

GOSNOLD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 8, 2022
10:30 am via Zoom and in person at Town Hall

Present:

Conservation Commission: David Warr, Chairman; Wyatt Garfield, Leo Roy, Lisa Wright

Also in Attendance: Gail Blout, Paula DiMare, Seymour DiMare, and Michael Milanoski

The meeting of the Town of Gosnold Conservation Commission (GCC) was called to order by Chairman David Warr at 10:38 am.

1. Approval of June 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Chairman David Warr suggested that we defer approval of the June 13, 2022 meeting minutes to give everyone a chance to review them.

2. Public Hearing on Request for Determination of Applicability re: Naushon existing Stone Pier, Wall/Walkway Repairs

Chairman David Warr opened the hearing on the Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for the Naushon existing Stone Pier, Wall/Walkway Repairs and Maintenance. He said that he had looked it over, and was curious as to what exactly was being done. Reid Silva of Vineyard Land Surveyors, representing the applicant Naushon Trust, Inc., presented the project. Mr. Silva showed photographs of the existing deteriorated conditions, and presented the plan of the proposed work, which is to rebuild the wall/walkway and stone/concrete pier, consistent with the existing Chapter 91 license, by adding a layer of stone pavers to the existing wall/walkway, and creating a stone form on the pier to fill with concrete. Mr. Warr said that this appeared to be the only option for repair, noted that it was a licensed structure, and said that he just wanted to make sure that debris did not fall into the resource area during the construction work. Mr. Silva replied that the work was going to be done from the water side by barge, materials would be contained and carefully placed, and that tailings would be transported by bag into the wall. In response to a question from Wyatt Garfield, Mr. Silva stated that the wall and pier would be raised by about 18 inches. Chairman Warr said that he was okay with the proposed work, and with no more questions the hearing was closed.

Chairman Warr made a motion that the GCC authorize the work to proceed as presented and prepare a letter informing the Naushon Trust, Inc. that work could proceed with no further review. Wy Garfield seconded the motion. Three GCC members voted in favor of the motion. Leo Roy abstained. The motion carried.

3. Public Hearing on Request for Determination of Applicability re: Coast Guard Boat House Improvements

Chairman David Warr opened the hearing on the Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for the Coast Guard Boat House Visitor Center Improvement project. Selectboard member Gail Blout, representing the applicant the Town of Gosnold, presented the project. Ms. Blout said that most of the work was interior construction, except for replacing the roof. She said that the Town has been working with the Massachusetts Historical Commission, and that they have approved the project. She said that the Coast Guard Boat House Visitor Center Committee had wanted bathroom facilities, but not in the building, so a separate facility was being built outside. She said that the GCC had previously approved that as part of the Fuel Farm/Solid Waste Facility Notice of Intent (NOI) filing. Michael Milanoski added that there was no expansion of the building footprint into the resource area, and that tarps would be used to catch any debris during re-roofing. Chairman Warr said that he was okay with the proposed work, with the protections for the resource area in place, and Mr. Garfield concurred. Hearing no further questions or comments, the hearing was closed.

Chairman Warr made a motion that the GCC authorize the work to proceed as presented and prepare a letter informing the Town of Gosnold that work could proceed with no further review. Wy Garfield seconded the motion. All four GCC members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried.

Leo Roy said that he appreciated that these applicants had filed these RDAs for GCC review. He said that this was the proper procedure, to have projects come before us for review, so that we could determine their potential impact on the environment. He said that he had drafted letters for the Chairman's signature approving these projects. Chairman Warr reviewed the letters, and said that he would sign them.

4. Review Open Projects

Chairman Warr said that he had drafted the GCC Special Conditions for the Fuel Farm/Solid Waste Facility Order of Conditions (OOC), and asked if there were any questions or edits. Mr. Roy said that he had a couple of minor edits, but that on the whole, the draft OOC looked good. He said that in Section 23, he understood that the existing concrete pads in the solid waste facility would remain in place, and not be removed. Mr. Warr said that he would check with Susan Nilson of Foth on that. Mr. Roy also suggested that in Section 30 we ask for the mobile telephone numbers of project personnel, in addition to their home numbers. The Committee discussed the draft, noting that the language included protection of the Con Vault tanks. Mr. Warr said that Foth was filing out the OOC form, and that if the GCC was comfortable with the

draft Special Conditions we could proceed to sign the signature page. Gail Blout reported that the test wells had been installed on the site of the former fuel facility, and that no sheen was reported in the test pits. She said that she spoke with Ralph Packer, and confirmed that the Town wanted all piping removed as part of the remediation. Chairman Warr noted that the GCC wasn't holding anything up, as the former fuel facility had to be cleaned up before the new one could be built. The sense of the meeting was to approve the OOC as drafted.

Chairman David Warr noted that Mr. Roy had circulated a draft of the "General Provisions for Incidental Repairs". Mr. Warr said that he wanted to review it in more detail, and suggested that we put it on the agenda for our next meeting.

Regarding other Open Projects, Chairman Warr said that we had discussed a possible trip to Naushon to look at completed projects there. Mr. Roy suggested that we could possibly do it the first week in August, or sometime in September.

5. Old Business/ New Business/ Public Comment

Chairman David Warr suggested Friday, August 19 at 10:30am by Zoom and in person for our next meeting. There was no further public comment.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leo P. Roy

Minutes approved September 9, 2022