

Essex Conservation Commission

November 4, 1997 - Minutes

Present: Edwin Perkins, Chairman, Robert Brophy, Edith Messersmith, Peter Perrigo, Thomas Prentiss, George Stavros.

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

The Board signed the Determination of Applicability for Sheldon Pennoyer for the installation of a concrete culvert in a stream running through grazing pasture off Grove Street and Haskell Court. The Request was heard at the meeting of October 21, 1997.

The Board signed the Order of Conditions for Richard Carter for the construction of a bridge on existing abutments at 10R Apple Street.

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for Essex Mini Storage, Western Avenue - Perkins said he visited the site, which looked very good, and entertained a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance to Essex Mini Storage, Western Avenue, certifying that work regulated by Order of Conditions D.E.P. File Number 21-250 has been satisfactorily completed, so moved by Prentiss, seconded by Messersmith, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for Edward Marchetti, 20 Ralston Drive - Perrigo said he viewed the site and noted that all the grading now had a good grass cover and felt everything was in compliance. Perkins entertained a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance to Edward Marchetti, 20 Ralston Drive, certifying that work regulated by Order of Conditions D.E.P. File Number 21-270 has been satisfactorily completed, so moved by Perrigo, seconded by Messersmith, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for Tom Guertner, Periwinkles Restaurant, 74 Main Street - Prentiss viewed the site and felt the project, a deck, was in order. Perkins entertained a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance to Tom Guertner, Periwinkles Restaurant, 74 Main Street, certifying that work regulated by Order of Conditions D.E.P. File Number 21-311 has been satisfactorily completed, Prentiss so moved, seconded by Perrigo, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

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Request for a Certificate of Compliance for Trescott DeWitt, 23 Story Street - Perkins viewed the site and felt everything was in order. Perkins entertained a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance to Trescott DeWitt, 23 Story Street, certifying that work regulated by Order of Conditions D.E.P. File Number 21-258 has been satisfactorily completed, Prentiss so moved, seconded Perrigo, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Request for a Certificate of Compliance for William Fraga, John Kotch, Vincent DeMore, and Stephen Eddington, for a common easement driveway on Belcher Street - Perrigo viewed the site and noted that grass had not taken at this time and that there had been some erosion with the rain at the weekend. He also noted that the plan had shown one 6" pipe, where now there appears to be two 4" pipes. Perrigo said he would like to see the grass established, with the silt fence remaining in place until this occurs. It was felt a Certificate of Compliance should not be issued at this time. The above applicants will be notified.

Perrigo told the Board that Curtis Jones, Wood Drive, approached him to determine how he could receive his Chapter 91 license for his dock. The Commission had written a letter to the Department of Environmental Protection requesting that Jones not be issued a license until such time he had complied with the Superceding Order of Conditions issued by the D.E.P. A letter will be directed to the D.E.P. to notify them of Mr. Jones' concerns and to the fact that he still has not complied with their Order.

The Essex County Greenbelt Association's Conservation Restriction for the property of Dr. Harris at Choate Street and John Wise Avenue will be reviewed by Commission member Stavros and a vote to sign the Municipal Certification will be made at the next meeting.

A copy of a letter from the Planning Board to the Board of Selectmen recommending that a street light be turned on at the Story Street entrance of the Elementary and Middle School was reviewed.

Perrigo moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board that a street light be turned on at the Story Street entrance to the Elementary and Middle School and that the Selectmen be so notified, seconded by Messersmith, with the

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Board voting unanimously in favor.

A letter was received from the Army Corps of Engineers requesting an upgrade to their charting of the Essex River. Perkins will fill out the necessary forms.

A site visit will be made by M.E.P.A. to the property of Donald and Melanie Burnham, Lufkin Point Road, on Friday, November 14, 1997, at 10:00 a.m.

Messersmith moved to approve the Minutes of Meetings for June 10, 1997, June 24, 1997, August 12, 1997, September 16, 1997, September 23, 1997, and October 7, 1997, as read, seconded by Perrigo, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Brophy told the Board he spoke to Selectmen David Folsom regarding the Town's Chapter 91 license. The pier at the Town Landing falls under the license and he would like to request permission to dig two holes for the installation of posts so that the floats will rise and fall. It will be the same anchorage.

Prentiss moved to grant permission for the installation of two posts under the Town of Essex Chapter 91 License, seconded Perrigo, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Brophy also mentioned that the landing on Island Road is in poor condition. The road is the ramp so the road can be maintained. He feels that if it is not maintained in the near future, then the Town may lose it.

Messersmith moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Perrigo, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Prepared by:



Gillian B. Palumbo
Administrative Clerk

Attest: