

Aquinnah Conservation Commission Minutes

July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Meeting opened at 4 PM

Members Present: Kathy Newman, Mitzi Pratt, Jay Bodnar, Steve Yaffe, Sarah Thulin  
Others Present: Cody Coutino (VLS), Larry Schubert, Adriana Ignacio

Motion made and seconded to approve ACC minutes from May 16, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting for ACC was scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Hearing for Notice of Intent filed by Ann Leonard for the construction of a new dwelling, septic system, well, utilities, driveway, and associated landscaping within the buffer zone of a BVW and Riverfront area. Site visit took place prior to hearing. 276 Lighthouse Road. Opened hearing at 4:10 PM

Cody Coutino and Larry Schubert presented the plan. Questions arose regarding the two driveways and the proximity of the stream to this project. DEP recommended reducing the impact of the project by eliminating one of the two proposed driveways and/or reducing the limit of disturbance. Larry Schubert said that they would be returning with various changes to the plan to reduce the impact.

A motion was made and seconded to continue the hearing to September 12<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing for Notice of Intent filed by Joan Wallen for the construction of a dwelling, septic system, well, utilities, driveway, and associated landscaping within the buffer zone of a BVW. Site visit took place at approx. 3:15 PM. 14 Ridge Road. Opened hearing at approximately 4:30 PM.

Cody Coutino presented the plan for Joan Wallen. Members asked whether the location of the dwelling could be moved further from the wetland? The closest corner of the building is only 66 ft. from the edge of the wetland. The lot is almost 6 acres and is being marketed for sale. This is only a proposed dwelling in order to market the property. Cody agreed to look at the options for the building site and return to our September meeting with answers for the commission.

A motion was made and seconded to continue the hearing to September 12<sup>th</sup> at approximately 4:05 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing for a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Adriana Ignacio for the installation of a septic system upgrade within the buffer zone of a BVW. Site visit took place at 3:50 PM. Location: 1140 State Road.

Cody Coutino and Adriana presented the plan for the upgrade. The existing system has failed, and they need a new septic system for the property. A motion was made and seconded to approve the plan as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 5 PM

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