

**Hull Conservation Commission
Meeting Memo
Tuesday, February 22, 2022
Meeting held online, via GoToMeeting**

Meeting Remote Location	Remote Call-in meeting with GoToMeeting: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/498239093 OR: By Phone: (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 498-239-093
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Members Present: Paul Paquin, Chair, Tammy Best, Katherine Jacintho, Lou Sorgi

Members Absent: Sam Campbell

Staff Present: Chris Krahforst, Conservation Administrator, Renee Kiley, Conservation Clerk

Staff Absent: none

Minutes: Minutes of 2/08/2022: Motion by Sorgi to approve the minutes as amended, 2nd by Jacintho. Roll call: Best-aye, Sorgi-aye, Jacintho-aye, Paquin-aye

7:30 Call to order

Review of Agenda, Meeting Procedure, and approved permit guidance

Minutes

7:40 Jacintho left meeting

7:45 Jacintho returned to meeting

7:40 2A Marina Drive Map 60/Lot 900 (SE35-1659) Continuation of a Public Hearing on the Notice of Intent filed by Spinnaker Island & Yacht Club Association for work described as repairs to Spinnaker Island Causeway Bridge. Notification: proof provided. **Resource Areas:** Land **Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage:** FEMA VE 12. **Site Visits done:** 2/7 and 2/8

Representatives: Danielle Goudreau, Erica Gucfa, Ryan McCoy

Abutters/Others: P. Tokadjian, Hull Municipal Light

Documents: None

Goudreau stated that they are still waiting on comments from Mass Wildlife Natural Heritage Program and will be coordinating with Town departments and will draft a set of special conditions for the Commission to consider based on these inputs, including the DMF's comments already received. Krahforst stated that several Town Department Heads voiced interested in meeting with the applicant to discuss this project regarding public safety access, coordination with the harbor master, and utility components (electrical conduit) of the causeway. Krahforst stated that our department hasn't heard back from Natural Heritage and that he did reach out to them regarding this project recently.

Commissioner: Do the various Town Depts. have any conservation issues? Krahforst: While we do have comments from MA Fisheries, we are still waiting for comments from Natural Heritage. Commissioner: Since we don't have comments from Natural Heritage and the various Town departments we cannot issue an order of conditions and should continue this hearing until those comments have been received. Another Commissioner: The town hasn't had a chance to meet with the applicant and they may have special conditions for the Commission to consider. Goudreau: We do have a meeting with Town Departments scheduled for tomorrow morning at 10am. We've done these projects in the past and we always coordinate with all town departments. Tokadjian, operations manager HMLP, spoke about electrical conduits that may need servicing and a question of their ownership. Goudreau recommended a conversation offline and that the Association is developing a maintenance plan for the bridge.

Motion by Sorgi to continue the hearing until March 8th; 2nd by Best. Paquin-aye, Best-aye, Sorgi-aye, Jacintho-aye

Certificate of Compliance Requests

63 Bay St (SE35-1207)

Krahforst- Project was for a small addition added to the rear of home. Applicant included elements built (utility platform/shower) that was not part of the original plan of record. A new annotated plan has been submitted including these elements. Motion to issue a certificate of compliance by Sorgi, 2nd by Best. Sorgi-aye, Paquin-aye Jacintho-aye, Best-aye

Continued and New Business

Spinnaker Island 20-30 Marina Drive (SE35-1451) Extension Request for gap stone revetment, revegetation and invasive species management. The invasive species management aspect still needs to be completed and subsequent growing season would still be needed. Motion by Sorgi to issue an extension for one year. 2nd by Best. Jacintho-aye, Paquin-aye, Best-aye, Sorgi-aye

MACC Annual Environmental Conference

Krahforst suggested reviewing conference schedule and letting the Dept. know which sessions Commissioners would like to attend. Registration window is closing soon.

Conservation Commission 2021 Annual Report to the Select Board.

Commission is still reviewing. Best recommends including information about the Straits Pond pedestrian accessway that was successfully supported by the Community Preservation Committee.

Future Conservation Commission meetings: remote or in-person?

Commissioner: It is a very serious issue. Do we want to do a pro and cons? Another Commissioner: It's great to be able to do hearings from anywhere. It is much easier to share all the information; it is more difficult for an applicant to see what we are looking at in an in-person meeting. A remote format is easier for public participation. Commissioner: I thought that the state would order continuing remote meetings because more people can get involved. Commissioner: What about a hybrid option? Another Commissioner: Without being told to, is there any reason to go back to in-person meetings? Krahforst: A hybrid meeting option may not meet open meeting law requirements. Further, remote format may be unfair for marginalized groups to participate (e.g., for the less technologically savvy; weak internet connections, etc.) The Town is moving back to in-person meeting. Town council is indicating that in-person is a better format for satisfying open meeting law requirements. I am hoping to upgrade our in-person meeting experience with better display electronics. Do we disadvantage a certain aspect of the public by staying online? Or is it a disadvantage to meet in person? Commissioner: A representative participating in in-person public meetings could be fiscally more costly for applicants because of the time commitment to travel and attend in-person meetings compared to on-line participation. The remote meetings seem to go smoother than in-person meetings. The Commission decided to continue remote meetings until informed otherwise by the Town.

Violations and Compliance issues

Continuation of HRA Parking Lot, Map 33/Lot 066 *Postponed until March 8th*

8:15 Motion by Sorgi to adjourn; 2nd by Jacintho. Best-aye, Sorgi-aye, Jacintho-aye, Paquin-aye