

Essex Conservation Commission

January 20, 1998 - Minutes

Present: R. Jeffrey Lyman, Acting Chairman, Robert Brophy,  
Edith Messersmith, Peter Perrigo, Thomas Prentiss

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

Joseph Frontierro met with the Board for an informal discussion regarding the project at 9 Southern Avenue, property of William Allen. Frontierro said he has put the control of the whole project not in Allen's hands, but in the Commission hands. He will be entirely closing the building with tarpaulin. If they have to pump anything, then it will be pumped into a tanker. Frontierro went on to say that Allen has been informed that if he, Frontierro, leaves the project, then it will be shut down. He has been allowed by the Selectmen to support the building on the right-hand side for safety measures only. He will notify the Commission's representative frequently as to how the project is proceeding.

A public hearing was held at 7:55 p.m. under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, on a Notice of Intent filed by Phil Caponigro covering the grading for a subsurface sewage disposal system in the buffer zone and outer riparian zone, limited crossing of an intermittent stream and driveway construction in the buffer zone at Lot 11, Choate Street.

Clay Morin, Morin Engineering, represented Caponigro. Morin told the Board that "the activities are all associated with the construction of a single family dwelling located on Choate Street, on a 5.3 acre parcel. It is proposed to install two 4' high by 6' wide by 16' foot long precast concrete box culverts in the intermittent stream which drains to the pond to the east of the proposed crossing during periods of discharge over the proposed spillway. Construction of the culverts will be done during a dry period. Erosion control will be maintained until they break the 100 foot buffer zone. Location 2 is to the north of the main activity. There is a small corner of the reserve area in the outer riparian zone. The system will be raised up, hence the need for grading. The area of disturbance through grading consists of 2100 square feet or 3.8 percent of the outer riparian zone. Erosion control will be maintained at the limit of work until all disturbed areas are stabilized. The finished area will be loamed and seeded with an appropriate grass crop." Lyman questioned where the edge of the riparian

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line was taken from, was it the mean high tide line or the bank of the resource area. He requested that Morin verify the mean high tide line. He also would like to see the ACEC area noted on the plan. Morin was questioned as to when the subdivision plan was filed, before or after August 1996. Brophy questioned whether the corner of the leach field had to be within the 200' riparian zone, as the Commission had already denied another project for that reason. Morin told him that Tile V requires that you have two deep holes within the leach area and reserve area. It was suggested that Morin try to turn around the leaching area so that it is almost out of the 200 foot zone. The Commission asked that he provide them with the following: 1) Soil testing, 2) reconfiguration of the system, 3) field check of the bank, 4) ACEC area, and 5) the velocities on the swales of the paving.

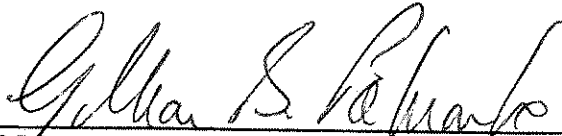
Prentiss moved to continue the public hearing for Phil Caponigro, Choate Street, until February 3, 1998, at 7:35 p.m., seconded Perrigo, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Perrigo informed the Board of the work involving Kathleen Ricci's property at 60 Western Avenue. She has a leaking oil line, and Paul Wright, an environmental contractor, has been trying to sop up the oil. They have found fuel on the side and front of the house. Wright would like to have a letter from the Commission stating to the fact that they are aware of the situation and will be advised by Wright as to its progress.

The Board reviewed the correspondence.

Messersmith moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Perrigo, with the Board voting unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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