Essex Conservation Commission

June 10, 1997 - Minutes

Present: David Folsom, Chairman, Arthur Hodges (8:15 p.m.), Edith Messersmith, Edwin Perkins, Peter Perrigo, Thomas Prentiss, George Stavros.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

The Board reviewed the <u>building permit application</u> for <u>Steven Scialdone</u> for the construction of a barn on property on <u>Choate Street</u>. The construction was found to be over 100 feet from the buffer zone, therefore the application was signed.

A <u>Request</u> made by <u>John and Valerie Henderson</u> for the Conservation Commission to <u>Determine</u> the <u>Applicability</u> of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, for the construction of a driveway at <u>180 Southern Avenue</u> was heard at 7:45 p.m.

Henderson told the Board the driveway is being constructed as access to a parcel of land approved by the Essex Planning Board on March 19, 1997, and that it will allow for drainage of the hayfield through which it passes, and will not affect any wetlands. Folsom said he walked the site and found there was drainage of a low spot in the field, which eventually ran down to the pond created by the applicant. Folsom indicated that Henderson would have to construct that area of the driveway to avoid the run-off. The Board reviewed the Request.

Perkins moved to issue a negative Determination to John Henderson for the construction of a driveway at 180 Southern Avenue, seconded by Messersmith, with Messersmith, Perkins, Perrigo, Prentiss, and Stavros voting in favor.

A <u>Request</u> made by the <u>Town of Essex Youth Department</u> for the Conservation Commission to <u>Determine</u> the <u>Applicability</u> of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, for the construction of a bonfire at <u>Memorial Park, Martin Street</u>, was heard at 7:55 p.m.

Folsom told the Board that the proposed site for the bonfire was near the tennis courts within the roadway. Wooden pallets would be used to create it. The Board reviewed the Request.

Prentiss moved to issue a negative Determination to the Essex Youth Department for the construction of a bonfire at Memorial

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Park, seconded by Perrigo, with Messersmith, Perkins, Perrigo, Prentiss and Stavros voting in favor.

A <u>public hearing</u> was held at 8:00 p.m. under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, on a <u>Notice of Intent</u> filed by <u>Peter Van Wyck</u> for the replacement of an existing culvert at <u>9 Turtleback Road</u>.

Van Wyck was asked for a plan showing the location of the culvert. He said he did not have one. At that point, the Commission felt they could not discuss it further until Van Wyck submitted a plan.

Perkins moved to continue the public hearing for Peter Van wyck to June 24, 1997, at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Stavros, with Messersmith, Perkins, Perrigo, Prentiss and Stavros voting in favor.

The Board reviewed the correspondence.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Prepared by:

Gillian B. Palumbo Administrative Clerk

Attest: