

Tisbury Conservation Commission
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MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2022

Present via remote participation: Thomas Robinson, Nancy Weaver, John Best, Caroline Little, Amelia Hambrecht, Lilian Robinson, Sandra Demel, Jane Varkonda, conservation agent and Laura Barbera, administrative assistant

21-26: Louis Paciello– 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Robinson opened the public hearing for demolition, reconstruction and addition to a pre-existing non-conforming dwelling.

Bill Lockwood architect, Louis Paciello and Caleb Nicholson, Contemporary Landscapes attended.

It was noted that this hearing was continued so the applicant could complete the ZBA process.

Ms. Robinson inquired about an advanced treatment septic system and Mr. Lockwood stated that the leach field is out of conservation jurisdiction.

Jane added that the commission could only recommend advanced treatment, not condition it. She asked Mr. Nicholson about a landscaping plan.

Mr. Nicholson stated that he will use a fescue lawn and is working with the neighbors on the fencing and planting plan.

Also runoff will be addressed with a drip edge on the roof which will collect the water before it drains into the resource area.

Mr. Best pointed out the proposed four foot buffer being provided would be acceptable in his opinion, but other members were looking for a larger buffer.

Rick Homans, abutter applauded the applicants attempts to mitigate any negative impacts on the environment and on his property.

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Ms. Robinson asked the applicant to limit fertilizer use in Tashmoo and Jane noted that the Board of Health allows only non-organic fertilizer.

Ms. Weaver motioned to close the hearing. Mr. Best second the motion. It was unanimously approved by roll-call vote, except for Mr. Robinson's abstention who did not attend the first hearing.

Ms. Weaver motioned to approve the application with conditions to include the suggestion of nitrogen reduction septic and the submittal of an acceptable landscape plan showing a larger buffer along the top of the bank. Ms. Little second the motion. Mr. Robinson abstained. All else voted unanimously in favor by roll-call vote.

21-30: Kuffie's Point LLC – Continuation.

Mr. Robinson opened the continued public meeting for the replacement of an existing porch and deck.

Chris Alley explained that they will be replacing an old piece of a structure which has acted as a connector between two sections of building but is skewed on the lot with a second story deck.

The work will measure seventy feet from the top of the bank where they will install five posts to support the deck.

There was a question about what if anything was proposed under the second story deck as a screened porch was shown on the plan. Mr. Alley explained that only a bluestone patio with a retractable shade will be used under the second story deck which will be dry laid at grade four inches below the basement level.

Ms. Weaver motioned to issue a negative determination. Mr. Best second the motion. It was unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

20-11: R.M. Packer (Tisbury Marine Terminal) – 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Robinson opened the public hearing for repairs and improvements to an existing marine infrastructure and maintenance facility for offshore wind support.

Susan Nilson, Foth Infrastructure and Carlos Pena were present.

Mr. Robinson cautioned the audience that this hearing was being held to discuss impacts of the proposal on the resource areas, not about the use. This project has been vetted and approved by the Martha's Vineyard Commission and Tisbury Planning Board.

Ms. Nison explained that at the southern portion of the development site Includes two (2) barge ramps extending seaward, over-sheeting of the steel bulkhead, reconstructing and filling of the solid fill wharf, and maintenance dredging Upgrades to the TMT Barging Operations will provide enhanced facilities for

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the transport of bulk, cargo and other products essential for the economy on the island. It will provide alternative off-peak transportation for island cargo that would otherwise be shipped through the SSA

On the northern portion of the development Site a transportation hub for the offshore wind industry through the three vessel berthing spaces. Strategically located near the New England wind farm lease sites and the only deep-water harbor on Martha's Vineyard

The pile supported pier designed to support offshore wind by allowing spare parts, general maintenance equipment, tools, and wind farm technicians to be transferred from onshore to offshore by vessels.

Wetland resource Areas include barrier beach, coastal beach, coastal dune, land under ocean and land containing shellfish, land subject to coastal storm flowage, NHESP – Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife and Rare Species

Proposed project elements within coastal beach and coastal dune include bulkheads, fill, pile supported deck and access ramp, barge ramp, fuel storage, dredging and beach nourishment. Tisbury Wetland Regulations.

The proposed project is exempt from the Barrier Beach provisions within the Tisbury Wetland Regulations. The proposed project was revised and shifted seaward, increasing the length of the pile supported deck to minimize the intertidal dredge area impact while maintaining navigation.

Abutter Phil Hale inquired about the square footage of platform or work area and about the wave wash wall and Mr. Pena answered 36,336 square feet. There will be very small windows only 1 foot in diameter and will not impact wave action.

Ms. Weaver pointed out that this project will add $\frac{3}{4}$ acre over the harbor when in fact the town should be retreating.

Ed Pachico asked about catch basins and Mr. Pena responded that there will be basins every fifty feet with 3 inches of sediment, cleaned regularly.

Danielle Ewart, shellfish constable stated that she has questions about the project but was not quite ready to comment at this time.

John Crocker, harbormaster, commented that he didn't see any navigational issues with the project.

The hearing was continued until January 18, 2022.

Discussion:

A site inspection was scheduled for Wilfred's Pond managed by the Land Bank on January 11, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Ms. Robinson brought up what she considered excessive tree cutting on a property on Harborview Lane.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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