

**Tisbury Conservation Commission**  
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**MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2014**

- Present: Thomas Robinson, Chair, John Best (in at 7:30 pm), Nancy Weaver, Anne Good, Caroline Little, Laura Barbera, Assistant and Jane Varkonda, agent.

Site inspections were scheduled for May 27, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

**14-15: MassDOT - 7:30 p.m.**

Robinson opened the public meeting for the treatment and control of invasive species.

Andy Schlenker, DOT, was present and explained that the project involves treating invasives around the bridge, in association with the drawbridge replacement on Beach Road.

They have hired New England Environmental to perform the work, the purpose of which is to protect the proposed landscape plantings and to prevent the future spread of invasive species from documented locations into un-infested project work areas.

NEE will perform follow-up control measures and inspections during the construction project.

Weaver motioned to issue a negative determination. Best second the motion. It was unanimously approved.

**14-15: Kathleen Katterhagen – 7:40 p.m.**

Robinson opened the public hearing for a vegetative maintenance program.

Michael Donaroma explained that this property is completely overgrown with invasives and brambles so they intend to brush cut and mow over the period of 2 years and see what grows back.

No trees are proposed to be cut and there is no planting plan at this time, just removal of invasive plants.

He will use a bobcat with a brushcutter and all debris will be removed by hand.

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They also intent to maintain a path, which now meanders over an abutter's property, keeping it entirely on the locus lot.

Weaver read a letter from the Halpins on 24 Crocker Avenue will concerns about proposed plantings which may obstruct their view of the water in the future.

Weaver motioned to close the hearing. Good second the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Good motioned to approve the application with standard conditions. Weaver second the motion. It was unanimously approved.

**14-16: Richard and Rosemary Nelson – 7:50 p.m.**

Robinson opened the public hearing for an addition to an existing dwelling and septic tank replacement.

Chuck Sullivan explained that an addition will be constructed on the landward side of the house and the existing septic tank will be relocated.

Best pointed out that the area is all lawn and slopes away from the water.

A letter from Leroy Eakin was read in support of the application.

Weaver motioned to close the hearing. Good second the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Best motioned to approve the application. Weaver second the motion. It was unanimously approved.

**14-14: Robert Landreth – (continuation)**

Robinson opened the continued public hearing for erosion mitigation of a coastal bank and for beach nourishment.

George Sourati and Seth Wilkinson were present. Mr. Wilkinson explained that the owners of the property are very concerned about four large oaks and one large pitch pine that are in danger of falling over so they are proposing gabion baskets to maintain a healthy growing medium around the root systems with the hope that they will re-establish.

Also included in the project is work within 360 linear feet to protect a coastal bank at the shoreline. Three to six rows of fiber rolls placed starting at elevation 2.5 up to elevation 8 will be placed on the bank. In addition 185 cubic yards of sand nourishment will be used along with intensive replanting of native plants to manage the erosion and create a stable slope, in accordance with CZM's "Stormsmart Properties."

Best wondered what would be done with the gabions if the trees fall over anyway and Mr. Wilkinson stated that the commission could require their removal in that event.

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Good wondered about where the nourishment will come from and Mr. Wilkinson stated that they will be using course sand taken from a beach in Oak Bluffs.

The members were concerned that armoring the bank, even with a soft solution, may not comply with the regulations, in that, a structure has to be within 100 feet.

Robinson suggested having Jane contact DEP to discuss the issue.

Mr. Wilkinson presented a possible finding for the commission to use if they approve the application.

The hearing was continued to June 3, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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