the its report to discuss at the next meeting.

The apple tree on the property has a fungus. Dr. Tina Trudeau has been consulted and has suggested an organic solution to the problem.

Sherry Dranch alerted Dennis to a buried pipe at the property. Brian reported that it is a sump pump pipe from an abutting property. The Commission discussed how to deal with the issue as any discharging into a wetland is illegal.

David Hale moved to inquire as to the best method to eliminate the discharge from the sump pump pipe, possibly by cutting and plugging it, and if DPW can't do it, he may be able to, Dennis Minsky seconded and it was so voted, 4-0.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Shank Painter Pond Study - The flora and fauna survey has been completed, but hasn't yet been received. The Commission briefly discussed the issue.

Harry Kemp Way – Lynne Martin raised the issue of the Daphnis property project. The Commission briefly discussed the subject.

Old Dump – Dennis mentioned solar panel project at the old dump. He was wondering if there were environmental aspects to the project that should be investigated. The Commission would like to know more about the project as the area is under its jurisdiction.

Dennis found out from Scott, the head of the dump, that there has been mowing going on at the property. He thought that there was a restriction regarding what time of the year mowing could take place. Dennis would like to make sure that best practices are being followed. Brian will look into it.

ADJOURNMENT: *Lynne Martin moved to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. and it was so voted unanimously.*

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Conservation Commission at their meeting on _____, 2012

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen C. Battaglini

Approved by _____ on _____, 2012
Dennis Minsky, Chair