

**WEYMOUTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
RECORD OF MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 7:00 p.m.  
McCulloch Bldg., McElroy Rm., 182 Green St., Weymouth, MA**

**Present:** Thomas Tanner, Chairman  
John Reilly, Vice-Chairman  
Scott Dowd, Clerk  
Frank Singleton, Vice-Clerk  
George Loring, Commissioner

**Also Present:** Mary Ellen Schloss, Conservation Administrator

Chairman Tanner called the March 28<sup>th</sup> Conservation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of February 7 and March 7, 2018 were reviewed and accepted as written.

*On a motion made by Cmmr. Reilly, seconded by Cmmr. Singleton, the Commission voted 5-0-0 to approve the February 7<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup> minutes.*

**Town of Weymouth DPW - Notice of Intent, Public Hearing**

**Fore River Avenue Seawall Project**

**Map 4**

**DEP File # 81-1210**

***Seawall and revetment reconstruction/expansion, roadway and drainage improvements***

*On a motion made by Cmmr. Reilly, seconded by Cmmr. Loring, the Commission voted 5-0 to open the public hearing.*

Appearing before the Commission were: Chip Fontaine, Town Engineer; Jim McGrath, Assistant Town Engineer; and Blake Peters, GEI, consultant. Abutter notifications have been received.

Mr. Fontaine explained that this \$2,200,000 project has been in the planning stages for many years. The town has received grant funding and would now like to put it out to bid and start construction.

Mr. Peters said the project will begin after the 2018 swimming season is concluded and will take 6-9 months. He listed some of the aspects of the project:

- Wall will be 900' long
- Entire wall will be sealed to prevent flood waters going into street
- Reconstruct eastern half of wall
- Proposal is to make entire wall 16.8'
- Road at east end will be a minimum of 28 ft. wide
- Expansion of rip rap revetment along entire wall

- Proposing 2 new beach access points; access will be recessed into the wall
- Raise end of road by 1 ft.
- Improvement to drainage system will collect all Fore River runoff
- Repair existing outfall/replace with 24" concrete pipe

Ms. Schloss commented that the Division of Marine Fisheries letter indicates the area is a "conditionally restricted" shellfish growing area. Engineering staked out the limit of work. She and Paul Milone, Weymouth Harbormaster, walked the impact area on March 27<sup>th</sup> and saw no living shellfish. Ms. Schloss said:

- Wall and revetment will cause 8,500 sq. ft. of permanent impact to beach
- Take measures to prevent beach erosion
- It's necessary to maintain beach form and volume
- Project protects an existing roadway
- It is believed the "land containing shellfish" does not apply
- Chapter 91 and 401 Water Quality Certification permits still need to be obtained
- Beach impact needs to be minimized
- Place outfall as close to jetty as possible to limit beach impacts

Mr. Peters also remarked that that the stairs will be 6ft. wide, made of concrete and have railings. He added that the wall will be constructed in sections.

#### *Public Comments*

Terry Savoie, 47 Fore River Avenue, asked:

Will water coming from the outfall beside the jetty be clean? Ms. Schloss explained that there is currently no treatment of the outfall water, but there will be treatment after the project is completed.

What will happen to the telephone poles that are there now? Mr. Peters replied that they will be moved to the other side of the street and home owners will need to agree with the location for the poles.

Sharon Boyle, 11 Fore River Avenue, asked:

Will stairs go up and over the wall? Mr. Peters said yes.

Will drainage improvements be added to other side of street? Will drainage improvements help with torrential rains? Mr. Peters replied yes, to both questions.

Ms. Schloss asked if the stormwater outfall could be moved to the west side of the jetty, to avoid impacts to the public beach on the east side of the jetty. Mr. Fontaine said that they would take a "hard look" at whether they could move the outfall to the west side of the jetty.

Ms. Schloss provided comments and OOC recommendations:

- It is important to include findings regarding resource area impacts
- Drainage being improved
- Construction sequence and erosion control measures need to be provided before construction
- If feasible, the storm drain outfall will be moved to the west side of the jetty

- Limit of work area on the beach shall be staked out prior to construction. Truck access allowed only “in the dry.”
- Bypass outfall, coming from revetment, will require a scour pad underneath it to prevent erosion

*On a motion made by Cmmr. Loring, seconded by Cmmr. Singleton, the Commission voted 5-0 to issue the Order of Conditions with conditions mentioned.*

### **Other Business**

#### **All-Make Auto, DEP 81-1186:**

Appearing before the Commission was Marion Dorosz in response to the Commission’s requirement that he move the heavy truck and trailer that had been parked on the riverbank; they were removed the afternoon of the meeting.

Ms. Schloss said she also wanted to talk about the new location for the rain garden. Mr. Dorosz said he is still in need of the design plan as he has been unable to get it from Michael Joyce, P.E.

Ms. Schloss said it is necessary to be sure the neighbor’s house is not being affected, adding that the neighbor’s attorney want to be informed of any rain garden discussions.

Cmmr. Loring asked to be involved in the Michael Joyce conversation.

#### **67 Regatta Road, 81-1171:**

The Mariano’s have provided a new option for the coastal stairs they want to erect on town owned property behind their home. Instead of metal, they would like to use coir logs. Town Solicitor Joe Callanan wants to vet this before anything is agreed to.

#### **March 2<sup>nd</sup> Nor’easter:**

- DEP has issued an Emergency Declaration to do repair work
- Ms. Schloss has sent photos of serious beach debris to DPW
- Boy Scout Bridge at Great Esker Park was washed out

#### **Compressor Station Chapter 91 appeal:**

- 1) DEP will hold a 2-stage hearing process regarding the Chapter 91 appeal. In the first phase, DEP will determine whether the proposed compressor station qualifies as a water-dependent project. If it is deemed to be water dependent, the case will move to the second phase, with a hearing in the fall.
- 2) Weymouth Con Comm will be involved.

#### **Army Corps of Engineers:**

Meeting held tonight with Arcadis regarding Hingham Naval Ammo Depot. Status of clean-up will be known after the summer’s work.

**Route 18 Widening:** Still waiting for project start date from MassDOT.

Open Space Committee: Mayor Hedlund is looking for committee participants. Work will focus on better use and access to, better maps and trails, etc. for the town's open space.

Herring Clean-up Day: April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Next Meeting: April 25<sup>th</sup>.

CPC Update: No report; Cmmr. Loring was unable to attend the meeting of March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Administrator's Conservation Report**

Report dated 3/28/2018 was handed out.

**Adjournment**

*On a motion made by Cmmr. Loring, seconded by Cmmr. Reilly, the Commission voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia Fitzgerald  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

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Scott Dowd, Clerk

*Thomas E. Lanning*  
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THOMAS E. LANNING (CHAIRMAN)

*4/25/2018*  
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Date

**Documents reviewed during the meeting:**

ECR Admin approval letter for 67 Regatta Road

Div. of Marine Fisheries comments letter to Beaton at MEPA

Administrator's 3/28/2018 Conservation Report