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Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Thursday, October 26, 2017 Meeting
Town Hall – Assonet, Mass.

Present: Keven Desmarais, Christopher Mather, Janine Robidoux, and Charles Sullivan.

Absent: Maria Ternullo.

Call to order: Charlie Sullivan called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Meet with Assonet Bay Shores Association, re: Land Donation

Sunny Torres (president), Tom Gregoire (treasurer), and Carolyn Kiley-Moore (vice president/secretary) of the Assonet Bay Shores Association approached the board to again discuss donating the marshlands, tide meadows, and other properties owned by the Association to the Conservation Commission, excluding the beach property on Cliff Drive. A map of the area was reviewed to show what the donated lands would consist of, being a few large saltmarsh areas, two unbuildable subdivision lots, and otherwise mostly a strip of land around the outside of Bryant's Neck.

The deed was reviewed briefly, as was an easement document protecting existing docks, seawalls, and landscaping that encroaches on the property. The clerk noted the deed allowed for maintaining the sign at the entrance to the subdivision. The clerk also noted that it was determined the beach gazebo is on the property to be conveyed, but that the deed allows the Association to continue using and enjoying the gazebo subject to the requirement that it be kept in good repair; failure to keep it in repair could result in the Town repairing or removing it at the Association's expense. The ABSA officers understood this, and asked if the gazebo could be removed to the retained beach property at a later time. The clerk responded yes, the deed is written such that the gazebo remains the Association's property even after transfer.

A motion was made by Mr. Mather, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to accept the donation of land. The motion carried unanimously, and the acceptance form was signed for recording. The process was then outlined that the Board of Selectmen would need to approve the donation at their November 6th meeting, and the easement, deed, and clerk's certificates could be signed after that. Mr. Gregoire clarified that the Association must pay the cost of recording the easement (\$75.00), and the Conservation Commission would pay the costs of recording the deed and associated paperwork.

Mr. Desmarais recused himself from the above discussion as he is a member of the Association and an abutter to the property being donated.

Bills

No bills were believed paid since the prior meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of October 16th were passed over.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mr. Mather, to adjourn at 4:17 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: Michael T. McCue
Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk