



# Town of Barnstable Conservation Commission

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## MINUTES – CONSERVATION COMMISSION HEARING

**DATE: August 20, 2024 @ 6:30 PM**

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### REMINDER TO APPLICANTS:

**FEES FOR LEGAL ADS ARE LISTED BELOW. PLEASE MAIL CHECKS TO CONSERVATION, 230 SOUTH STREET, HYANNIS, 02601**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair F. P. (Tom) Lee. Also in attendance were: Vice-Chair Louise Foster, Clerk Angela Tangney, Commissioners Abodeely, Hearn, and Sampou.

Administrator Darcy Karle was present along with Administrative Assistant, Kim Cavanaugh.

## I. REQUESTS FOR DETERMINATION

- A. Town of Barnstable – DPW.** Removal of vegetation from the beach area at Ropes Beach, 85 Old Shore Road, Cotuit as shown on Assessor's Map 035 Parcel 072. **DA-24039**

The applicant was represented by Patrick J. Kelliher of Barnstable DPW.

A letter of support dated 8/19 from Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association was acknowledged.

Issues discussed:

- A special condition could be added to maintain the removal of the vegetation in perpetuity.
- The project would be looked at much differently if this were a private residence. It would not be embraced by the Commission. Because it is for public use and is a public use area it is approvable.

- This is a Town beach that needs to be kept up.
- The vegetation being removed is not beach grass, it consists of upland grasses.
- It will be hand pulled and no chemicals will be used.
- The grass will be removed up to the parking lot and will be 70' wide.
- There are some boats stored on each side of the beach that have been previously permitted.
- There is a substantial wall that separates the beach from the parking lot.
- There is a 2' high retaining wall at the edge of the parking lot.
- A question was raised about the elevation of the beach. It is a flat beach.

Public comment: None

A motion was made to approve project as a negative determination allowing removal of the vegetation in perpetuity.

Seconded.

Aye –Abodeely, Foster, Hearn, Lee, Sampou, Tangney

Nay – none

- B. Steamship Authority – Michael Bentley.** To repair and relocate the existing sewer pump-out systems which are currently housed in below-grade chambers and are equipped with a vacuum pump-out system and sump pumps. The upgrade project involves repairing and relocating the systems to a new above-grade structure which will include associated electrical, HVAC, and piping modifications, particularly the connection of sump drains to the existing septic tank at 71 South Street, Hyannis as shown on Assessor’s Map 326 Parcel 130. **DA-24040**

The applicant was represented by Amy Ball of Horsley Witten Group.

Tom Lee recused himself from the project.

Issues discussed:

- There were no questions from Commissioners.

Public comment: None

A motion was made to approve project as a negative determination.

Seconded.

Aye –Abodeely, Foster, Hearn, Sampou, Tangney

Nay – none

**II. CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE**

(ez = no deviations, staff recommends approval) (\* = on-going conditions)

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| <b>A. SE3-5856</b> | <b>Stephen M. and Beth F. McParland, Trustees</b> (COC, ez*)<br><b>McParland Family 2014 Revocable Trust</b><br>150 Carriage Road, Osterville | Construct patio, invasive species removal. |
| <b>B. SE3-6113</b> | <b>Thomas G. and Nina K. Weld, Trustees</b> (COC, ez*)<br><b>Thomas Weld Revocable Trust</b><br>269 Seapuit Road, Osterville                  | Demolish and replace existing garage.      |

A motion was made to approve A. and B.

Seconded.

Aye –Abodeely, Foster, Hearn, Lee, Sampou, Tangney

Nay – none

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded.

Aye – Abodeely, Foster, Hearn, Lee, Sampou, Tangney

Nay – none

**The time was 6:47 p.m.**