

PLYMOUTH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes

January 24, 2023

Present: Randy Parker; Chair, Ann Burnham; Vice Chair and Commissioners, Karen Edwards, Sean Andersen, Paul Churchill, and Jamie Carpenter.

Absent: Lucas Nichols

Conservation Staff: Richard Vacca and Patrick Farah

Recording Secretary: Michele Rowe

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35 Morton Park Road

SE57-3291

Parcel ID:100-000-050-000

PCC-22-66

Town of Plymouth - Parks & Forestry – Nicholas Faiella

Town of Plymouth - Marine & Environmental, Nathan Cristofori

A Notice of Intent nourishment of compatible material onto the existing and previously disturbed Red Springs bathing beach within Morton Park.

The Commission received the following documentation for this review:

1. MassDEP NOI File Number
2. Letter dated December 22, 2022 from Division of Natural Resources, Department of Marine and Environmental Affairs, Nathan Cristofori.
3. WPA Form 3 - Notice of Intent Received December 22, 2022
4. Project Narrative
5. Morton Park – Red Springs Locus Map
6. Morton Park – Red Springs Topographic Map
7. Morton Park – Red Springs NHESP Map
8. Morton Park – Red Springs FEMA Map
9. Morton Park – Red Springs Soils Map
10. Town of Plymouth Assessors Map
11. Morton Park Map
12. Wetland Delineation Report, by Nathan Cristofori on September 29, 2022
13. Morton Park – Red Springs Wetland Map
14. Current pictures of Morton Park
15. Division of Fisheries & Wildlife letter dated November 16, 2022 with conditions
16. Morton Park – Red Springs Nourishment Scope
17. Memo From Nathan Cristofori to Patrick Farah dated January 10, 2023, information on timeline and order to prevent a Take, conditions to satisfy NHESP.

Nate Cristofori, Department of Marine and Environmental Affairs was present as the representative for this project and presented the proposed plan to the Commission. No stock pile, only bringing in material that can be spread for the day. It will take 1 -2 weeks to spread. This should create turtle nesting habitat.

The beach does not need to be closed, no symbolic fence. They don't want to put up signage indicating that it could be total nesting because it actually can draw people to the site and disturb the turtles. No more than 200 cubic yards.

Public Comment: Gil Freeman - 2 Burgess Road, when they replenish the sand, run off issues and could they fix the gate? Nate stated that the Town is aware of the broken gate and will be fixing and nourishing the beaches. Town is aware of his perspective.

Ann Burnham 1st motion to close the public hearing and issue the standard Order of Conditions with NHESP conditions:

Time of Year Restriction:

1. Work shall not occur between May 15 and June 15 to avoid impacts to nesting Northern Red-bellied Cooters.
2. Any sand stockpiles present during the nesting period, shall be encircled with a turtle barrier to prevent access by Red-bellied Cooters, unless it remains undisturbed until October 15.

Paul Churchill 2nd motion

Voted Unanimously 6 – 0 7:12 pm

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES:

Repair Permit:

Staff addressed the concerns of the Repair Permit:

Cost:

\$50 for permit \$55.29 for Advertising – abutters are not aware of the permit – good for 6 months.
Change the Repair Permit to RDA

Cost:

\$100 for RDA, \$55.29 for Advertising, \$25 for Assessors, \$1 each abutter – good for 3 years.

Public Comment: Hampton Watkins – 31 Cornish Field Road,

Karen Edwards 1st motion to stop using Repair Permit

No 2nd

Ann Burnham 1st motion to table discussion for further review

Paul Churchill 2nd motion

Voted 5 – 1 7:47 pm Karen Edwards voted no

MISCELLANEOUS:

Herring Pond Watershed Association - were not able to attend, postponed to February 21, 2023

ACTION ITEMS:

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Karen Edwards 1st motion to approve the minutes for as submitted.

Jamie Carpenter 2nd motion

Voted Unanimously 6 – 0 7:56 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN MEETING:

Ann Burnham 1st motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm

Randy Parker 2nd motion

Voted Unanimously 6 - 0

These minutes approved on: January 31, 2023
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