

Marblehead Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2022

The hearing was held remotely in accordance with Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Superseding Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, section 18 and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place.

Commissioners Present: Brian LeClair, Kate Melanson, Dave Oster, David VanHoven. Also present was Conservation Administrator and Town Engineer, Charles Quigley.

4 Order of Conditions extension requests.

40-977	Redd's Pond – Marblehead Parks and Rec- [Biff Martin] – chemical weed control
40-1384	65 Naugus Ave – Edward Breed et ux – pier replacement
40-1393	11 Kenneth Rd – Christine Hester et ux – addition
40-1308	9 Goodwin's Ct - Goodwin's Ct Condo. Tr. – maintenance, seawall repairs

All commissioners vote to approve.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE REQUEST:

40-1458 24 Nonantum Rd- Paul Murphy et al – wall, masonry

All commissioners vote to approve.

Commission votes unanimously to approve list of special conditions for tonight's meeting, with plans to revise the list in the future

21 Neptune Rd (40-1503) Public Hearing – pier

Applicant's representative presents eelgrass survey, discussion of survey findings
Christine Roberto expresses opposition to project on basis of limiting public access and enjoyment of beach area.

all commissioners vote to close hearing, all commissioners vote to approve with conditions 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, 110, 111, 112

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36. All construction material shall be stored outside the resource area and its buffer zone or as

far back from the resource areas as possible.

37. The construction of the pier/dock and any structure over the water permanently secured to the earth shall withstand a 100-year storm without damage to the integrity of the structure. All piers/docks shall conform to the requirements of Chapter 91.

38. Any pressure-treated wood proposed to be used in the construction of a structure for land-based use shall be arsenic-free. Any pressure-treated wood proposed to be used in the construction of a structure for salt water contact shall be treated with Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) or other preservative approved by the EPA and/or the MADEP which is less polluting and harmful to the salt water and its environment.

39. All piers, docks and floats must follow the guidelines established in the document, "Small Docks and Piers – A Guide to Permitting Small Pile-Supported Docks and Piers" dated November 2003. Float stops are permitted provided they meet the aforementioned guidelines.

Post-construction/in perpetuity:

40. By voluntary agreement with the applicant, only organic fertilizers are to be used on the property landward of the resource areas. Fertilizers should not contain pesticides or herbicides; should contain slow release nitrogen and should not contain more than 3% phosphorous. To mitigate chemical runoff, do not fertilize directly before a rainstorm and do not over fertilize. Apply fertilizer in late April and in September (refer to: A Homeowner's Guide to Environmentally Sound Lawn care published by the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture and the booklet, Don't Trash Grass, published by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection). **This condition shall survive this order.**

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51. Minor maintenance repairs to the superstructure only of the pier are allowed as a surviving condition of this order. Minor maintenance repairs are, typically, replacement of occasional deck boards, sections of hand rails, etc. Complete new decking, complete new hand rails or other such large repairs require an NOI. Minor maintenance repairs do not apply to the main support structure (stringers, bents, etc.) and do require an NOI. **This condition shall survive this order.**

52. If the pilings supporting a pier have not been painted or treated with a chemical substance, the pilings may be hand scraped to remove barnacles and other marine growth. The scraped material may remain on the beach/tidal flat. However, if the state declares a state of contamination (such as Red Tide) in an area wherein the pilings have been resident, tarps or a similar containment method must be located in the work area so as to cover the entire work area where scraping is performed. Tarps are to be cleaned of scraped material at the end of each day when scraping is performed and the scrapings disposed of in a proper manner for such contaminated materials.

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For all types of pilings (painted or unpainted/treated or untreated), a protocol must be submitted to the Conservation Commission for approval in advance of the scraping. The protocol must contain: whether the pilings are painted or unpainted/treated or untreated; whether the pilings have been contaminated; if painted or treated, the exact type of paint being scraped/if treated, the exact type of treatment; the dates and times of intended scraping (start and finish); the exact location of the intended scraping; a description of the containment method; a description of the scraping method; the final location for disposal of the paint scrapings or, if applicable, contaminated scrapings. If the pilings are to be repainted/re-treated, the exact type of paint/treatment must be identified and must be approved per the latest state and federal guidelines for such applications. The person ordering the scraping/painting/treatment must sign and date the protocol and submit it to the Marblehead Conservation Commission before any work is started. **This condition shall survive this order.**

54. The control drawing/s for this project were prepared by a licensed Professional. The construction of this project shall be regularly inspected by said licensed professional to insure that the project complies with the control drawing/s. Progress reports shall be submitted by said professional at regular intervals while work is progressing on the project. The reporting interval shall be determined by the Conservation Administrator based on the scope and anticipated duration of the project. Upon completion of the work authorized by this OOC, said

licensed professional shall submit a written statement to the Conservation Commission certifying that the completed work is in substantial compliance with the control drawing and setting forth any deviations that may exist between the completed work and the plan approved by the Conservation Commission.

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110. Coatings shall not be applied to any surface that may be subject to wetting from rain, or seawater, within the coating manufactures specified curing time plus ½ hour.

111. Concrete shall not be poured that may be subject to wetting from rain, or seawater, within the curing time plus ½ hour the concrete being hard to the touch.

112. A davit shall be placed at the end of the pier for use in raising and lowering the ramp.

Beacon St gas main – no representative for project showed up, all commissioners vote to continue hearing without opening it to April 2022.

157 Lafayette St (40-1506) – no DEP comments for work within river buffer zone.

All commissioner vote to close hearing and approve with conditions 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 40, 50, 55

32. This project shall not cause an increase in run-off onto adjacent properties or streets, either during construction or after completion. Appropriate measures shall be taken to prevent the movement of silt or debris onto adjacent properties, streets and Resource Areas.

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34. To the maximum extent possible, all driveways, terraces, patios or similar ground-level surfaces shall be constructed as permeable surfaces to allow water to infiltrate through their surfaces into the ground on site.

35. All demolition debris shall be removed from the site as soon as possible and not stored within a resource area or a buffer zone. If a dumpster is used to contain debris, the dumpster shall be covered after each work day. The debris shall be properly disposed of in accordance with applicable federal, state and local regulations.

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325 Ocean Ave 40-1505

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7 Mooring Rd (40-1504) – structural repairs to existing pier

Commission notes site history of enforcement orders, construction of unpermitted pilings, removal of required signage.

Commission requires report on the existing and proposed anchoring system of float, contribution to eelgrass mitigation fund

Special conditions – 1) mitigation provided by application for eelgrass 2) report on anchoring system 3) commission reserves right to impose additional conditions or require public hearing 4) Public Access Signs for Chapter 91 license to remain in place 5) Use barge at high tide for work, barge may not hit the bottom.

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105 Tarps shall be spread and secured over the work area on top of the existing resource area for debris containment and collection during low to medium tides. The tarps and debris will be removed between tides and at the end of workday. At no time are the tarps to be inundated due to rain, tidal or wave action. The tarps are to be removed no less than ½ hour prior to expected inundation. At that time all work is to cease in the area near the resource area.

112. A davit shall be placed at the end of the pier for use in raising and lowering the ramp.

All commissioner vote to close hearing and approve

Discussion:

Scott Patrowicz asks if a proposed pool repair at 45 Beacon Street could be conducted under old approval. Commission answers a new hearing is required for all proposed new work.

All commissioners vote to approve the extension of virtual public meetings until July 15th.

Open space plan discussion moved to next meeting

All Commissioners vote to adjourn meeting.