



HULL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Quarterly Report: July 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018

The Hull Conservation Commission hereby submits our Quarterly Report for the period ending September 30, 2018. The Commission is composed of local volunteers occupying up to seven available positions that are appointed to 3-year terms by the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Elizabeth Fish resigned from the Commission on August 30th. The Commission wishes to thank Ms. Fish for her dedicated service with the Commission. There are currently two vacant positions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings vary in length, but typically last 2-3 hours. Prior to each meeting, the Commission conducts a site visit for each permit requested. The Commission addressed the following permit requests and issues during this quarter:

24 Notices of Intent

8 Requests for Determination

6 Wetlands Violation Notices

9 Requests for Certificates of Compliance

0 Amendments of Orders of Conditions

1 Emergency Certification

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

In addition to formal permitting, the Commission offers comment on town projects and works informally with citizens to advise on projects and resolve potential violations.

The Town contracted with MA Audubon to manage the monitoring of Piping Plovers. At the end of the season, there were three chicks that fledged.

Funding was received for the Conservation Department's request of \$142,011 from CZM's Coastal Resiliency Program to examine nature-based solutions for community resilience on North Nantasket Beach.

The Commission approved the traditional beach public access maintenance permit to include town access paths north of A St to XYZ St because of changes in beach characteristics (sand accumulation and vegetation) and the need and requests of citizens in this section of Nantasket Beach.

The Conservation Department continues to coordinate our community's involvement in FEMA's Community Rating System which encourages sound flood plain development and improves resiliency to storm surge and flood damages. This year, the Department was able to achieve a level 7 rating for the Town which translates to an additional 5% savings on premiums for residents with flood insurance.

Upcoming Initiatives

The Conservation Department will continue to work with the DPW to enforce a policy issued by the Selectmen to fill unpermitted dune openings along Beach Avenue. This policy is in place in order to ensure a continual stabilized primary dune, which protects the Town from coastal flooding and provides coastal storm protection. In addition, the Department is working with DPW on a variety of projects, including improving storm drainage along Beach Avenue through improved protection from sedimentation, culvert repair along Access Rd, and localized flooding at the High School, storm water channeling along upper Nantasket Avenue and along Stoney Beach Rd.

A cobble relocation pilot permit was issued for the upper portion of Nantasket Beach (between T and V Sts) as a means to evaluate the effectiveness of cobble relocation and sand replacement in reducing the potential for cobble projectiles to adjacent homes.

The Commission will continue to volunteer their time to serve the citizens of Hull by protecting the natural resources of the town through regulation, education, and environmental planning.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Paquin, Chair

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