

**Present:** Chairman Jay Putnam, Carol Scott, Vice Chair Dee Dee Holt, John Geiger, Paul Chamberlin, Conservation Agent Kristin Andres, and Secretary Mary Fougere.

**Strong Island:** At Jay Cashman's request, the discussion/meeting that he requested with the Commissioners, was postponed until March 10, 2010.

**122 Balfour Lane, Town of Chatham (Sylvan Gardens), SE 10-2616:** Re-opening of hearing for proposed trimming and removal of invasive vines, shrubs and privet plants; proposed removal of storm debris, dead trees; proposed trail maintenance including clearing some trails and proposed mowing for maintenance at 122 Balfour Lane. The Agent stated that under MESA, there were a couple conditions under which they would approve of the application. These include no mechanical removal of vegetation along the shoreline and that there be no planting up to the 30-ft contour.

**It was moved, seconded and voted to close the hearing.**

**122 Balfour Lane, Town of Chatham, SE 10-2616:** The Commission reviewed a draft of the Special Conditions. **It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the project as shown on the Ryder & Wilcox plan and the Special Conditions as written.**

**20 Shore Road, Pinkert, SE 10-2593:** It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the Eldredge Surveying and Engineering LLC plan dated July 22, 2009 revised January 7, 2010 for the addition to the house and renovations to the driveway. Discussion ensued regarding the specifics of the Joyce K Williams Landscape Design plan dated February 9, 2010. It was agreed that the Commission wanted to have at least 50% of the mitigation plantings be native species. The proposed mitigation planting area along the eastern property line was more formal using ornamentals rather than native species.

**An Order of Conditions was written.**

**46 Jericho Lane, ORBY re: Callahan dock:** Clifton Berner was present to discuss the proposed re-construction of an existing pier and float in Oyster River under an Administrative Review. The pier and float are seasonally removed; the pilings remain. The Commission felt that it was necessary to review past filings prior to voting on the application. **The discussion was continued to March 3, 2010.**

**236 Stage Neck Road, Hough, SE 10-2601:** Discussion ensued on consideration of the following points when issuing the Order of Conditions:

- The applicant has failed to obtain other necessary local approvals i.e. ZBA permit
- The applicant did not provide information as requested by the Commission during the hearing process. The Commission did not receive an eelgrass survey based on findings during the optimum growing season

- Remediation was discussed during the ZBA hearing, but was never presented to the Commission
- Comment letter dated December 2, 09 from Shellfish Constable
- Comment letter dated November 30, 2009 from Coastal Resources Director
- The Commission had not finished their hearing process when the applicant asked for closure and an Order of Conditions
- This new pier and float would be another obstruction in a narrow, congested waterway

**It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to deny the proposal.**

**72 Main St, Fischer, SE 10-2606:** It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the Clark Engineering plan dated December 9, 2009 for the construction of an elevated coastal stairway at 72 Main Street. **An Order of Conditions was written.**

Draft comment letters, as requested by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), were read into the record and approved by the Commission for the following projects:

- **231 Eastward Rd, Burcin, SE 10-2614-** Renovation of sunroom and new deck
- **101 Morris Island Road, 101 Morris Island Rd LLC, SE 10-2612:** Demolition & re-construction of dwelling & pool, landscaping
- **70 Queen Anne Rd, Queen Anne Inn, SE 10-2305A:** Reconfigure existing parking, new carport and re-location of sidewalk
- **847 Orleans Road, Town of Chatham, SE 10-2618:** Re-location of driveway and construction of new parking, including installation of storm water controls

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of December 2, 2009 and February 17, 2010 were approved as written.

**Extension Permit:** An Extension Permit was signed for the completion of work at Lot 2 Crows Pond Road, SE 10-2202.

**6 Ethelma Dr:** The applicant wishes to remove two dead trees, a branch off an additional tree and some additional cleanup activities at 6 Ethelma Drive; all work is within 100-ft of a pond. Additionally there were some brush piles on the site that will be removed at the same time.

The Commission agreed that the work could proceed under an Administrative Review; the clearing of cat briar and work requested on existing steps was not allowed under an Admin review; the applicant will have to file for additional work beyond the scope of the Admin Review.

**46 Jericho Lane, Callahan:** The Commission agreed to consider the replacement of an existing, permanent pier under an Administrative Review after some examination of office files. The discussion on the application was continued to March 3, 2010.

**470 Shore Road, Eisenstein**: There is an existing Order of Conditions under SE 10-2549 for the installation of timber stairs at 470 Shore Road. The applicants would like to amend the existing permit to include vista pruning and maintenance of view.

After some discussion, the Commission agreed that the proposed work would be beyond the scope of the original permit. Amendments are reserved for minor changes. **The vote was unanimous to require an additional filing.**

**Strong Island**: Attorney Richard Nysten, representing Mr. Cashman, has informed the Commission that Mr. Cashman would like to proceed with the application for an elevated walkway over the dunes, as an Amendment to the existing pier application under SE 10-2519.

The Commission denied the pier application as proposed but indicated that they would consider a pier located closer to the boathouse on Strong Island. The Commission questioned whether the new tidal range changes affect the location of this pier, as proposed.

Currently, there has been no response from DEP on the appeal. The Commissioners would study the outline prepared by Mr. Nysten.

**Project Narrative**: Commissioner Geiger re-iterated the need for all applications to include a project narrative. It was suggested that there be a discussion regarding this application requirement at the work session on March 10, 2010.

**Reminder**: Special Meeting March 1, 2010 re: Eastward Ho!

**Adjourn**: It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Fougere, Secretary