

Jamestown Conservation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
December 16th, 2003, 7:00 pm, DEM Fish & Wildlife Fort Wetherill

Call to order at 7:13 pm.

Present: Pat Bolger, Christopher Powell, Suzanne Vetromile, Amy Barclay de Tolly, Steve Ryba, Tom Johnson.

Absent: Grace Mariorenzi.

- Reviewed State RIGL enabling legislation for the conservation commissions > our purpose.
- Reviewed April 9, 1999 memorandum position on the Taylor Point Site.
- Conservation Easement – west creep
- Reviewed Neighborhood Advisory Committee memorandum updated Dec 3, 2003.
- Taylor Point - There is a state-threatened species (*Oxalis violacea L.*) that could be impacted by drainage. Site does have freshwater & saltwater wetlands.
- Potter's Cove contains a healthy stock of eel grass.

Motion made by Barclay de Tolly to accept introduction elements, seconded by Bolger.
Approved unanimously.

Issues for Conservation Commission:

1. Covering Tanks – If one were to cover the tanks that may reduce the increasing westward creep of the facility site, we are in favor of it.
2. Westward Creep- Original motion of the Council was to maintain everything west of the cart path with a permanent conservation easement from the potential building or retention ponds.
3. Coastal Zone – The proposed facility construction falls within 200 feet of CRMC designated coastal zone.
4. Screening – Agree with the Neighborhood Advisory Committee's recommendation for maximum screening. Would expect maximum effort of screening with initial large planting of evergreen trees and shrubs for immediate screening of facility. CC to work with landscape architect. No future expansion into screening areas.
5. Drainage – Not in favor of any drainage being directed into the SA - Type 1 Quality water into Potter's Cove (concerns: shellfishing, state-threatened species, eelgrass). Concerned about the westward creep of the retention ponds and their draining into Potter's Cove. Not clear that the freshwater spring has been taken into runoff calculations.
6. Expansion – No expansion into the conservation easement area or current screening.
7. Building Height – Adequate screening of the building.

8. Cistern – In favor of using as many “green” building elements as possible including: cisterns, retaining roof run-off, natural skylights, composting toilets, etc.

9. Building Design – as aesthetically-pleasing as possible view positioned in a hidden, unobtrusive position as possible. Covering of materials with the potential of leaching or runoff contamination such as asphalt, salt, gravel.

10. Lighting – Recommend minimal lighting, unobtrusive, energy-efficient, only when required.

Motion made to approve items 1 through 10 (except #5) by Ryba and seconded by Vetromile. Approved unanimously.

Item 5 motion made to approve by Ryba and seconded by Vetromile, approved 5 to one.

Motion made to send this to the Liason Committee with a cc to the Town Council moved by Barclay de Tolly and seconded by Bolger. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.