

Conservation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Rd.
5:30pm

Present: Members: Chair Ned Phillips, Jr., Vice Chair Fred Leeder, Donald Littlefield, Les Slate, David Roosa, Marea Mott, and John Hopf. Also present was Administrative Assistant Teresa Chmiel for the recording of the minutes.

Call to Order

Chair Mr. Phillips, Jr., called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

Mr. Hopf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slate, to schedule a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 5:30pm to act on an Application for a Special Use Permit under Section 310(E), 314(C), 318 and 410 to create a recreational area for the Block Island Land Trust and Block Island Conservancy, Inc. Plat 5, Lot 5-3 & 5-5.

5 Ayes (Phillips, Jr., Leeder, Littlefield, Slate, and Hopf) 0 Nays
2 Absent (Mott, Roosa)

Ms. Mott and Mr. Roosa joined the meeting at 5:32pm.

Correspondence:

Receipt of an email dated February 19, 2014 from Chris Warfel re: Waterless Urinals.
The Commission received an email dated February 19, 2014 from Chris Warfel regarding the waterless urinals to be incorporated into all future Town buildings when feasible.

Mr. Phillips, Jr., made a motion, seconded by Mr. Littlefield, to send a letter of acknowledgement to Chris Warfel for his support and the support of the Conservation Commission for the waterless urinals.

7 Ayes (Phillips, Jr., Leeder, Littlefield, Slate, Mott, Roosa, and Hopf) 0 Nays

Receipt of an Incident Report dated April 24, 2014 from Marc Tillson, Building Official to the Estate of Eleanor T. Mott re: Mowing/Clear Cutting

Mr. Tillson, Building Official, wrote in the report, “The mowing had been completed without the required CRMC approval and the vehicle access had been installed without the required Physical Alteration Permit from the Highway Supervisor.” Peter Mott was present and addressed the incident report. Mr. Mott acknowledged that this area has been historically mowed; however, he has been unable to maintain the mowing. Recently, he had the opportunity to mow. Mr. Mott stated that he has applied for the appropriate permits. The Commission commented the mowed area looks nice.

Receipt of a letter dated May 7, 2014 from Don Thimble, Wastewater Management Inspector re: Town Beach Pavilion Drain Field Mowing.

Mr. Phillips, Jr. recommended a high mow of 6 to 8 inches.

Mr. Phillips, Jr. made a motion to send a favorable advisory for a high mow of 6 to 8 inches.

7 Ayes (Phillips, Jr., Leeder, Littlefield, Slate, Mott, Hopf and Roosa) 0 Nays

Schedule a work date for Dune Restoration.

Mr. Hopf informed the Commission that approximately 12 rolls of fencing are left. He will contact Bill Penn to notify him that he will use 2 rolls of fencing at the North Light. Mr. Hopf reported the highway department installed 4'x4' posts in front of dunes along with signage "Stay off the Dunes". The Commission volunteered to meet Tuesday, May 20, 2014 to install fencing where a second row is needed. The Commission will ask BIRA about fundraising to purchase additional snow fencing.

Election of Officers.

Mr. Slate made a motion, seconded by Mr. Littlefield, to nominate Mr. Phillips, Jr. to serve as Chair and Mr. Leeder as Vice Chair. The motion carried with all in favor.

7 Ayes (Phillips, Jr., Leeder, Littlefield, Slate, Mott, Hopf and Roosa) 0 Nays

Approval of Minutes of April 8, 2014.

Mr. Leeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slate, to approve the minutes from April 8, 2014 with a correction.

7 Ayes (Phillips, Jr., Leeder, Littlefield, Slate, Mott, Hopf and Roosa) 0 Nays

Adjournment.

Mr. Phillips, Jr. asked for two items to be placed on the June Agenda: Tree Ordinance and the Dune Restoration for West Beach Road/Beane Point.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57pm in a motion by Mr. Leeder and seconded by Mr. Slate.

7 Ayes (Phillips, Jr., Leeder, Littlefield, Slate, Mott, Hopf and Roosa) 0 Nays

Respectfully submitted
Teressa L. Chmiel
Administrative Assistant Building and Land Use
Minutes approved: June 10, 2014

