
RE: 70 Beachside Ave Westport

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Thanks Tim,

I did share your plan internally along with a short briefing of the situation, my involvement, and our conversation. I expect that Planning Staff will be reviewing the changes and will include me in internal discussions as necessary.

John

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Hi John,

Thanks again for taking my call last week. I am copying Michelle and Jason on this email and understand that you visited the property for Jason prior to the snowfall since you were nearby at the time.

Based on our discussions, I made the following changes to the proposed design, which I believe will now be acceptable to your office and the town.

1. We lowered the splashpad by 12 inches so that the seawall is higher by that amount. This will prevent any potential eroded material from spilling over the top of the wall into the Sound. We added scuppers to the seawall to allow for quick drainage.

2. We changed to upper retaining wall to a stone slope. This will dissipate whatever waves make it over the top of the wall instead of reflecting them back out to the water. It also reduces the potential for erosion of soil behind or under the structure.
3. Per the Town's comments, we added plantings behind the stone slope. In doing so, considering the sloping grade of the upper beach behind this, we also adjusted the grade of the sand behind the stone slope so that it is a small dune with dune grass for plants. Grass would be planted on the front face of the dune for erosion control. The dune will prevent stormwater from rushing over the top of the structure and causing erosion.
4. We made additional linework edits per the town's comments.

With these edits, I believe this proposal is more consistent with both CT DEEP and the Town policies. Michelle is trying to get us on the Planning Board Commission agenda for Feb 23. So if you can provide an opinion to this design as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated. A contractor has already been retained for the seawall replacement and we are looking to start construction immediately upon town approval. The contractor has also been authorized to remove the timber groins immediately and in advance of the remainder of the work, which are seaward of the mean high water line and outside of the Town's jurisdiction.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and I look forward to your reply.

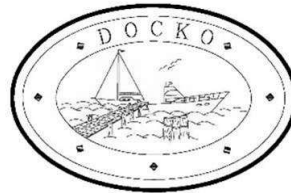
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