

GOSNOLD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
November 14, 2022
10:30 am via Zoom and in person at Town Hall

Present:

Conservation Commission: David Warr, Chairman; Chris Hart, Leo Roy, Lisa Wright

Also in Attendance: Gail Blout, Win Sanford

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 September 9 and October 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Warr said that he had reviewed the minutes and that he had no additions or corrections.

Lisa Wright made a motion to accept the September 9 and October 14, 2022 meeting minutes as written and distributed. Chris Hart seconded the motion. All four GCC members voted yes. The motion carried.

2. Public Hearing on Sanford Dock Repair RDA

Chairman Warr opened the public hearing on the Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for dock repairs submitted by Win Sanford at 10:40am. Mr. Sanford described the project to replace the moorings and chain on their existing dock with new pilings. He said that they would like to eliminate the nine 50' lengths of chain and replace them with 6-7 pilings. He said that Bill Austin from Vineyard Land Surveyors was preparing the Chapter 91 license application, and that he and Don Lynch would advise on the exact number of pilings needed. He said that eliminating the chain would reduce the wear on the harbor bottom, and that the pilings would make the floating dock more stable.

Chairman Warr said that we were all in agreement that the pilings would be better for the environment. He said that his concern was not knowing the exact number of pilings that Mr. Sanford was requesting. Mr. Warr said that the Chapter 91 license application would have to have the exact number being requested. Chris Hart said that replacing the chain with pilings was a plus, plus, plus for the environment, and that he supported the proposal. Leo Roy said that he appreciated the applicant coming before the GCC with an RDA so that we could properly address the request. He said that the hearing needed to be closed, but that he was willing to make a motion to approve the project with "up to 8 new pilings". There being no further questions or comments, Chairman Warr closed the Hearing at 10:47am.

Leo Roy made a motion to allow the project to move forward with no further GCC review for up to eight new pilings to replace the chain and moorings for the existing dock, as described in the Sanford RDA. Lisa Wright seconded the motion.

As part of the discussion on the motion, Chairman Warr noted that this was an existing dock, and that the footprint of the dock would not change. He asked Mr. Sanford when the work was planned, and Mr. Sanford replied that Don Lynch had said that he was tied up with projects for the next 18 months. Chairman Warr requested that Mr. Sanford advise the GCC when the work was being done. Mr. Roy said that the Chapter 91 licensing could take up to 18 months. In response to a question Mr. Roy said that Mr. Sanford needed his license from the state before the work could proceed. Hearing no further discussion, Chairman Warr called for the vote on the motion.

All four GCC members voted yes. The motion carried.

3. Review Open Projects

Chairman Warr suggested that as a new project the GCC should seek to collect all the Chapter 91 licenses in Town for our files. He said that we should have asked to see Duncan Scott's license before allowing the work on his dock to proceed. Mr. Roy said that he believed that we had most, if not all, of the licenses on file at Town Hall. He said that he knew that all of the Naushon licenses and the Town licenses in Cuttyhunk Harbor were on file, which Ms. Wright confirmed. She said that she would develop a list of the licenses on file before our next meeting. Mr. Warr said that in the past people have claimed that they had a license for their structure, but that the GCC should confirm that.

Chairman Warr said that he was looking forward to the requests for the Certificates of Compliance from the Water Main and Stormwater projects, so that those projects could be properly closed out by the Town and the GCC. He said that he thought that the projects went very well, and said that he particularly appreciated the good communication on project progress from Dale Lynch and Leo Roy. Mr. Roy gave an update on the project status, saying that work on the Tower Hill Road wall was ongoing, as well as minor repairs in the Pump House and Wellfield, along with the repair to two defective curb stop installations. He said that Environmental Partners, the Town's engineer on the Water Main project, needed to complete the as-built drawings for the project, and they would then submit the request for a Certificate of Compliance. Chairman Warr asked about the ongoing maintenance of the stormwater system. Mr. Roy reported that the Town, particularly Seth Garfield, Highway Supervisor, was aware of the need to submit an Operations and Maintenance Plan for the stormwater system, and the need for annual maintenance of the catch basins and the CDS at Four Corners. Mr. Roy said that a vacuum truck had come to the island to clean out the catch basins and CDS, and that there was a requirement for annual street sweeping for which the Town needed to buy an attachment for the Bobcat.

Chairman Warr asked Selectboard Member Gail Blout about the status of the Fuel Farm project. Ms. Blout reported that the RFP had been reissued and that bids were due the end of the month. She said that she was aware of contractor interest in the rebid of project. Mr. Warr said that completion of the project would be a great relief. He asked about the plans to seek an operator. Ms. Blout said that the Harbor Committee had developed and approved some lease terms, which the Selectboard would review at their next meeting. Mr. Roy said that at Mr. Warr's suggestion, the Harbor Committee had included the operations and maintenance condition from the Fuel Depot Order of Conditions (OOC) in its entirety in the draft lease terms.

4. Old Business/ New Business/ Public Comment

There was no Public Comment. Mr. Roy suggested Monday, December 14 at 10:30am by Zoom and in person for our next meeting.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leo P. Roy

Approved December 12, 2022