

MINUTES
Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission
February 8, 2010 – 12:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joan Hughes, Bob Ford, John Breckenridge, Terry Appenzellar

OTHERS PRESENT: Carlos Pena, Michael Dutton

Town of Oak Bluffs – NOI to repair approximately 730' of existing licensed seawall, 730' of existing, licensed rip-rap, and construct a 10' wide boardwalk, with benches, lighting, ramps and other amenities on the North Bluff, 21 Sea View Avenue Extension. All components will accommodate ADA guidelines for access between the Oak Bluffs Harbor and the Steamship Authority dock

Mr. Pena explained the project in detail. Research included the study of topography, bathymetry, and geo-technical borings. Best management practices will be used for stormwater management. Beach access will be improved and the project will be coordinated with the proposed Bathhouse renovation project. Because it is all above mean high water only an Order of Conditions is required. The seawall will be four feet higher than it is today. A motion as made and seconded to approve the plan, with conditions, and including in the Order the stormwater management requirements in the Notice of Intent. All voted in favor.

Discussion of Applied Coastal Engineering study of sediment transport & recommendations for shoreline restoration

Mr. Pena stated that the comprehensive permitting for the entire beach project, including nourishment, groin realignment, and eel grass protection mitigation will take about a year.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Durkee
Conservation Agent

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Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission
May 25, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joan Hughes, chairman, John Breckenridge, Bob Ford, Caleb Nicholson

OTHERS PRESENT: Carlos Pena, Penny Hinkle, Avril Espy, Mark Crossland

Gottesman – continued NOI to maintain an existing boardwalk and to license and maintain an existing floating pier at 19 Calves Pasture Lane

A motion as made and seconded to continue the hearing to June 22, 2010 at 4:30 pm; all voted in favor.

Town of Oak Bluffs – Request to amend Order of Conditions SE53-0582 (North Bluff seawall repair and boardwalk) to include ADA Access Ramp at 21 Sea View Avenue

After a brief description of the project and discussion a motion as made and seconded to approve the request for an amendment; all voted in favor.

Richlin – NOI for the removal of pitch pines and replanting of native vegetation for hillside stabilization at 21 Ice Pond Lane

Ms. Espy stated that 16 pitch pines would be removed with 2 for 1 planting replacement, keep the stumps, compost, mulch, irrigate for one year.

Commission comments:

- A landscape plan is needed
- Taking maximum out with minimal return
- Survey trees for damage, disease
- Commission requires view channels
- Need more plantings

A motion was made and seconded to continue the hearing to June 22, 2010 at 4:00 pm; all voted in favor.

Cruz – NOI for clearing a sitting area and selective pruning at 8 Fresh Pond Road

Mr. Crossland described the project, to make a lawn area for a bench and canoe, cut brush to 30 inches, prune up one oak. A motion was made and seconded to approve the project; all voted in favor.

Vote on ratification of Enforcement Order – Sengekontacket Community Association

A motion as made and seconded to ratify the Order; all voted in favor.

Update on East Chop 'puddle' stormwater management project

The easements are in the works; the East Chop Association's is ready. The work must be done by 6/30.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn; all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Durkee

MINUTES
Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission
Tuesday, June 3, 2014
4:00 pm – Town Hall

Members Present: Joan Hughes, Ron Zentner, John Breckenridge, Penny Hinkle

Others Present: Carlos Pena, Kris Chvatal, Matthew Dix, George Sourati

Town of Oak Bluffs – Request to amend Order of Conditions SE53-0582 (North Bluff seawall and boardwalk project) for modifications to provide access to the Fish Pier, temporary sheet piles/cofferdam, additional pedestrian access stairways, and landscaping/plaza area modifications at 21 Sea View Avenue Extension

Mr. Pena stated that the project has come back to life now that there are funding sources and amendments include removing part of the fish pier during construction, adding the pocket park, a staircase, and coffer dams. With regard to the cofferdams, the contractor will be required to get approval from the Commission for a dewatering plan. He stated that there will be no work in summer and the hope is it will start in the fall of 2014, pending FEMA funds. He stated that there will be a separate contract for the landscaping and lighting. There was discussion about the funding situation – there is funding from the Dam/Seawall grant and Seaport Council grant but FEMA funds are also needed. There was discussion of the planting plan and the use of sheeting to control undermining of the seawall. Mr. Breckenridge asked about the status of engineering for the harbor jetties. Mr. Pena stated that John Ramsey has been looking at it and perhaps the Army Corps of Engineers. A motion as made by Mr. Breckenridge and seconded by Mr. Zentner to approve the amendments with the condition that the Commission approve a dewatering plan. All voted in favor.

MV Land Bank – NOI to relocate existing pull-off and 4 car parking area, upgrade and maintain 750' of causeway trail, install 7 earthen steps from road shoulder to beach, clear invasives from causeway by mowing, and install split rail fence to consolidate parking drop-off area at Doug's Cove Preserve, Lagoon Pond, Beach Road

Mr. Dix stated that the plan is designed to create order from chaos. There will be onsite parking for 4 cars, mostly screened from the road, with the removal of bittersweet and one cedar, and the addition of crushed shells to stabilize the soft sand. The causeway will be mowed, invasives mowed to allow growth of natives, a crushed shell path to be universally accessible wherever possible. There will be no excavation. If the mowing of invasives does not work the Land Bank may request an amendment to treat them and plant native species. He stated that trees that destabilize the bank will be cut, four earthen steps created for access from the road, some fencing by the road, and visitors will be encouraged to park at Eastville Beach. The four car spaces will be for loading

MINUTES
Tuesday, June 16, 2015
Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission
4:00 pm - Town Hall

Members present: Joan Hughes, Terry Appenzellar, Ron Zentner, Penny Hinkle

Others present: Carlos Pena, Jason Lew, Inge Lew, George Sourati, Richard Smith, David Laikin

Town of Oak Bluffs – Request to amend Order of Conditions SE53-0582 (North Bluff Seawall & Boardwalk Project) for the following modifications: revised seawall design, relocation of accessible beach access ramp, boardwalk width, landscaping/plaza area modifications, and concrete sidewalk and timber guardrail at 21 Sea View Avenue Extension

Mr. Pena stated that the plans have been modified because FEMA backed out of the funding mechanism and so \$2 million had to be shaved off the project. He stated that the plan is to drive steel sheet piles along the outside of existing seawall with the boardwalk above it. He stated that this will be less intrusive work, have less impact, will be much easier, and the Town will be bidding with an alternative so if there is enough money the sheeting will continue along the entire seawall (to SSA). A sidewalk and rail has been added along the roadway.

Ms. Hughes stated that it is a different use of material. Mr. Pena stated that the sheeting will be driven in front of the seawall, tied off with anchor ties, and the area behind the sheeting will be filled with cobble. He stated that it is as good a solution as the original, is less expensive, and easier to build. Dr. Lew asked about stairs across from his house. Mr. Pena stated that there will be stairs at the harbor end with a handicapped ramp to the beach. He stated that the wall will be raised 4.5 feet for shoreline protection; everything will be at elevation 12. Commissioners had questions about the plaza area by the restrooms. There was consensus that there is too much hardscape and it would be best to soften it with some plantings. A special condition will require planting areas for the plaza to be incorporated into the final plans and designs.

Dr. Lew asked when the project would start. Mr. Pena stated that the plan is to start after Labor Day and it has to be completed by June 30. He stated that it is a much better project than the original and will cost two million dollars less. A motion was made by Ms. Appenzellar and seconded by Mr. Zentner to approve the plan with the plaza special condition. Ms. Durkee asked about additional construction mitigation conditions; she will send the draft conditions to Mr. Pena for review. All voted in favor. Dr. Lew asked about reinstating stairs at the North Bluff. He was told it was a Parks Commission matter and that stairs must meet code and accessibility requirements.