



Martha's Vineyard Commission

DRI # 628-M Oak Bluffs Public Access Facility Modification

MVC Staff Report – 07/18/13 updated 07/18/13 with images

1. DESCRIPTION

Applicants: MA Dept. of Fish and Game, Town of Oak Bluffs

Project Location: Seaview Avenue Extension, Oak Bluffs, Map 9, Lot 58

Project as approved: To construct and maintain a pile-supported, ADA-accessible public shore fishing pier to extend 317 feet into Nantucket Sound, ending in an L-shape; with an aluminum cable handrail which is to be lowered in several locations to provide access for handicapped individuals. Proposed materials included greenheart (wood) for the piles, composite materials or ipe (wood) for the decking.

Proposed modifications: In order to prevent storm damage, to replace the planned wood pilings and cross bracings with steel pilings spaced farther apart and without cross-braces underneath; in order to keep the ADA-compliant facilities for the pier and restrooms etc. at the same elevation, to raise the deck elevation by 3 feet from proposed.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

Approval: November 18, 2010, WD December 2, 2010

Extension granted: July 12, 2012 until December 2, 2014

LUPC: Monday June 24, 2013.

3. LUPC RECOMMENDATION

LUPC met on June 24 and discussed the proposal with the applicant and members of the Conservation Commission. LUPC listened to the proposal and reasons, and also to the Conservation Commission's explanation of the various projects in the immediate vicinity. After some discussion, LUPC's recommendation to the full Commission is as follows:

Whereas:

- **The location, use, and footprint of the fishing pier remain unchanged and only the height and supporting structure are modified to provide better resistance to storms and to better connection to adjacent ADA-compliant ramps, and**
- **The proposed changes have previously been reviewed and approved by the Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission at two duly-noticed public hearings.**

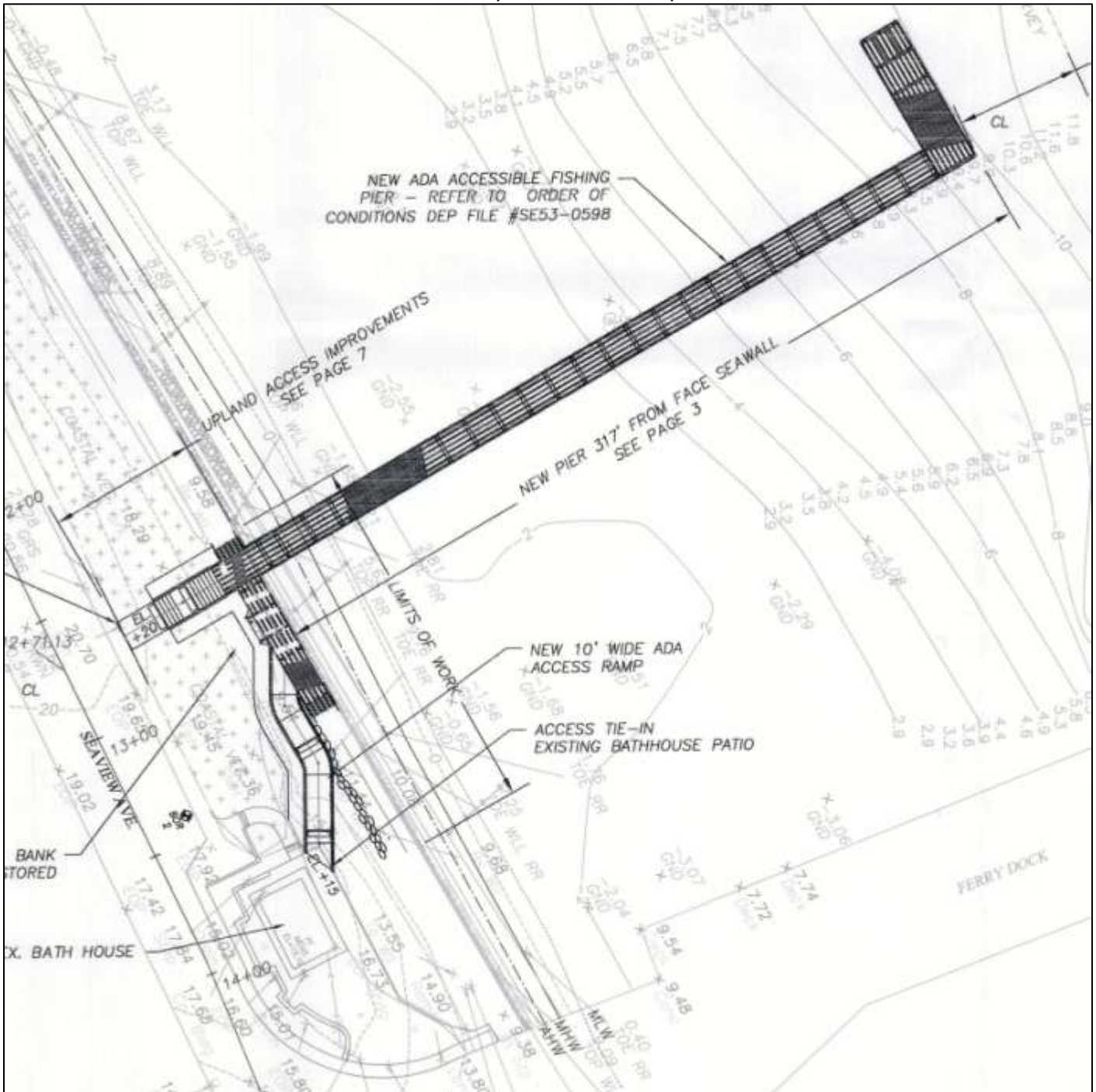
LUPC recommends to the full Commission that the regional impacts of these modifications do not rise to the level of requiring a public hearing.

LUPC recommends to the full Commission that it approve the proposed modifications.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from the Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission June 19, 2013, referring the modification for MVC review and noting that in its review the Conservation Commission had determined the changes to be “minor modifications that would better protect the pier and resource areas during storm events”.

Detail of Oak Bluffs Public Access Facility Site Plan, CLE Engineering, September 24, 2012, illustrating relation to other adjacent ADA-compliant facilities.





OAK BLUFFS STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY PIER
HURRICANE SANDY
2012

Photos submitted by Doug Cameron, MA Dept. of Fish and Game Office of Fishing and Boating Access



NORTH BLUFF BANK DAMAGE DUE TO
HURRICANE SANDY
2012

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June 19, 2013

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RE: Fish Pier – Modification Review

Dear Mr. Foley:

At their meeting last night the Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission voted to refer the Oak Bluffs Fish Pier project to the Martha's Vineyard Commission for a modification review.

The revised plans were delivered to your office on Tuesday, June 11, 2013.

The revisions are an increase in height and use of steel for pilings for storm damage prevention, and re-engineering of the landward end of the pier to accommodate the existing seawall (as opposed to the proposed new seawall).

The Conservation Commission determined that these were minor modifications that would better protect the pier and resource areas during storm events.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Liz Durkee
Conservation Agent

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