

On 7/18/2019, on a motion by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, the Commission voted unanimously, 5-0, to approve these minutes as amended.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2019

Members Present: Rick Bishop (Chairman), Tom Durkin, Ellie Lawrence, Philip Johnston, Paul Huggins and Patricia Mulhearn

Member(s) Absent: Cris Luttazi

Staff: Kelly Grant – Conservation Administrator

Start Time: 6.30pm

YARMOUTH TOWN CLERK

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Request for Determination of Applicability:

Jeff Colby, Town of Yarmouth, **Center Street**, Yarmouth Port, MA, proposed stabilization of the road shoulder within the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland and within land subject to coastal storm flowage. Mr. Jeff Colby DPW Director for the Town of Yarmouth addressed the Commission and presented that proposed work. Commissioner Huggins stated he had no objection to the material proposed but doesn't understand the point of the project as there are other more important areas in town to be addressed. He has found no problem with reaching Bass Hole on foot or by bike. At a previous meeting the Commission was told that this project is not a priority for the Town. He commented that sidewalk priorities should include West Yarmouth Road and Forest Road. Mr. Colby responded that there are other sidewalk projects in progress including Higgins Crowell Rd. Commissioner Lawrence asked for clarification on the phasing of the project. Mr. Colby responded that the section north of Alms House Road would be completed first. Commissioner Durkin commented that he appreciates the efforts of the Department of Public Works to adhere to the town regulations which prohibit development in wetland areas. He asked if there is considered to be a safety hazard due to vehicular traffic. Mr. Colby responded that there is a hazard to pedestrians during the busy summer season and the idea of the project is to get pedestrians off the road. Commissioner Johnston asked if the hard shoulder improvement will hold up to wheelchair traffic. Mr. Colby responded that the Town hasn't used it before but it is designed for this purpose. Commissioner Durkin made a motion to issue a Negative 2 and 3 Determination for the project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence. The motion carries unanimously.

Mark Haggerty, **12 Jessie's Lane**, South Yarmouth, MA, proposed jetski float to existing private dock on Bass River. Mr. Matt Creighton of BSC Group represented the applicant and presented the proposed work. Commissioner Bishop commented that the regulations clearly state that the float shall be limited to 200 square feet. Commissioner Mulhearn expressed concern with the additional float size. Commissioner Lawrence commented that this is different to the mooring of a boat as a boat is moved regularly. She also expressed concern at the increase in float size. Mr. Creighton commented that jetski floats are very common on the Cape, and their use is causing the same issue in other towns, but there is not another good solution. Commissioner Lawrence suggested the existing floats could be reduced to allow room for the jetski float or a dolly system could be used. Commissioner Durkin asked for clarification on the depth of water under the float. Mr. Creighton confirmed the depth would be 2.7 feet. Commissioner Johnston commented that the proposal exceeds the permitted float size. Commissioner Bishop acknowledged there will be an uphill battle dealing with these floats. Mr. Creighton commented that the float meets the other regulations for distance to other docks. Commissioner Huggins