

Hearing for Luther Street two-lot subdivision continued

By Michaela Kennedy

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on Aug. 2 to review a development plan of applicants Edward and Evelyn Furtado to create a two-lot major subdivision on Luther Street. The hearing is scheduled to continue the first week in September.

Steven King, engineer representing the Furtado family, presented the outline for the proposed two-lot subdivision. James Donnelly, the attorney representing the LaVallee family who owns an abutting property, asked questions concerning the water requirement and waivers.

At a preliminary review of the plan last May, the commission decided to give major review status to the Furtado application in order to allow the granting of waivers for a proposed private road.

Donnelly suggested revising the lines of the subdivision in order to reduce the number of

waivers needed. He noted that the plan could be subdivided in a way that would abide by the regulations in the ordinance and still accomplish the same goal.

Commissioner Richard Ventrone asked King to explain the need for waivers again. He said that "the law is the law" and the commission should not have to bend to accommodate the applicant. Commissioner Michael White objected, asking what would not be protected if the exceptions were allowed.

The commission asked at that time if the Furtados would be willing to provide a permanent limitation on the property for no further subdivision. The applicant sent a letter in July to Planning Commission Chairman Gary Girard, agreeing to the request.

The commission agreed to continue the public hearing early next month.

In new business, John Caito, engineer for applicant James

Donnelly, presented a plan for a three-bedroom house to be built on three existing lots on Garboard Street. According to the plan, the merged lots would create a total lot size of 21,600 feet, and the impervious coverage proposed would be less than 10 percent.

Ventrone brought up questions concerning the swales on the plan and asked where storm-water runoff water would go. Girard questioned the amount of fill to be used on the property.

Planning Commissioner Victor Calabretta praised the plan, adding that he was "thrilled that someone has finally figured out how to present a plan for this ordinance." He suggested moving

the individual sewage disposal system closer to the house for better drainage of runoff.

Donnelly asked the commission to approve the plan dependent on restrictions from the board, but Girard said he would like the applicant to come to the board's meeting to show them the change in the septic system location they requested. The commission voted to continue the review.

Also in new business, the commission reviewed and unanimously approved a development plan for a two-lot minor subdivision with existing frontage on Bayview Drive. Attorney John Murphy, representing the applicant Gertrude Bishop Trust, pre-

sented the plan.

Girard made a motion, approved by the board, to insert into the approval the 12-month requirement to remove the existing shed or tie it to construction.

Girard mentioned that at the last meeting the board had discussed and recommended spending money on architectural consultation for an applicant in the downtown area. He asked that the discussion item be put on the agenda for the next meeting. "This is a major step and we should really discuss it further," Girard said.

Commissioner Betty Hubbard did not attend the meeting.

Garden club opens healthy landscapes to public

The Quononoquott Garden Club is inviting the public to learn about healthy landscapes at the Jamestown library on Monday, Aug. 21, at 1 p.m.

A project of the URI Cooperative Extension, the "Healthy Landscapes" program addresses the care needed to produce a beautiful garden when water is a limited resource, especially during a dry summer.

Dorothy Read, a retired professor of biology at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, and Caryle Storm, retired university

chemist, both master gardeners, will present the program.

For two weeks prior to the program, visit the Jamestown library to view an exhibit relating to the topic put together by Holly Burdett of the URI Cooperative Extension.

This promises to be an informative program not to be missed by any garden lover.

For more information, call Jill Meyer, program co-ordinator, at 423-9849.

Children's storyteller performs Aug. 15

Storyteller Diane Postoian will present "Diaries of a Frog" for children age 4 and up and their families as part of the summer reading program, "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales." This free program will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 15, from 2 to 2:45 p.m. in the Jamestown library meeting hall. Registration is not necessary.

When Postoian performs a story, she turns it into a one-woman play. She dramatizes contemporary books on a child's reading level, so she can say to her audience, "If you liked this story, you can read it."

"Diaries of a Frog" is a storytelling performance that celebrates life from the ground up. She performs stories that give voice to nature, animals, and humans with passion, depth, and humor.

Former director of Looking Glass Theatre, Postoian has made

children her business for 25 years, and her contributions were recognized by Rhode Island College in May with an honorary doctor of fine arts degree.

This performance is sponsored by the Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services,

the Institute of Museum and Library Services, McDonald's Restaurants of Rhode Island, and the Friends of Jamestown Library.

Gallery opens Friday night

The new show at the Randall Gallery will open with a reception on Friday, Aug. 11, featuring the work of Tom Deininger, John MacGowan, Jon McPhillips, and Mark Fernandez.

The reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., and the show runs through Aug. 26. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 3 to 8 p.m.

Call the gallery at 423-0707 for more information.

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