

5. Carl Nielson 12-2549

15 Bassett Road

Rev. 70309: hardscape

26/59

KM Designs

Voting Pohl, Coombs, Camp, Welch, Thornewill  
 Alternates None  
 Recused None  
 Documentation Landscape design plans, site plan, and photos.  
 Representing Katy Mitchell, KM Design  
 Public None  
 Concerns (5:33)

**Mitchell** – Lowered wall height to 30” and changed to Ashlar pattern; have to operate as if it is a public way; contends none of it is visible to the public way.

**Thornewill** – There are plantings up to the driveway and doesn’t think much of the wall will be visible. No concerns.

**Welch** – He’s a little concerned where the area to be filled with native vegetation is crossed off (vegetation remaining). Those notes should be brought back and supplemented to indicate existing vegetation will remain. Lowering the height and using a more native stone helps.

**Camp** – She doesn’t understand this application. The parking area is huge and too regulated in a rural area.

**Coombs** – Agrees the parking lot is overly huge for only four cars; it’s as wide as the house and should be rethought; the edges should all be rounded. It will take a lot of vegetation to screen this; she’d like to see a finished plan showing the height of the plants.

**Pohl** – He too believes this will be invisible. Undelete what’s scratched out on our plans. Our approval would include the driveway, pool, etc.

Motion **Motion to Approve through staff with plantings at the edge of the driveway and parking to be thick and mask the parking in perpetuity, and unstrike all language not inconsistent with this evening’s discussion. (Thornewill)**

Roll-call Vote Carried 3-2//Welch, Thornewill, and Pohl-aye; Coombs and Welch-nay Certificate # **HDC2020-12-2549**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Property owner name	Street Address	Scope of work	Map/Parcel	Agent
1. Nantucket Elect Comp 01-2815	2 Commercial Street	Hardscape revisions	42.3.1/94	Joshua Lee Smith

Voting Pohl, Coombs, McLaughlin, Camp, Oliver  
 Alternates Welch, Thornewill  
 Recused None  
 Documentation Landscape design plans, site plan, photos, correspondence, and advisory comments.  
 Representing Casey-Lee Bastien, BSC Group Landscaping  
 Joshua Lee Smith, Nantucket Electric

Public None  
 Concerns (5:46)

**Smith** – Presented project – changes made per other regulatory boards.

**Backus** – Read SAB comments: suggested looking at other curbcuts around Town.

**Bastien** – Conservation Commission (ConCom) wouldn’t take issue with a proposal for inkberry which is native and salt resistance and is a winter-bird feeding bush. Switched trees to red cedar.

**Coombs** – We need to study what to do downtown concerning rising water; asked if this has been studied in that respect rather than planting stuff that might or might not survive rising water. Wants to know more about it rather than trying to approve this tonight. Inkberry would be good. The apron as shown in the Federal Street photo would be good. Fencing and gates need to fit in as best as possible.

**Oliver** – She’s fine with the proposal. Privet wouldn’t get high enough to screen the apparatus; she’d go with what the ConCom considers appropriate.

**Camp** – Agrees with what’s been said. She’d prefer privet, which if left to grow wild gets real tall; suggested using it to divide things up. She’d prefer the cedar be planted in groves rather than lines; grasses are forced. Okay with the combo of cobble-brick-granite curb cuts.

**McLaughlin** – The gates are described a 6-foot solid board; should be 4 feet tall with the plantings.

**Pohl** – This came before us before and was approved after several meetings; this is a revision to that previous approval. The fence screens the raised platform and equipment so can’t be 4 feet tall. He agrees with the aesthetics of privet but ConCom considers it non-native non-invasive. Marty McGowan suggested bayberry rather than inkberry. We should just say the screening will cover the fencing as intended rather than trying to dictate the type of plant. We’re clear about the apron and undercutting the fence.

Discussion about types of plants to use to screen the fence rather than grass. Discussion about what material the curbcut with apron will be; keep the brick consistent with what is there currently.

Motion **Motion to Hold for revisions. (Camp)**

Roll-call Vote Carried 5-0//Coombs, Oliver, McLaughlin, Camp, and Pohl-aye Certificate #