

**St. George Planning Board
On-site Inspection – Tony Pyfrom
64 Patten Point Road
May 18, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.**

The on-site visitation inspection began at 5:30 p.m. Planning Board members present were: Anne Cox, Chair; Jane Brown, Michael Jordan, Mary K. Hewlett, and Alan Letourneau and Crystal Tarjick, (Ray Emerson, absent). Also present were: CEO Brackett, Richard Bates, and Matt Tibbetts. There were no abutters present during the onsite inspection.

Matt Tibbetts represented the applicant, Tony Pyfrom. The application is to build a new 4' x 80' long wood piling supported pier with a seasonal 3' x 65' aluminum ramp and a 12' x 24' wood float at 64 Patten Point Road.

Planning Board members walked east on a grassy slope alongside the applicant's house to the proposed project area. Tibbetts stated because of the dynamics of the landscape, the first part of the pier will sit close to the east of the house and the way the landscape contours, the pier will extend onto the lawn.

Tibbetts noted the buoy and the float area; the buoy marked the backside of the proposed float. Tibbetts said the first 20' of pier at land will be 6' wide then narrowing to 4' wide for the next 60' and the total pier is 80' long.

Chair Cox asked for the size of the float. Tibbetts stated it is 12' x 24'. Hewlett asked if the float would bottom out at low tide. Tibbetts said yes, the float will bottom out from time to time, but the plan is to elevate it using extra tall skids.

Planning Board members noted that there are six piers in the surrounding bay. Hewlett said the one closest to the Pyfrom's property appears to be a commercial wharf.

Tibbetts stated the proposed project has been approved by the Army Corps of Engineers, the DEP, and other federal and state agencies. CEO Brackett asked why the first 20 feet of the pier is 6 feet. Tibbetts thinks rather than making the entire pier 6', the applicant wants to have a little "elbow room" for the first 20' and then narrow the path to 4' to try to keep it at a minimum.

Chair Cox asked if the applicant would keep the grassy slope or is there a plan to put steps in. Tibbetts said Pyfrom has not discussed that with him.

Letourneau asked what will be done to control erosion with such a steep slope. Tibbetts said they will not create any erosion as the work will extend only as far as the stone area, and they will not be disturbing the grassy area. Letourneau asked if the materials will be brought in by barge. Tibbetts said yes.

Chair Cox asked for other comments or questions. There being none, the onsite inspection ended at 5:35 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held on May 26, 2020, at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Virginia Trask, an abutting property owner, came after the on-site closed, but she was able to talk with Matt Tibbetts and Chair Cox. Ms. Trask stated she had no issues with the proposed project.

Respectfully submitted,

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