

TOWN OF WESTPORT

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Conservation Commission
Soil Conservation Board

MINUTES

1-30-24

7:00 P.M.: The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission was opened by Chairman Paul Joncas. Present from the Commission were: Paul Joncas, Jake McGuigan, Kevin Carter, Philip Weinberg and Agent Christopher Capone. Burton Bryan arrived later. Jason Powell and Thomas Merchant was absent

The Chairman invited those present to join him in saluting the flag.

DISCUSSION: None

7:05 P.M.:

HEARINGS:

Derek Kosciuszko – N.O.I. - 395 Gifford Road – SE 80-2716 – Construct single family house, well and grading in buffer zone

Mr. Kosciuszko represented self. Proof of abutter notification in file. Project was described. Agent read his report. **Motion by Philip Weinberg to approve project as described with standard conditions. Second by Kevin Carter. Vote in favor: Unanimous.**

Keith Novo – N.O.I. - SE 80-2717 - 97 East Beach Road – Request to perform beach nourishment/maintenance to lot on barrier beach

Mr. Novo represented self. Proof of abutter notification in file. Agent read his report. **Motion by Jake McGuigan to approve with Agent's recommendations. Second by Philip Weinberg. Vote in favor: Unanimous.**

Derek Reis – N.O.I. – 194 East Beach Road – Install Title 5 system, decks & gazebo within barrier beach

Leonard Potter of Westport Environmental Design represented and presented proof of abutter notification. Propane tank for heat will be underground. Project described. Agent read his report. Board of Health approved plan. Certain projects were not approved and need to be removed. Stone wall is not allowed. SSDS should be allowed. Coastal dune species should be utilized. Department of Environmental Protection has not issued a file number stating project is in Habitat. Mr. Potter states project is not in that area. **Motion by Jake McGuigan to approve, pending Department of Environmental Protection file number and removal of wall. Second by Philip Weinberg. Vote in favor: Unanimous.**

CONTINUANCES: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

UNANTICIPATED: Ross Moran WLT:

Mr. Moran spoke regarding Westport Woods property. Adding miles of trails. Other parcels held by Selectmen. Two tax title parcels of Land locked land. WLCT will partner with the Conservation Commission to add trails on property. The Commission would propose a warrant article for Town Meeting to transfer over to Conservation. **Motion by Philip Weinberg to support the sponsorship of a Town Meeting article as outlined below and recommend the article to the Selectboard. Second by Burton Bryan. Vote in favor: Unanimous.**

DRAFT TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40, § 15A and all other applicable laws, to transfer the care, custody, management and control of those parcels of land known as Town of Westport Assessor Map 79, Lot 4 (Final Decree recorded at the Bristol County S.D. Registry of Deeds in Book 5070, Page 305) and Map 79, Lot 5 (Final Decree recorded at the Bristol County S.D. Registry of Deeds in Book 1900, Page 1162) from the Town of Westport Board of Selectmen, which presently holds said parcels of land as general municipal corporate property acquired by tax title, to the Town of Westport Conservation Commission to be held by said Conservation Commission for conservation, passive recreation, and municipal purposes under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40, § 8C and Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, or act on anything relating thereto?

MINUTES: 1-16-24

Motion by Jake McGuigan to accept Minutes as written. Second by Philip Weinberg. Vote in favor: In Favor: Jake McGuigan, Philip Weinberg, Burton Bryan and Kevin Carter. Paul Joncas abstained as not present.

BILLS:

East Bay Media:

Motion by Kevin Carter to pay bill. Second by Philip Weinberg. Vote in favor: Unanimous.

East Bay Media:

Motion by Jake McGuigan to pay bill. Second by Philip Weinberg. Vote in favor: Unanimous.

Agent Reports:

East Beach Road: Update by Agent. No material added on Lots 14-50 on a group filing. Filings have been received from the north side. Sean Leach has started mapping area. Cobble outside mean high water line. The Board of Health will determine the status of tanks. Mean high water line will be staked by Mr. Leach. Self contained trailers may be utilized. The Selectboard and Planning Board are meeting with representatives on long term planning. Philip Weinberg described his meetings with regard to tanks. Agent will keep members abreast of issues.

7:59 P.M. Motion by Burton Bryan to adjourn. Second by Phillip Weinberg. Vote in Favor: Unanimous.

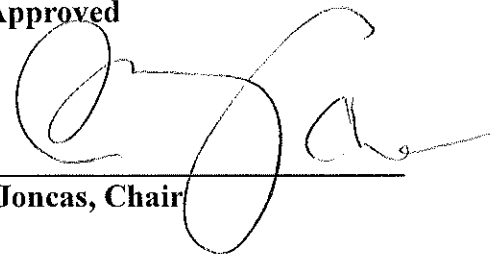
Respectfully submitted,



Leone F. Farias, Principal Clerk

 **Approved**

| | **Amended**



Paul Joncas, Chair

Attachments:

Derek Kosciuszko – N.O.I. - 395 Gifford Road

Keith Novo – N.O.I. - SE 80-2717 - 97 East Beach Road

Derek Reis – N.O.I. – 194 East Beach Road

UNANTICIPATED: Ross Moran Westport Land Trust