The Falmouth Conservation Commission
MEETING MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020
Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Falmouth Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jamie Mathews, Chair
Russell Robbins, Acting Chair
Betsy Gladfelter
Courtney Bird
Steve Patton
Peter Walsh, Alternate
Kevin O’Brien, Alternate
Jennifer Lincoln, Administrator

Absent: Maurie Harlow-Hawkes, Mark Gurnee, Kevin Newton, Agent

Mr. Mathews opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Mr. Mathews voted Peter Walsh and Kevin O’Brien up to the quorum.

VOTE MINUTES

1/8/2020

Mr. Robbins: Move to adopt the minutes as written.
Mr. O’Brien: Second.
Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

12/24/2019

Ms. Gladfelter: Move to adopt the minutes as written.
Mr. Robbins: Second.
Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE UNDER A NOTICE OF INTENT

Delcor Realty Trust (c/o Joanna Delapa), 418 Menauhant Road, Falmouth, MA- For permission to replace and extend the existing pier.
Ms. Lincoln: The applicant has requested a continuance until February 19, 2020.
Mr. Robbins: How many times has this hearing been continued?
Ms. Gladfelter: Nine times.
Mr. Mathews: This is the last time.
Ms. Lincoln: I will send them a letter and tell them that there are to be no more continuances. This has been on our agendas since May 22, 2019.
Mr. Bird: Did they give any reason for the continuance?
Ms. Lincoln: No.
Mr. Bird: You might tell them that we normally allow only three continuances.

Mr. Patton: At the request of the applicant I move to continue the hearing until February 19, 2020.
Mr. Walsh: Second.
Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

CONTINUED HEARINGS UNDER A NOTICE OF INTENT

Delcor Realty Trust (c/o Joanna Delapa), 418 Menauhant Road, Falmouth, MA- For permission to replace and extend the existing pier.
The hearing is continued until February 19, 2020.

CONTINUED REQUESTS TO EXTEND THE EXISTING ORDER OF CONDITIONS

William J. McGann, 5 Foster Rd, Falmouth, MA (DEP # 25-3535) – Request a 1 year extension.
Ms. Lincoln: The applicant has requested a 1-year extension. The original OOC was issued in 2009. They have put sand on the beach three times in the last 10 years and have given us profiles. Staff recommends a one year extension so they can get us an updated survey and file a new NOI.

Ms. Gladfelter: At the request of the applicant I move to grant a one year extension.
Mr. Robbins: Second.
Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

Robert Ouimette, 17 Foster Rd, Falmouth, MA (DEP # 25-3537) – Request a 1 year extension.
Ms. Lincoln: The applicant has requested a 1-year extension. They have placed sand on the beach four times over the last ten years. Staff recommends a one year extension so they can get an updated survey and file a new NOI.
Mr. Patton: How will they find out that they have to do this?
Ms. Lincoln: I'll let their consultant know (Woods Hole Group).

Mr. Robbins: At the request of the applicant I move to grant a one year extension.
Mr. Bird: Second.
Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

Nye’s Neck Association, Inc., 0 Westwood Rd, Falmouth, MA (DEP # 25-4283) – Request a 3 year extension.
Ms. Lincoln: The applicant has requested a 3-year extension. An OOC was issued in 2017 for ten years. Staff recommends a three year extension.

Ms. Gladfelter: At the request of the applicant I move to grant a three year extension.
Mr. Bird: Second.
Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

VOTE ORDER OF CONDITIONS
Racing Beach Association, Inc., 0 Racing Beach Avenue, Parcel 012 000, Falmouth, MA (1/22/20)
Quorum: Peter, Steve, Russ, Jamie, Betsy, Kevin, Courtney
Mr. Robbins: This is the replacement of pipe and the pipe that goes under the road.
Ms. Lincoln: They have told us they would come back if the pipe under the road needed to be replaced.
Ms. Gladfelter: It is not part of this request. There should be a finding that we did discuss the possibility.
Ms. Lincoln: They are sending a camera down the pipe and will know before they open the road if they have to come back to us.

Mr. Robbins: Move to adopt the Order of Conditions as discussed.
Mr. O’Brien: Second.
Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

Bonnie W. Simon, Trustee, 138 & 144 Gardiner Road, Woods Hole, Falmouth, MA (1/22/20)
Quorum: Peter, Steve, Russ, Jamie, Betsy, Kevin
Ms. Lincoln: This was continued because the Board did not like the proposed planting plan. They are razing the existing house and re-vegetating the area.
Mr. Mathews: They did give us a new planting plan?
Ms. Lincoln: Yes.

Mr. Robbins: Move to adopt the Order of Conditions as discussed.
Ms. Gladfelter: Second.
Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

Town of Falmouth, Coonamessett River Gateway Park, 62 John Parker Road, Falmouth, MA (1/22/20)
Quorum: Peter, Steve, Russ, Jamie, Kevin, Courtney
Ms. Lincoln: This is the establishment of the parking trails, the emergency turn-around, the overlook, ADA compliance and the gating of the former access road for the Coonamessett River Gateway Park.

Mr. Robbins: Move to adopt the Order of Conditions as discussed.
Mr. Walsh: Second.
Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

Ivor Bloom, 245 Sippewissett Road, Falmouth, MA (1/22/20)
Quorum: Peter, Steve, Russ, Jamie, Betsy, Kevin, Courtney
Ms. Lincoln: When a Certificate of Compliance was requested staff investigated the site and a number of additional hardscapes were found. No mitigation was required in the original project. Because of the additional impervious surface mitigation is now required. There will be one area of grass.

Ms. Gladfelter: Move to adopt the Order of Conditions as discussed.
Mr. Walsh: Second.
Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

James Kerrigan and Jennifer Kuntz, 28 Ashley Drive, East Falmouth MA (1/22/20)
Quorum: Peter, Steve, Russ, Jamie, Betsy, Kevin, Courtney
Ms. Lincoln: They have reconfigured the plan. The house is smaller and they have added a deck. The setbacks to the coastal bank are to the original historic coastal bank that was damaged by the Town and the State. They are honoring the original coastal bank line.

Ms. Gladfelter: Move to adopt the Order of Conditions as discussed.
Mr. Robbins: Second.
Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

Scott Lutz, 109 Madeline Rd, East Falmouth, MA (1/22/20)
Quorum: Peter, Steve, Russ, Jamie, Betsy, Kevin
Ms. Lincoln: This is the plan that was revised because the trees have been moved back to the original proposal.

Ms. Gladfelter: Move to adopt the Order of Conditions as discussed.
Mr. Patton: Second.
Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

Board will consider any matters not reasonably anticipated by the Chair.

Mr. Mathews: There will be a presentation at the High School on Tuesday the 22nd at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the overall plan for fire protection in Falmouth.

Taking time off in the summer: let us know if you’re going to take more than one night off. Members should email Amy with a cc to Jen so they can prepare.
Mr. Walsh: Could we get a long term schedule?
Ms. Lincoln: We can. I’ll get together with Jamie and we’ll plan the meetings through May 1st.

Mr. Robbins: Move to adjourn.
Ms. Gladfelter: Second.
Mr. Mathews: Unanimous, so moved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Cronin, Recording Secretary