

HULL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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TUESDAY, February 12, 2019 Meeting held at Hull Town Hall, 2nd Floor

Members Present: Paul Paquin, Chair, Sean Bannen, Paul Epstein, Chris Oliveri

Members Absent: Lou Sorgi

Staff Present: Chris Krahforst, Conservation Administrator

Staff Absent: Sarah Clarren, Assistant Conservation Administrator **Minutes:** The minutes of 1/22/2019 were drafted, but not reviewed.

7:33 Call to order

7:35 33 E St., Map 16/Lot 190 (SE35-1459) Opening of a Public Hearing on the Notice of Intent filed by Richard Cotier for work described as a 10' x 14' kitchen addition to existing home.

Representatives: Richard Cotter Abutters/Others: none present

Documents:

R. Cotter said that the existing deck is being removed and replaced with an addition. The Commission asked about the shed, to which R. Cotter said one was pre-existing.

Upon a motion by P. Epstein 2nd by S. Bannen and a vote of 4-0;

It was **voted** to:

Close the Public Hearing and **approve** the Order of Conditions with the Standard Special Conditions. The Order of Conditions was **signed**.

- 7:40 163 Nantasket Ave, Map 38/Lot 024 (SE35-1460) Opening of a Public Hearing on the Notice of Intent filed by Steve Austin for work described as construction of new ~7300 sf mixed use building. The applicant has requested a continuance until Feb 26, 2019 at a time TBD.
 - Upon a motion by P. Epstein 2nd by S. Bannen and a vote of 4-0;

It was voted to:

Continue the Public Hearing to 02/26/2019 at a time to be determined.

7:45 2 Main St, and 25 & 27James Ave. Map 06/Lots 074-076 (SE35-1461)) Opening of a Public Hearing on the Notice of Intent filed by Jim Dow for work described as repair of James Avenue storm drain structures and Seawall.

Representatives: John Struzziery, Director of Wastewater Operations

Abutters/Others: Kim O'Flerrity (15 James Ave); Marie McGilvray (9 James Ave); Helen Weiser (2 Main St)

Documents:

J. Struzziery began by stating that James Avenue has had some drainage issues and in a January storm, there was a significant breach in the seawall, which undermined the seawall. The Town proposes installing deep sump catch basins to catch the water from the roadway, regrade the roadway, abandon the two existing culverts and create a new culvert that would allow the water to properly drain.

The proposed project would also inject polymer grout on each side of the seawall along a 32' stretch that will help stabilize the area that continues to undermine the wall. If the polymer injections resolve the issue, the Town may consider expanding the project. It was noted that the project is a pilot project.

- C. Krahforst noted that it is a rehabilitation of a pre-existing stormwater drainage system. He added that usually, such a permit would need to comply with stormwater standards, but due to the emergency nature of the seawall and the improvements that the deep sump catch basins will bring to the site, no stormwater report was required. He added that he alerted DEP and DMF of the project and no additional concerns were raised. The Commission suggested that the site be monitored to confirm that the polymer injections remain in place.
- K. O'Flerrity of 15 James Ave asked how long the project would take, to which J. Struzziery said there would be site preparation, but once the site is ready, the injections would only take 1-2 days and installation of the new catch basins

would take an additional few days. He added that the project would begin as soon as the appeal period is over. K. O'Flerrity of 15 James Ave asked if the seawall would be raised, to which J. Struzziery said no. H. Weiser of 2 Main St. said during the last storm, water was pouring in; she added that the project sounds like it would help the neighborhood. M. McGilvray of 9 James Ave said that the seawall is so low and the seawall itself is in poor condition. J. Struzziery said that the Town is currently reviewing all town-owned seawalls. H. Weiser said that slats used to be installed at the opening to the beach. M. McGilvray of 9 James Ave suggested that jersey barriers be installed on the beach as water pours in at a couple different locations; she added that she has videos of it. C. Krahforst stated that they will conduct a second site visit. C. Krahforst asked if M. McGilvray could email a video to him, to which she agreed.

One Special Condition was added as follows:

1) All work on the seaward side of existing wall must be conducted during lower tidal stages Upon a **motion** by P. Epstein **2nd** by S. Bannen and a **vote** of 4-0;

It was voted to:

Close the Public Hearing and **approve** the Order of Conditions with the above listed Special Conditions. The Order of Conditions was **signed**.

7:50 Parking lot area adjacent to 143 Beach Ave., Map 19/Lot 164 (SE35-1415) Continuation of a Public Hearing on the Notice of Intent filed by Arjan Kraan for work described as post-storm clean up of sand in parking lot adjacent to 143 Beach Ave.

Representatives: none present Abutters/Others: none present

Documents: none.

C. Krahforst said that the Conservation Department tried calling the applicant multiple times in the past week to check in on the application. The applicant had previously and continuously followed-suit to two similar applications, which have both withdrawn their applications. C. Krahforst noted that the last time he spoke with the applicant, the applicant indicated that they were considering withdrawing their application, but continued it to the present meeting. C. Krahforst stated that he has not received any notice of a continuance request from the applicant, despite the Department reaching out. C. Krahforst then noted that the Town has withdrawn its support of the application.

• Upon a **motion** by P. Epstein **2nd** by S. Bannen and a **vote** of 4-0;

It was **voted** to:

Dismiss the application.

Certificate of Compliance Requests

None.

Continued and New Business

MACC Annual Conference, March 2nd Worcester: C. Krahforst indicated that workshops have been announced for MACC's Annual Conference and said that if any Commissioners would like to go, they should indicate which workshops they would like to take. C. Krahforst stated that if any Commissioners would like to attend the MVP workshop, they should RSVP.

Quarterly Report (new): The Commission approved the Quarterly Report.

Tomorrow (2/13): Webinar: *Climate Change for Conservationists – What can we do?* From 12-12:30 (new): C. Krahforst informed the Commission of the meeting.

Violations and Compliance issues

11 Rockland Circle (new): C. Krahforst noted that he reached out to the property manager, but has yet to hear back.

9:40 Upon a **motion** by P. Epstein and **2nd** by S. Bannen and a **vote** of 4-0;

It was **voted** to: Adjourn.