



**Environmental Stewardship Department/
Conservation Commission**

**City of New Bedford
Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor**

**Meeting Minutes of the Conservation Meeting of
November 5, 2019
Brooklawn Senior Center**

Members Absent

Paul Pacheco

Staff Present

**Agent Sarah Porter, Conservation Agent
Sandy Douglas, Admin. Coordinator**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman, Craig Dixon, Commissioner Dennis Audette and Commissioner Peter Blanchard

Chairman Dixon read General Procedure for Hearings for the record.

Agent Porter stated that anyone present that is recording the hearing must state their name and address.

Ms. Claudia Ostiguy of 426 Valley Road, New Bedford, MA was present and will be recording some of tonight's hearings.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **SE49-0771** - (Continued from 5/7/19, 5/21/19, 6/4/19, 6/18/19, 7/2/19, 7/16/19, 8/6/19, 8/27/19, 9/17/19, 10/2/19, 10/15/19) – A Request for partial Certificate of Compliance as filed by Tim Cusson of Parallel Products of New England for property identified as 100 Duchaine Boulevard (Map 134, Lot 5). Representative is Matthew White of Farland Corp.

Agent Porter advised that a continuance has been requested.

Commissioner Dixon inquired if there was anyone present wishing to speak in favor of this project. None heard.

Commissioner Dixon inquired if there was anyone present wishing to speak in opposition of this project.

Elizabeth Swible of 3 Jennifer Lane, New Bedford, MA submitted paperwork regarding the underground tanks, documents on the groundwater and contamination that she spoke about at the last meeting. Ms. Swible stated that she still has a lot of questions about their intentions with the existing underground tanks, if they will be utilized with the bio-solids and if they are going to just abandon them.

Agent Porter stated that this hearing is for the Certificate of Compliance for the proposed access road and not for the rail project, that is on the agenda for later this evening. Ms. Swible stated that she would just submit her documentation now for the rail project that will be discussed later this evening.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to accept into record the submitted documentation by Ms. Swible for the rail project. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard.

Swible question of the access road if the houses that were built on Phillips Road are causing the flooding problems. Chairman Dixon replied that the problem with the road is the grading.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to table to the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

2. SE49-0727 – (Continued from 10/15/19) - Request for a Certificate of Compliance as filed by Susan Nilson of Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC for property identified as 137 Popes Island (Map 60, Lot 13). Representative is Susan Nilson.

Agent Porter advised that Ms. Nilson has submitted an as built with the additional barge which was located with two spuds on it and a dock on the east side of the island. Commission needs to determine how want to deal with the fact that there is a barge and dock that are not part of the Certificate of Compliance. Recommended that an after the fact filing be done for the dock and barge. If the Commission would like, can go ahead and issue the COC for the big barge that is there.

Commissioner Audette stated that he would prefer that the filing be done and then approve everything at once. Commissioners agreed that a NOI be filed and to hold off on this Certificate of Compliance.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to comment on this matter. None heard.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to table this matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

3. SE49-0694 – (Continued from 10/15/19) - Request for a Certificate of Compliance as filed by Ron Oliveira for property identified as 968 Lucy Street (Map 132, Lot 346). Representative is Ron Oliveira.

Agent Porter advised that this project is now in full compliance, the acknowledgment has been submitted, the fence is fixed, and the sign is up. Agent recommended the issuance of a full Certificate of Compliance with ongoing condition #50 and #51.

Chairman Dixon inquired whether there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor. None heard.

Chairman Dixon inquired whether there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition. None heard.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to issue a full Certificate of Compliance as recommended by the Agent. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Request for Determination of Applicability as filed by Sean Moriarty & Christina Connelly for property identified as 424 West Rodney French Boulevard (Map 7 – Lot 2).** Applicants propose porch renovations including replacing stairs, railings, columns and decking within the Coastal Velocity Zone of the Floodplain. Representatives are Sean Moriarty and Christina Connelly.

Agent Porter advised that a continuance has been requested.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor. None heard.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition. None heard.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to table this matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Audette. All in favor. Motion carries.

- 2. SE49-0805 – Request for a Minor Project Modification for the South Coast Rail as filed by VHB, Inc on behalf of the MA Dept. of Transportation.** Request is for the removal of an existing stone box culvert, associated headwall and manhole and replace with a new reinforced concrete pipe and manhole within the footprint of the existing structures. Representative is Lars Carlson of VHB, Inc.

Mr. Lars Carlson of VHB, Inc., was present together with Ken Caputo.

Mr. Carlson advised that this project was before the Commission a couple of weeks ago because when they started doing work in the vicinity they found a reinforced concrete pipe under the right of way and it was determined that only part of that pipe was reinforced concrete pipe and the majority of it was a stone box culvert and that design was not acceptable for commuter rail. They had to replace the stone box culvert which connects into the manhole structure. They are now proposing a design solution to remove the existing pipe, remove box culvert and remove the structure that is in the wetland and it will be replaced in kind in same footprint and new culvert will be extended under the tracks with outlet into the ditch on the far side of the tracks. Most of the structure is out of the wetland, but the drain manhole is in the BVW. Some excavation is proposed and seed for stabilization. Mr. Carlson requested that this proposed design solution be accepted as a minor modification to the existing Order of Conditions.

Chairman Dixon inquired whether there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor. None heard.

Chairman Dixon inquired whether there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition. None heard.

No questions or comments from the Commission.

Agent Porter recommended that this is for a temporary alteration of the wetland for the replacement of the concrete pipe and manhole within the existing footprint and recommended a minor modification without the need of an amended order.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to accept as a minor modification to the order. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

3. SE49-0796 – Request for Certificate of Compliance as filed by D.P.M. Development for property identified as Seth Daniel Drive (Map 136, Lot 480).

Agent Porter advised that the acknowledgement has been received along with as-built plan and the sign is up. Agent recommended the issuance of a full Certificate of Compliance with ongoing condition #51.

Chairman Dixon inquired whether there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor. None heard.

Chairman Dixon inquired whether there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition. None heard.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to issue a full Certificate of Compliance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

4. SE49-0793 – Request for a Certificate of Compliance as filed by D.P.M. Development for property identified as Seth Daniel Drive (Map 136, Lot 481).

Agent Porter advised that the acknowledgement has been received along with as-built plan and the sign is up. Agent recommended the issuance of a full Certificate of Compliance with ongoing condition #51.

Chairman Dixon inquired whether there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor. None heard.

Chairman Dixon inquired whether there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition. None heard.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to issue a full Certificate of Compliance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

CONTINUED HEARINGS:

- SE49-0735** – (Continued from 3/15/16, 4/5/16, 4/19/16, 5/3/16, 5/17/16, 6/7/16, 6/21/16, 7/5/16, 7/19/16, 8/16/16, 9/6/16, 9/20/16, 10/6/16, 10/18/16, 11/1/16, 11/15/16, 12/20/16, 12/27/16, 1/17/17, 2/7/17, 2/21/17, 3/7/17, 3/21/17, 4/4/17, 4/18/17, 5/2/17, 5/16/17, 6/6/17, 6/20/17, 7/5/17, 7/18/17, 8/8/17, 8/22/17, 9/5/17, 9/19/17, 10/3/17, 10/17/17, 11/7/17, 11/21/17, 12/5/17, 12/19/17, 1/2/18, 1/16/18, 2/6/18, 2/20/18, 3/6/18, 3/20/18, 4/3/18, 4/17/18, 5/1/18, 5/15/18, 6/5/18, 6/19/18, 7/3/18, 7/17/18, 8/7/18, 8/21/18, 9/4/18, 9/17/18, 10/2/18, 10/16/18, 11/6/18, 1/20/18, 12/4/18, 12/18/18, 01/8/19, 1/22/19, 2/5/19, 2/19/19, 3/5/19, 3/19/19, 4/4/19, 4/16/19, 5/7/19, 5/21/19, 6/4/19, 6/18/19, 7/2/19, 7/16/19, 8/6/19, 8/27/19, 9/3/19, 9/17/19, 10/2/19, 10/15/19) - A Notice of Intent as filed by Anthony R. DeCosta d/b/a A-1 Asphalt for property located at 1861 Shawmut Avenue, New Bedford (Map 124, Lot 27). Applicant proposes improvements to a soil and aggregate re-cycling facility in the Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Representative is Rick Charon of Charon Associates, Inc. **CONTINUED**
- SE49-0810** – (Continued from 9/4/18, 9/17/18, 10/2/18, 10/16/18, 11/6/18, 11/20/18, 12/4/18, 12/18/18, 01/8/19, 1/22/19, 2/5/19, 2/19/19, 3/5/19, 3/19/19, 4/4/19, 4/16/19, 5/7/19, 5/21/19, 6/4/19, 6/18/19, 7/2/19, 7/16/19, 8/6/19, 8/27/19, 9/3/19, 9/17/19, 10/2/19, 10/15/19) - A Notice of Intent as filed by Norman Nichols for property identified as a 50' wide easement through Map 130A, Lot 720. Applicant proposes a stream crossing for a 20' wide paved drive which shall

alter Bordering Vegetated Wetland, Bank and Land Under a Waterway. Representative is Richard Rheume of Prime Engineering. **CONTINUED**

3. **SE49-0819** - (Continued from 3/5/19, 3/19/19, 4/4/19, 4/16/19, 5/7/19, 5/21/19, 6/4/19, 6/18/19, 7/2/19, 7/16/19, 8/6/19, 8/27/19, 9/3/19, 9/17/19, 10/2/19, 10/15/19) - Notice of Intent as filed by MIH1, LLC for property identified as Farland Circle (Map 130D, Lot 472). Applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling in the Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Representative is Jack Tabares of Farland Corp.

Agent Porter advised that a continuance has been requested for this hearing and the following two hearings.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of this project. None heard.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition of this project.

Elizabeth Swible, 3 Jennifer Lane, New Bedford, MA questioned as to why Farland is allowed to keep continuing this hearing since last year and why the project has not started and why they are not meeting the requirements.

Agent Porter replied that they have not yet started the project because they must submit calculations for the existing driveway & roadway and until calculations are submitted the application cannot go forward.

Ms. Swible why does it take so long for them to submit this calculation.

Chairman Dixon explained that they can continue the hearings, there are other matters on the agenda this evening that have been on the agenda longer than this project.

Commissioner Audette added that the applicant has paid their filing fee to do this and sometimes the applicant is not ready to go forward with the project.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to table this matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

4. **SE49-0820** - (Continued from 3/5/19, 3/19/19, 4/4/19, 4/16/19, 5/7/19, 5/21/19, 6/4/19, 6/18/19, 7/2/19, 7/16/19, 8/6/19, 8/27/19, 9/3/19, 9/17/19, 10/2/19, 10/15/19) - Notice of Intent as filed by MIH1, LLC for property identified as Farland Circle (Map 130D, Lot 477). Applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling in the Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Representative is Jack Tabares of Farland Corp.

Agent Porter advised that a continuance has been requested for this hearing.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of this project. None heard.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition of this project. None heard.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to table this matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

5. **SE49-0821** - (Continued from 3/5/19, 3/19/19, 4/4/19, 4/16/19, 5/7/19, 5/21/19, 6/4/19, 6/18/19, 7/2/19, 7/16/19, 8/6/19, 8/27/19, 9/17/19, 10/2/19, 10/15/19) - **Notice of Intent as filed by MIH1, LLC for property identified as Farland Circle (Map 130D, Lot 478).** Applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling in the Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland. Representative is Jack Tabares of Farland Corp.

Agent Porter advised that a continuance has been requested for this hearing.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of this project. None heard.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition of this project. None heard.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to table this matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

6. **SE49-0824** - (Continued from 4/16/19, 5/7/19, 5/21/19, 6/4/19, 6/18/19, 7/2/19, 7/16/19, 8/6/19, 8/27/19, 9/17/19, 10/2/19, 10/15/19) - **A Notice of Intent as filed by Michele Paul Director of Environmental Stewardship for the City of New Bedford for property identified as Riverside Park (Map 99, Lot 81; Map 100, Lots 83 and 84) which is located on the east side of Belleville Ave. and the north side of Coffin Ave.** Applicant proposes to remove invasive species. construct a six-foot wide riparian walkway and plant native vegetation adjacent to the pathway. Representative is Stevie Carvalho of Farland Corp.

Agent Porter advised that a continuance has been requested for this hearing.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of this project. None heard.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition of this project. None heard.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to table this matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

7. **SE49-0831** - (Continued from 10/15/19) - **A Notice of Intent as filed by Tim Cusson of Parallel Products of New England for property identified as 100 Duchaine Blvd (Map 133, Lot 67 and Map 134 Lots 5 & 462).** Applicant proposes to construct a rail sidetrack (from an existing rail to the glass recycling facility), an open box culvert stream crossing, a wetland crossing, bunker buildings for glass recycling, photovoltaic canopies, stormwater improvements and associated site grading and utilities. Representative is Christian Farland of Farland Corp.

Agent Porter advised that a continuance has been requested for this hearing.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of this project. None heard.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition of this project.

Tracy Wallace of 75 Stephanie Place, New Bedford, MA submitted additional documents that they found that shows tanks underneath and from google earth it looks like the rail track might be going into where these tanks are underneath. In old documents it says that one of the tanks was filled with concrete and the consequences of filling in an abandoned tank with concrete and also found what was submitted in November, 2017 Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for 20 Duchaine Blvd. that makes reference to threatened species.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to accept submitted documents into record. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to table this matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

At 6:54 pm Agent Porter requested that the Commission make a motion to re-open this hearing so that she may add a comment.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to re-open the hearing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

Agent Porter advised that she has received a request from Farland to meet with the Engineering Consultant and the Agent to go over the comments, would the Commission prefer that the comments are addressed before this Commission with the consultant from Nitsch Engineering.

Commissioner Audette suggested that it would be best to have all the comments be addressed in the presence of this board and the public. Chairman Dixon agreed it would be best to have some transparency and have the meeting here.

Commissioner Audette Made a motion to close this hearing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

8. **SE49-0835** - (Continued from 10/15/19) - A Notice of Intent as filed by Scott Taber, Shoreline Resources, LLC for property identified as 137-143 Popes Island, New Bedford (Map 60, Lot 13). Applicant proposes to convert a dedicated fabrication facility to a True Value Hardware Marine Store with areas for retail, item storage and machine shop. The existing bituminous pavement will be removed, graded, repaved and restriped with a Stormceptor added to capture and treat stormwater runoff. Representative is Danny Rebelo of BETA Group, Inc.

Agent Porter advised that a continuance has been requested for this hearing.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of this project. None heard.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition of this project. None.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to table this matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

NEW HEARINGS:

1. **SE49-0836** - A Notice of Intent as filed by Scot Servis, Airport Manager, New Bedford Regional Airport for property identified as 1569 Airport Road, New Bedford (Map 125 – Lot 22; Map 123C – Lot 225; Map 123 – Lot 3 & Map 122 - Lot 3). Applicant is proposing wildlife/perimeter fence replacements at four locations on airport property. Representative is Rhianna Sommers of Epsilon Associates, Inc.

Mr. Scot Service the Airport Manager of NBRA was present together with Rhianna Sommers of Epsilon Associates and Steve Riesland of Airport Solutions.

Ms. Sommers stated that they are proposing fence improvements to the perimeter and wildlife fence. There are four locations where they are proposing to replace or install new fence. The reasons for the repairs are its either too old or too short and primary function of fence is to keep airport safe and keep out wildlife like deer and coyote that propose danger to aircrafts. A copy of the NOI was sent to Natural Heritage because is it's within mapped habitat for boxed turtle

Ms. Sommers went over the locations of the proposed work:

Location A, this section of fence runs along forested area and is too short and old and is in the 100' buffer zone, proposing to replace appx. 760 linear feet of fence in this section.

Location B this existing fence runs along tree line north of the drainage ditch. Because of the drainage ditch, the airport staff cannot get to the fence to maintain it. They are proposing to install fence adjacent to it so they can access it. This section is in the buffer zone and small portion of work proposed in wetland in previous approved delineation lines.

Location C the existing fence is paved runs along Downey Street and it's old and too short and within the 100' buffer zone and partially within the 25' buffer and no work in the wetlands.

Location D south of the Colonial hanger this is a big phragmites marsh and they are proposing to install appx. 478 linear feet of new fence and 364 linear feet to replace one of the sections is underwater and needs new fence in that area, the other section is just falling and needs repair.

Ms. Sommers advised that the new fence would be an 8' tall chain link fence with 3" diameter galvanized steel posts, the posts will be spaced appx. 10' apart and fence will be flushed with ground to keep out animals. Within the BVW and 25' buffer zone there will not be any concrete footings on the fence posts. The, only permanent impacts proposed in BVW and 25' buffer zone are the fence posts itself that will be embedded into the ground by mechanically vibrated then into ground by hammer or small excavator. To access the two wetlands areas, they are proposing to use timber mats or tera mats that are thinner but most likely it will be the timber mats. Total proposed permanent impacts in wetland is 3 square feet. Proposed temporary impacts in wetlands is 3,738 s.f. that is due to the use of the timber mats. Wetlands will be allowed to restore naturally and will be monitored and if necessary, they will seed. Staging area will be outside of the 100' buffer zone on an existing paved area.

Commissioner Audette inquired as to how long the fence line was in the phragmites area. Ms. Sommers replied that it's appx. 364 linear feet. Commissioner Audette expressed concern that the timber mats would cause damage.

Mr. Riesland advised that the mats are roughly 15-16 feet long and they could use two-three at a time. Ms. Sommers added that usually the vegetation pops back up and if not, they could seed. Agent Porter stated that the vegetation will come back, this is the same method that they have used in the past at the airport.

Commissioner Blanchard inquired as to what they would be doing with the old fence that is collapsing. Mr. Servis replied that they could rip it out or leave it where it is and let it sink. Ms. Sommers added that this was discussed with Sarah when they met on field and everyone agreed it would probably be best to leave it unless the Commission disagrees.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of this project. None heard.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition of this project. None heard.

Agent Porter stated as far as leaving the fence in versus taking it out, would have to put timber mats to remove it and would have to disturb the soil to take out concrete footings and seems to make more sense to leave it in place and let it sink into the wetlands. The use of timber mats the wetlands will bounce back. Agent Porter added that the impacts are not significant, they have their methodology established and have to wait for a response from Natural Heritage.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to table this matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

2. **SE49-0837 - A Notice of Intent as filed by Adam Hart, City of New Bedford Department of Public Infrastructure for property identified as West Rodney French Beach (Map 9 - Lots 286 & 287; Map 7 – Lots 1, 5, & 122 and Map 11 – Lot 30).** Project proposes to place a 31,150 cubic yard beach nourishment and nine new nearshore breakwaters along the West Rodney French Boulevard beaches, between Hazelwood Park and the West Rodney French Boulevard boat ramp, to improve resiliency and protect the City's main sewer line. Representative is John Ramsey of Applied Coastal Research and Engineering, Inc.

Mr. John Ramsey of Applied Coastal Research and Engineering was present together with Adam Heart of the City of New Bedford DPI.

Mr. Ramsey advised that they have been working with the City for a few years to attempt to try and protect the sewer line along West Rodney French Boulevard because the seawall is in bad shape. The City applied for a CCM Grant and put it out to bid and they were awarded contract to come up with design to protect the sewer line. Mr. Ramsey stated they have filed an ENF with MEPA and received Certificate from MEPA to move forward with the proposed design.

One of things will be doing is put in 9 T heads close to shore remove submerged tips that don't serve a function. Leaving bottom layer to serve as habitat. Have to head structures try to maintain a certain beach width of 30' because it's minimum width you need to weather through a hurricane. Will be containing pocket beaches within each of the structures. Trunks will be wood to minimize footprint. Impact to Land

under the ocean is 133,000 impact, coastal beach is 111,000 of temporary impact and coastal dune is about 11,000 of temporary impact. Land containing shellfish is the most permanent type of impact and are proposing to harvest the shellfish and reseed afterwards and working with Shellfish Council.

Commissioner Audette inquired as to what they are proposing to do with the shellfish when they harvest them. Agent Porter stated that the shellfish warden will determine as to where they will go.

Mr. Ramsey stated that they are not changing any of the drainage at this time and doing beach nourishment as a truck haul project by using the existing boat ramp. Concept is to build structures as they move along and fill behind them as they go. Will start from North to South. Received letter from DMF indicating that they have extended the time of year restriction from May to January 15th. DMF also asked for more alternatives but Certificate from MEPA indicates that they are satisfied with the proposed alternatives and have done numerous alternative analysis.

Commissioner Blanchard inquired if the design life is 9-12 years. Mr. Ramsey replied that they will have to add appx. 20% more sand after 9-12 years but anticipate it to last longer than that because of the beach nourishment design.

Commissioner Blanchard also inquired as to why the structures are wood and not stone. Mr. Ramsey replied that the wood is in the sand and will not be impacted by the waves and using wood because of footprint.

Commissioner Audette inquired if they had a structural drawing of the T's. Mr. Ramsey did not have a structural drawing.

Commissioner Blanchard inquired if the new sand will create beach. Mr. Hart replied that it would.

Chairman Dixon inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor. Mr. John McCoy stated that he had a question.

John McCoy 35 Lucas Street, New Bedford, MA stated that he thought that all the drainpipes were connected to the sewage and going out to the sewage treatment plant and not into the cove. Mr. Ramsey replied that this for drainage coming off the street, it's not sewer drainage. The intent now is to extend the pipes to make it more functional and discharge more offshore. McCoy along beaches there are large rocks are they proposing to remove those. Mr. Ramsey replied that they will be buried into the beach, the beach will be as high as the seawall. Mr. Ramsey stated Grain size of the sand if you sample sand from municipal beach across from Hazelwood back the sand is really gravel and then the beach is fine. Mr. Ramsey replied they have samples of the beach and there will be a mix of the sand that is there.

Blanchard does city have a plan to do anything about the drainage because West beach was closed a couple of times last summer. Mr. Hart replied that they are working with EPA and there is no plan at this time.

Agent Porter inquired if they are working with EPA on CSO issue than why is Mr. Ramsey stating that it's just street drainage coming off. Mr. Hart replied that they have since separated the interconnections from houses.

Ms. Elizabeth Swible of 3 Jennifer Lane, New Bedford, MA inquired as to what this project has to do with the sewer line. Mr. Ramsey replied that the main sewer line that goes to the treatment plant runs behind the wall and they are trying to protect that seawall so that it doesn't collapse. Ms. Swible stated

that she thought there were improvements done to that area. Mr. Ramsey replied that there have been improvements including to the bike path but not to the seawall. Ms. Swible stated that the whole city is old and why is this sewer line a priority and is this a sign of something to come down that sewer line. Mr. Hart also added that this is a major part of the sewer and it takes about 80-90 of the sewer from the city.

Mr. David Fredette with City of New Bedford DPI stated what triggered this project was after the 1970s upgrade to the seawall, there are three segments of beaches there now and each one of those segments have devolved in terms of nourishment and the beach has disappeared and there is no protection now to the seawall as opposed to some protection back in the 1960s or 1970s. This project was brought to the attention of the city with the intent that this will help secure the seawall.

There were no further comments.

Agent Porter stated that this is a large project and she has not had time to go through the whole application, but she does have a question about the dunes. That it states on the application that the dunes are not vegetated, but they are vegetated. Mr. Ramsey stated that they are not trying to building on any dune existing dune area and would not add sand to any dune and will make sure that the contractor stays away from any dune and will fence it off and if there is any damage done they will plant seagrass.

Porter if could describe methodology for the t-heads. MR. Ramsey replied they would construct the sand from south and build it out and then work from that platform onto the other it would be constant moving, Mr. Ramsey added that they would like to start work in June and work until January.

Agent Porter inquired as to how they are going to remove stone out of groins. Mr. Ramsey replied that they would leave that up to the marine contractor to decide and would prefer to do it from land or if necessary, it would be by barge.

Agent Porter inquired if the stormwater pipes that have asphalt will be tucked into the proposed T's. Mr. Ramsey replied they would be buried underneath.

Agent Porter stated that she may have more comments or questions once she has completed her review and must wait to get a response from Natural Heritage.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to table. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:

1. 3806 Acushnet Avenue - update on Restoration Plan

Agent Porter advised that work is done and is waiting for the sign to come in and will install it.

2. Almy Street - update on Restoration

Agent Porter advised that the area has been seeded.

3. Briarwood Court Enforcement update

Agent Porter advised that Department of Inspectional Services sent a Correction Order and does not know the status of that at this time.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

1. Agent Updates/General Correspondence

None.

2. Meeting Minutes of 10/15/19 for approval.

Commissioner Audette made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of 10/15/19. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Audette made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanchard. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Douglas, Administrative Coordinator