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HARWICH CONSERVATION COMMISSION - MINUTES

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Thursday, February 27, 2025 – 6:00 PM

TOWN HALL - GRIFFIN ROOM – HYBRID PARTICIPATION

Commissioners and Staff Present: Chairman John Ketchum, Wayne Coulson, Mark Coleman, Sophia Pilling, and Conservation Administrator Amy Usowski

Commissioners Absent: Vivienne Mulhall-Maguire

There were issues with GoToMeeting and remote participation was not possible. As this meeting was advertised to be hybrid, to avoid any issues with violating Open Meeting Law, the Conservation Commission opened and continued almost all matters below to March 5, 2025. The exception was for items where there was to be no public discussion.

Call to Order

Chairman Ketchum called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following applicants have filed a Notice of Intent

Jeffrey Lang and Sandra Wycoff, 11 River Bend Road, Map 1, Parcel G1-9. Replacement of an existing wooden bulkhead, the installation of floats with scallop growing nets, and dredging at the base of the bulkhead to allow for scallop growing nets to remain submerged at low tide. Salt Marsh restoration is also proposed in eroded areas. *Continuance of the Feb 5, 2025 meeting.*

John Ketchum moved and Wayne Coulson seconded to continue the hearing without testimony to March 5, 2025. All in favor, hearing continued. Vote: 4:0

Eric & Jane Peterson, 277 Great Western Rd, Map 38, Parcel A1-11. After-the-Fact tree and shrub removal and replanting.

John Ketchum moved and Wayne Coulson seconded to continue the hearing without testimony to March 5, 2025. All in favor, hearing continued. Vote: 4:0

Kathleen & Sal Lupoli, 11 & 15 Shore Rd, Map 2, Parcel B1-14 & B1-11. Repair existing bulkhead and concrete seawall.

John Ketchum moved and Wayne Coulson seconded to continue the hearing without testimony to March 5, 2025. All in favor, hearing continued. Vote: 4:0

The following applicants have filed a Request for Determination of Applicability

John Shaw, 175 Gorham Rd, Map 24, Parcel R4. Enclosing a 108 sq. ft. area to connect two existing rooms.

John Ketchum moved and Wayne Coulson seconded to continue the hearing without testimony to March 5, 2025. All in favor, hearing continued. Vote: 4:0

James Welch, 0 & 45 Snow Inn Rd, Map F-2,F-3 Parcel N-4. Renovations/additions to existing boathouse and installation of grinder pump system. *The applicant has asked for a continuance to the March 19, 2025, meeting.*

John Ketchum moved and Mark Coleman seconded to continue the hearing to March 19, 2025. All in favor, hearing continued. Vote: 4:0

Order of Conditions:

Round Cove Resort, 2173 Rt 28 - Head of the Bay Rd. Map 115, Parcel S1-3. Coastal Bank Vegetation Restoration.

Mark Coleman moved and Wayne Coulson seconded to close the hearing and issue the Order of Conditions. All in favor, motion passed. Vote 4:0.

Discussion and Possible Vote

1. Request to install a memorial bench in the Bells Neck Conservation Area – Commissioners authorized the Conservation Administrator to work with the requesting party on a proper location and installation with DPW.
2. Herring River Study Update – no discussion, matter to be on the March 5, 2025 agenda.
3. Wrap-up of Jan 31 Nutrient Management Meeting and discussion of next steps – no discussion, matter to be on the March 5, 2025 agenda.

Minutes:

1/31/25 and 2/5/25 - Wayne Coulson moved and Mark Coleman seconded to approve these sets of minutes. All in favor, minutes approved. Vote 4:0

6:32pm – Wayne Coulson moved and Mark Coleman seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4:0, meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Amy Usowski, Conservation Administrator