**Conservation Commission Meeting**

**January 9, 2017**

**Meeting Opened**: 6:05 pm

**Members Present**: Sue Foote, Jim Sanborn, Francis Chase and Judie Walker.

**Guests**: Jerry Klima, Salisbury Town Moderator and Director of Coastal Trails Coalition

Lisa Pearson, Salisbury Director of Planning and Community Development

Bruce Brown – Batchelder Road parcel

Colin Dinsmore, PE Ambit Engineering, Inc for 18 Stard Road.

**Minutes:**

*Motion: Sue Foote*

*Second: Jim Sanborn*

*Unanimous*

**Dredge and Fill Applications:**

* NHDES copied Conservation Commission a letter they sent to Henry Boyd requesting more information for File #2016-03349, 411 Ocean Boulevard. They would like a revised plan clearly identifying the limits of the adjacent dunes and include photographs.
* The NHDES would like evidence that they have coordinated with the Natural Heritage Bureau and incorporated their recommendations into the design and construction sequence of this project in order to prevent adverse impacts to the 5 adjacent natural exemplary communities.

**Seabrook Rail Trail**:

* Jerry Klima and Lisa Pearson spoke to the Conservation Commission about joining the Seabrook Rail Trail with the Salisbury Rail Trail at the 28 Collins Street (Seabrook Firemen’s Association) Salisbury is proposing to have an easement with the Town of Seabrook for the rail trails. The Salisbury Rail Trail officials inform us that there is money available to support the rail trail in 2018 from the Mass Highway Project. The Seabrook Firemen’s Association has no problem with this idea. There will be designated parking for rail trail only. The Seabrook Firemen’s Association will donate the easement of that area to the Conservation Commission with the Board of Selectmen approval.

The Conservation Commission is in favor of this project and hereby makes a recommendation that the Board of Selectmen seek legal advice. The applicant will provide a site plan along with approval from the Seabrook’s Firemen’s Association.

Motion: Francis Chase

Second: Sue Foote

Unanimous

**Bruce Brown Batchelder Road Tax Map 5-13-1**

* Bruce Brown owns about 4 acres of land on Batchelder Road. 15 years ago he met with Sue Foote, Jim Fuller and Henry Boyd to talk about clearing his land and bringing it up to grade. As of today his land is mostly wetlands and he would like someone to investigate why. There was a discussion about 1 large culvert in Sam’s driveway this might not be working property or needs to be cleaned out. Also there is a conservation easement that has no outlet before Route I-95. The land had pine trees on it which they are now all dead because of the situation. Mr. Brown is hoping someone could take a look at the situation and come up with a solution for him to go forward. Francis Chase will take a look at the culvert and see who is responsible for cleaning, etc.

**18 Stard Road**

* Colin Dinsmore , P.E. of Ambit Engineering, Inc. was representing 18 Stard Road which is an undeveloped parcel of land. It is under an acre and there is a small area of wetlands in the back of the land. The company is proposing building a 10,000 sq ft warehouse with an enclosed loading dock for 18-wheel trucks. There will be a grass surface and buffer planting between the main warehouse and the wetlands. There was discussion about how high the slope would be making sure turtles will be encourage to live there, they can burrow in the banking and make sure there is not a steep slope on the other side. This area is in the aquifer protection zone so they need to make sure there is a shut off valve in case of a spill.

Conservation Commission suggested that manhole # 1 has a filtration system that stops chemicals from spilling.

The Conservation Commission support the request to impact the wetland buffer setback area as depicted on C4 with conditions. Coconut fabric is used on the slope. Edge of the property line will be replanted with suitable species. That the slopes both inside and outside be arrange so that wildlife (turtles) can navigate the slope. No hay bales on site and use of wood chips are permitted. Some sort of emergency shut off in DM#1 in case of a catastrophic spill. Wildlife seed mix on slope used for wetlands. Extended rip rap out to property line instead of land and sod.

Motion: Sue Foote

Second: Francis Chase

Unanimous

**Mail:**

* A Memo from the Deputy Town Manager asking the Conservation Commission to submit their Annual Report by Friday January 20th. Judie will write and submit Annual Report before the deadline.
* Great Bay Matters Quarterly Report.
* South East Land Trust Quarterly Report.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50pm

Next Meeting: March 13, 2017

Respectfully submitted: Judie Walker, Secretary