

Essex Conservation Commission

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Present: Edwin Perkins, Chairman, Wallace Bruce, Stephen Gersh, Thomas Prentiss.

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

A Request made by Roger Hardy for the Conservation Commission to Determine the Applicability of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, for the construction of a 40'x60' building and tree planting at 60 Island Road was heard at 7:36 p.m.

R. Hardy told the Board he is constructing the barn to enclose a composting operation. The construction will be overseen by the U.S.D.A., and is being funded by a State grant. He will be removing berry trees and replacing them with pine trees to create a year round buffer zone between his property and that of his neighbor, Stephen Walker. He said he will leave a few berry trees 50 feet away from the wall, but he wants to plant the pine trees closer to the wall. This will be approximately 20 feet from the marsh. The tree planting will be the only activity in the buffer zone. R. Hardy indicated that his property is under Chapter 61A - Agriculture. It was noted that drainage of the compost will be on the side of the building away from the marsh.

T. Prentiss moved to issue a negative Determination to Roger Hardy for the construction of a barn and tree planting at 60 Island Road, seconded by W. Bruce, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

A discussion was held on the Community Buildout Presentation.

The Order of Conditions was written for Susanna L. McLaughlin, Trustee, of 40 Lakeshore Drive Trust, for property at 40 Lakeshore Drive.

S. Gersh moved to deny the project of Susanna L. McLaughlin, Trustee, of 40 Lakeshore Drive Trust, based on the failure of the submitted plan to be accepted by the Board of Health. Upon resubmission and approval by the Board of Health, the applicant must resubmit a new Notice of Intent to the Conservation Commission, seconded by T. Prentiss, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

The Board felt a memorandum should be submitted to the Building


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Inspector regarding the George Fuller House, 148 Main Street, stating that an occupancy permit not be issued until the Commission has issued a Certificate of Compliance for the project. This is to ensure that all conditions stated in the Order of Conditions have been satisfactorily completed.

S. Gersh moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by W. Bruce, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Prepared by:

  
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Gillian B. Palumbo  
Administrative Clerk

Attest: