

Essex Conservation Commission

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Present: Edwin Perkins, Chairman, Robert Brophy, Wallace Bruce, Stephen Gersh, Peter Perrigo.

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

A Request made by Ernest Nieberle for the Commission to Determine the Applicability of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, for the installation of a 2,000 gallon tight tank at 4 Spring Street was heard at 7:42 p.m.

William Perkins represented the applicant. Perkins told the Board there is drainage brook on the other side of Spring Street, approximately 60 feet from the work area. There is also a catch basin within Spring Street, approximately 27 feet from the proposed installation. Haybales will be placed around the catch basin as a siltation barrier. The Board reviewed the Request and plan.

Perrigo moved to issue a negative Determination to Ernest Nieberle for the installation of a tight tank at 4 Spring Street, seconded by Gersh, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Walter Rich, 16 Water Street, met with the Board for an informal discussion regarding the reconstruction of a barn on his property. Rich told the Board the barn has been there since the 1800's; he would like to tear it down and rebuild it slightly larger. The present size is 34'x20', and Rich would like to make it 24'x36'. He noted that he will be making it more conforming than the present non-conforming use, as presently it is right on the property line and the reconstruction will be made further away from the lot line. Rich was told he would have to file with the Commission for the reconstruction.

A letter was received from Attorney John Guerin on behalf of Edwin and Gloria Story, 25 Apple Street, stating that the Storys intend to change the use of their property from Chapter 61A (classification of land as Agricultural or Horticultural) to residential use. The Board said they would like to have more information as to what the intent is for the property.

Board of Health Verification of Conservation Commission Jurisdiction Form - Ernest Nieberle, 4 Spring Street - The Board noted that a Determination of Applicability was issued. Benjamin Winkowicz, 8 Centennial Grove Road, for the construction of a

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single family dwelling - Perrigo said he would check to see if it fell within the Board's jurisdiction prior to signing off.

Vernal Pool, Conomo Point Road - Brophy said he called Amy Maher at the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program regarding the certification of a vernal pool without any input from the Commission. He said Maher told him that most Commissions are pleased when an individual goes through the process of having a vernal pool certified. There was a question as to whether the vernal pool was on Town of Essex land, as noted on the certification, or on property owned by the Warrens. Gersh said he would check with Taryn Warren.

The Board noted that Commission members Thomas Prentiss and George Stavros has not attended meetings in some time. Both members will be asked whether they will be able to, or wish to, attend the meetings again.

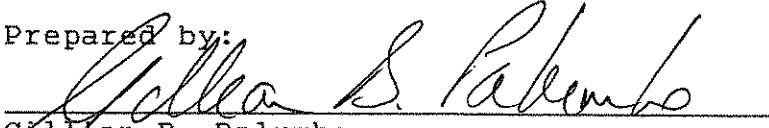
Robert Brophy and Stephen Gersh both stated they would like to be reappointed as members to the Commission.

Gersh said he would be attending a course on G.I.S. to be held at Essex Agricultural College. He said Michael Abell, who is the circuit rider for the Northeast Region, will be there, and he would like to show him the Creative Development Associates subdivision plan on Choate Street, for him to see what the Board will be presented with. It was noted that there had been no submittal of the Notice of Intent, and therefore, there really was no plan available.

The Board noted that a letter should be sent to Craig Fougere, 8 Pond Street, stating that he is in violation of the Wetlands Protection Act for clearing near the Alewife Brook.

Gersh moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Brophy, with the Board voting unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Prepared by:


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