

Essex Conservation Commission

May 13, 1997 - Minutes

Present: David Folsom, Chairman, Arthur Hodges (8:00 p.m.),
Edwin Perkins, Peter Perrigo, Thomas Prentiss.

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

A public hearing was held at 7:37 p.m. under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, on a Notice of Intent filed by Cape Ann Savings Bank covering the repair of a septic system within the 100 foot buffer zone at 28 Winthrop Street.

John Judd, of Gateway Consultants, represented Cape Ann Savings Bank. Judd told the Board the proposed project is for the repair of the septic system which is in failure. The pressure dosed leaching field is as far away from the resource area as is possible. The proposed siltation barrier will be staked haybales and silt fencing. There will be some grading changes as required by Title V. The plan was submitted to the Board of Health on April 22nd, but it has not, as yet, received approval. The Board reviewed the Notice of Intent and plan.

Perkins moved to close the public hearing for Cape Ann Savings Bank for property at 28 Winthrop Street, seconded by Prentiss, with Perkins, Perrigo, Folsom and Prentiss voting in favor; Hodges was not present for the hearing.

Clay Morin of Morin Engineering met with the Board to discuss the soil testing on the property of John Knowles at 206 Southern Avenue. Morin noted that Paul Sommer of Sommer Environmental Technologies flagged the wetland area. They have roughed out 50 feet from the resource area. The Board felt no testing should be done until a Request for a Determination of Applicability was filed, unless it was an emergency situation.

A public hearing was held at 7:49 p.m. under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, on a Notice of Intent filed by Timothy and Louise Holland covering the installation of a tight tank within the 100 foot buffer zone at 57 Southern Avenue.

Clay Morin of Morin Engineering represented the applicant. He told the Board that the Board of Health has said they will issue a permit to repair the system, but for now it will be a tight tank, as the existing system is breaking out. The Board

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reviewed the Notice of Intent and accompanying plan.

Perkins moved to close the public hearing for Timothy Holland, 57 Southern Avenue, seconded by Perrigo, with Folsom, Perkins, Perrigo and Prentiss voting in favor; Hodges was not present for the hearing.

Engineer Clay Morin submitted a revised plan for Shirley Burnham, Landing Road, for the proposed project under Order of Conditions D.E.P. File Number 21-282. Morin told the Board that the building has been moved closer to the edge of the wetlands by ten feet. The Board will review the original plan with the revised plan at the next meeting to determine the extent of the change.

Peter Van Wyck met with the Board to discuss the failure of one of the drains on his property, with the result that the stream backed up, waterlogging the area around some pines. The Board told Van Wyck that he would have to file a full Notice of Intent to clean out the drain.

Commission Member Arthur Hodges removed himself from the Board at this time in order to make a presentation for the Essex County Greenbelt Association. Hodges told the Board he is the treasurer of the Essex County Greenbelt. The Greenbelt would like the Commission to write a letter to Joel Lerner of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs stating its support of the application of the Towns of Hamilton and Manchester for a grant to assist in the purchase of the Gordon College property. Because of its size and the benefits it currently provides, the Gordon College property is one of the most significant open space parcels in the region. They would like to have the letter early in the week of May 26, 1997.

Perkins moved that a letter be sent to Joel Lerner of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs stating the Commission's support of the application of the Town of Hamilton and Manchester for a grant to assist in the purchase of the Gordon College property, seconded Perrigo, with Folsom, Perkins, Perrigo and Prentiss voting in favor; Hodges abstained.

Hodges returned to the Board.

The Board reviewed the subdivision plan of John and Marilyn

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Heath as submitted in accordance with Section 6.01 of the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations. Review of the plan indicated that no work is to be done in the buffer zone. If, in the future, work intends to be done in the buffer zone, then a filing must be made with the Conservation Commission. This recommendation will be submitted to the Planning Board on Form F.

Perkins moved that a recommendation be made to the Board of Selectmen that a member of that Board be appointed to the Conservation Commission, seconded Perrigo, with Hodges, Perkins, Perrigo and Prentiss voting in favor; Folsom abstained.

The next meeting will be held on May 27, 1997, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Perkins moved to accept the Minutes of April 8, 1997 with the following amendments: a) Request for Determination of Applicability of PMC Realty Trust - the culvert should be 3' in size and not 3"; b) Request for Determination of Applicability of Morin Engineering and George Johnson - line 4 of the narrative should read '...in order to reach the "D" box and leaching area 30'x50' in size', seconded by Perrigo, with Folsom, Perkins, Perrigo, and Prentiss voting in favor; Hodges abstained.

The Order of Conditions was written for Timothy and Louise Holland, 57 Southern Avenue.

Perkins moved to approve the installation of a temporary tight tank for Timothy and Louise Holland, 57 Southern Avenue, seconded by Prentiss, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

The Order of Conditions was written for Cape Ann Savings Bank for the repair of a septic system at 28 Winthrop Street.

Prentiss moved to approve the repair of a septic system at 28 Winthrop Street, property owner Cape Ann Savings Bank, seconded Perkins, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

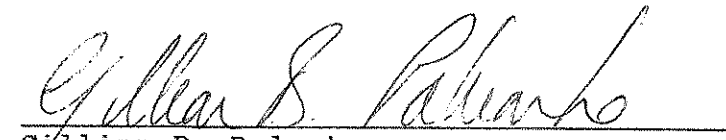
The Board reviewed the correspondence.

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Hodges moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Perkins, with the Board voting unanimoously in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Prepared by:



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Attest: