

Present: Chairman Jay Putnam, Carol Scott, John Geiger, Paul Chamberlin, DeeDee Holt, Billie Bates, Conservation Agent Kristin Andres and Secretary Mary Fougere.

South Coastal Harbor Plan Committee, Presentation: Dock & Pier Assessment: Chatham's South Coastal embayments, the Stage Harbor Complex, Nantucket Sound and the Southway encompass critical environmental, economic and cultural resources of the Town. The Town of Chatham Developed the Stage Harbor Complex Harbor Management Plan in 1992 and the South Coastal Harbor Management Plan in 2005. The Stage Harbor Management Plan (SHMP) was approved by Town Meeting and the State of Massachusetts in 2005.

A central management issue that was identified in the plans was impacts associated with private piers and docks. Dean Erwin, George Olmsted and Coastal Resources Director, Ted Keon, were present to present the recently completed Executive Summary of the South Coastal Harbor Plan (SCHP), Private Pier and Dock Assessment and solicit comment from the Commission. Mr Erwin stated that the Committee was comprised of a good mix of people including fishermen, boaters and homeowners who analyzed 26 Sectors using 10 measurement criteria for a two year period. Scenic value was not considered as one of the criteria.

The Committee determined that if a sector had a rating of 18 and above, it would be deemed inadequate for additional piers and docks. In Stage Harbor, almost all the sectors had met the 18+ identifier. A chart was provided in the Executive Summary summarizing the findings in each sector. Mr Erwin noted that the draft assessment (same draft being reviewed by the Commissioners) had been presented to the Selectmen last week and a public hearing will be held on October 15, 2009. The assessment was designed to provide a consistent basis for assessing applications based on the community's harbor planning objectives. Once the public comment period is over, the Committee will review all comments and present a final document to the Selectmen so that the Plan can be included in the warrant for adoption at Town Meeting.

Mr Erwin noted that the permitting of catwalks would not be affected by this proposed amendment.

It was moved, seconded and voted to support the findings of the SCHP Committee; the vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.

325 Fox Hill Road, Eastward Ho! Country Club, SE 10-2534: The hearing was re-opened for a Notice of Intent for the proposed shorefront protection at 325 Fox Hill Road. **At the applicant's request, the hearing was continued to October 6, 2009.**

262 Stage Neck Road, Drumm, SE 10-2570: It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the proposal for view enhancement at 262 Stage Neck Road. Photographs of the proposed work were included in the proposal. **An Order of Conditions was written.**

155 Cranberry Lane, LeCours, CWP09-146N: It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the Clark Engineering LLC plan dated July 9, 2009 for work at 155 Cranberry Lane. **An Order of Conditions was written.**

87 Squanto Drive, Dousa, SE 10-2556: It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the Schofield Brothers plan dated June 1, 2009. **An Order of Conditions was written.**

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of June 17, 2009 and August 26, 2009 were approved as amended at the table.

16 & 30 Squanto Drive, Oyster River Hills Association: The applicants would like to remove trees on the coastal bank , some are interfering with utility wires. After a review of the site plan submitted with the application, it was noted that only 2 of thee 5 trees were in the jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission approved the work under an Administrative Review, no additional filing will be required.

80 Watch Hill Way, Burroughs, SE 10-2257: An Extension Permit was signed for the repairs to an existing shorefront protection at 80 Watch Hill Way.

Certificates of Compliance were signed for the following projects:

155 Mill Creek Rd, Young, SE 10-1972
80 Uncle Albert's Drive, Perlowski, SE 10-2397
80 Uncle Albert's Drive, Perlowski, SE 10-2114

Reminder: Commissioners will have to compile their questions regarding the Eastward Ho ! analysis reports from John Ramsey and submit them to the office.

Adjournment:: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the public meeting at 5:00 PM and to move into Executive Session without re-convening to a public meeting for a discussion on litigation. By individual poll, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fougere, Secretary