



**Revere Conservation Commission  
Minutes August 1, 2012**

1. Meeting convened at 4:15 PM, Vice-Chairman Joseph James, Member Joseph LaValle, Member Ann Raponi, Member Daniel Blustein and Chairman Andrew B. DeSantis present. Member Vincent Cammarata absent.
2. Motion by Member Ann Raponi, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Daniel Bluestein to approve the Minutes of June 6, 2012. Voted in the affirmative unanimously.
3. Public Hearing – DEP File #061-0627 Notice of Intent – Point of Pines Sea Wall Repair – City of Revere. John Squibb appeared on behalf of the proponent. Member Joseph LaValle asked about removal of asphalt. Mr. Squibb replied that no asphalt was removed. Motion to close public hearing and issue an Order of Conditions by Vice-Chair Joseph James, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Joseph LaValle. Voted in the affirmative unanimously.
4. Public Meeting – Request for Determination of Applicability- Point of Pines Beach Vista Pruning – Point of Pines Beach Association. Geoffrey Andrews of Wetlands Preservation presented the pruning plan to the commission. He highlighted that he did not see the work negatively impacting the dunes and that the elimination of shadows would benefit the growth of the dune grass. Commissioner Joseph LaValle inquired about the pruning of the Locust trees, Mr. Andrews responded that is mostly the low growth the will be pruned. Commissioner Joseph LaValle inquired about extending the post fence up to Lancaster Avenue as it would provide a beneficial delineation between the dunes and the street. Mr. Andrews responded that it is not part of the requested work. Christine Nappi of the Pines Beach Association offered that the area from Bickford Avenue to Alden Avenue is under the care and control of the City of Revere. Mr. Andrews also added that any work involving earthwork would require the filing of a full Notice of Intent. Ms. Nappi also added that the POP Beach Association has requested the City to perform the work. City Councilor John Powers stated that he would request the work through the Mayors Office. Member Ann Raponi inquired as to the extent of vegetation planned to be removed in Phase 1 and Phase 2. Mr. Andrews referred the commission to the submitted Vista Pruning Plan and state that a quarter of the height of existing vegetation would be pruned in Phase 1 and an additional quarter in Phase 2. Member Ann Raponi then asked about the training plan. Mr. Andrews responded that two members of the POP Beach Association have experience with pruning and would provide the training. Member Dan Bluestein then asked for Mr. Andrews to define what he meant by a quarter of the height. Mr. Andrews stated that would be determined on an individual plant basis. Member Dan Bluestein asked if there would be any plant materials trimmed to less than 50% and whether this amount of trimming would hurt growth. Mr. Andrews responded no to both questions. City Councilor John Corregio stated he is in favor of the project. Ward 5 City Councilor John Powers state he is in favor of the project and asked for safeguards to ensure sufficient vegetation remains in place to secure the dunes against erosion. Vice-Chair Joseph James asked Councilor Powers what he thinks should be done to oversee the work. Councilor Powers stated that as long as professional landscapers and arborists should be considered. Christine Nappi stated that a few of the volunteers are

professional landscapers. Motion to issue an negative determination of applicability by Member Joseph LaValle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Daniel Bluestein.

5. **Public Meeting – Request for Determination of Applicability – MassDOT- Highway Bridge Over Blue Line.** Alex Murray presented on behalf of MassDOT. Member Daniel Bluestein asked about whether there would be bike lane upon completion. Steve McNally of Green-Pederstein Inc. responded that in order to maintain 3 traffic lanes there is insufficient width in the layout. Rob Antico of MassDOT interjected that there are no current bike facilities on the structure. Member Daniel Bluestein also inquired about vegetation removal. Motion by Member Vincent Cammarata, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Ann Raponi to grant a maintenance exemption for filing of Notice of Intent,
6. **Motion to Adjourn** by Member Vice-Chair Joseph James, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Member Ann Raponi. Voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:11 PM.