



OBSERVER REPORT

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: May 13, 2021

Members Present: Bill Colehower, David VanHoven, Brian Lecliar, Jesse Alderman, Michael Smith, Town Engineer Charles Quigley

Joseph Brown Pond Renaming

- Marblehead Conservancy wants to put educational signs around preservation land with warnings about bad behavior and descriptions of the area they are in. Committee would like to see designs.
- Coordinating with police creating a form for reporting graffiti and others destructive behaviors. Police are fully welcomed to remove all graffiti. When police find bike jumps, should they just take them down? Should they ask the commission first before property is destroyed.? Bon fires, litter, graffiti?
- The Conservancy does almost all the work to maintain our public wooded areas. Are we relying on a community non-profit to do enforcement? Agreed that this should not be the case.
- Ask the Conservancy to not do any more than their trail work. Charlie Quigley needs to make the determination. Ask people to report damage and get photos. Report goes on form to Charlie and Police Dept. If Charlie says that it is serious damage then he will ask the Conservancy to fix it.

Report

Investigate (business record practice where a form is kept between the Conservation Commission and Police)

Remove graffiti. If work is necessary-contact Conservancy

Kids building stick forts in conservancy areas with dead wood.

- Could these be a fire danger?
- Are they cutting live limbs or removing vegetation? Evidently not.
- Any damage to conservation land is illegal
- Aren't we supposed to let the wood lie?
- Cutting, digging, and removing live vegetation not allowed but playing with sticks, why not.
- Decided to deal with it through the policy just established.

Wild flower seeding at lead mills: New patch is watered because neighbors allowed them to connect hoses to their water source. Will need pumps and valves to move water further, but they are expensive and worried about leaving them out. They want to build a little pump house that can move as the area they are planting changes. Commission wants to see what it will look like.

65 Naugus Ave 14-1384: Timber landing approved and built. Post stone steps to pier. Turns out to be too steep. Want to install wooden stairwell with hand rails, stainless steel structure supporting.

The Commission doesn't want people pouring concrete in an area where the CC has said 'do not touch.' How can they get to their pier? It's just too slippery. Safer with stairs instead of stone steps. CC not thrilled: More crushed stone? More mitigation? Terrace with crushed stone? Argument over width of steps.

It's not about fixing things up, it is about new creations. They will go with the approved granite steps and a safety rail. Property owner very upset. He wants to create a safe path to the pier, and the commission wants to preserve the environment.

36 Crestwood Rd.: Side entrance garage over paved area. was approved. Now they want entrance on front on the street side. Already a brick walkway. Impervious surfaces will remain.

Ocean Ave deck work: more done than on the plan. Deck has a slightly different configuration than the one approved. What does the Commission want? They want an actual calculation on what was approved in terms of square footage and what was actually built.

Zero Crowninshield Rd. Application for tree removal: Tree is half dead and the other half is diseased. If the tree falls it will rip out a lot of ground, garden, and fall into the ocean. It could hurt people and things. They will plant to replace the tree and have all naturalized/native species. Native pines, nice Chestnut still there. Want to plant to stabilize bank. Yes Vote

230 Ocean Ave. Want to plant 10 trees on westerly lot lines: Pine, white pine, and birch. Replace driveway with crushed stones. After new seeding, lay down hay. Minor activity permit-approved

12 Davis Road

- 3rd time before Commission. Sea wall is lower than adjoining ones. Want to raise sea wall and put in addition. Could they use what the boat clubs use? A walkway/ramp with no pouring of concrete would make the commission much happier.
- Raise existing sea wall to be at same level as adjoining ones. Wants to keep young children from falling over wall. Want stairs/aluminum ladder next to wall leading to platform, all that can be removed in winter time.
- Raising wall, cap on wall, ladder

40-1477 230 Ocean Ave. applied to replace garage. Client wants to do driveway and lawn. Wetland neighboring property. Garage is 78 feet away from wetland. Garage is slightly enlarged.