

Essex Conservation Commission

May 15, 2001 - Minutes

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

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

Carl Coose, 75 Wood Drive, met with the Board to discuss removal of fallen stones and a piece of cement from Chebacco Lake, which, C. Coose said, were there when he bought the property. He said he would like to have John Duncan bring a backhoe and pull them out. C. Coose was questioned as to whether he had a Chapter 91 License, which he said he had, and it was felt that he could remove the stones under the License.

Tom Mayo met with the Board to discuss the construction of an addition to the First Congregational Church, Main Street. He told the Board a survey had been done by Meridian Engineering. He indicated the buffer zone on the plan and wondered if the stream nearby was a perennial stream. Review of the wetlands maps indicated it was not a perennial stream. Tom Mayo said the proposed addition is outside of the buffer zone, but indicated there may be some grading. Stephen Gersh suggested the 100 foot buffer zone be flagged, and E. Perkins felt a bio fence should be placed on that line. He added that if grading should go into the buffer zone, depending upon how much impact there would be, a Request for a Determination of Applicability or a Notice of Intent should be filed.

Michael Thompason, 1A Brook Pasture Lane, met with the Board to discuss the installation of an above-ground pool on his property. He submitted a plan to the Board, stating that he wanted to level the ground about six feet, necessitating the use of a bobcat. The ground would have to be scraped and tampered. M. Thompson was told to file a Request for a Determination of Applicability for the proposed project.

A continuation of a public hearing was held at 7:50 p.m. under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, on a Notice of Intent filed by Peter Van Wyck covering the construction of a dwelling, septic system, utilities, and associated grading on Turtleback Road, Assessors Map 9, Parcel 11L.

A request was made for the hearing to be continued to the next meeting of the Commission on June 5, 2001.

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Stephen Gersh moved to continue the hearing for Peter Van Wyck to Tuesday, June 5, 2001, at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Peter Perrigo, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

A continuation of 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 Russell and Deborah Ulrey covering the construction of an addition and septic system upgrade with associated grading at 36 Lakeshore Drive.

A request was made to continue the hearing until the Commission's next meeting to be held on June 5, 2001.

Stephen Gersh moved to continue the public hearing for Russell and Deborah Ulrey to Tuesday, June 5, 2001, at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Wallace Bruce, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Kathleen Tilden, George Fuller House, 148 Main Street, met with the Board to discuss the conversion of a garage to a handicapped unit. Ms. Tilden was told that it appears that people are living in the new unit without an occupancy permit being issued, and that an occupancy permit will not be issued until all conditions of the Conservation Commission are met. The Board reiterated that an occupancy permit will be issued when the berm, catchbasin, and paving have been completed.

Rich O'Donnell, 48 Belcher Street, together with engineer Clay Morin, met with the Board to discuss the issues of the driveway onto R. O'Donnell's property. Clay Morin said the existing condition is a stone swale on one side of the driveway, but did not include a stone swale on the west side. He went to the site with D.P.W. Superintendent Bruce Julian, who wants an intercepting catchbasin installed to catch the flow and have it piped over to the existing catchbasin. They will put in a slotted drain and pipe to the catchbasin. Clay Morin submitted drainage calculations for the proposed catchbasin southwest of the existing driveway. He said for the drainage calculations he took the existing developed conditions and did calculations that would feed the drainage basin for a two year, ten year, and one hundred year situation. He took the impervious area, the landscaped area, and the wooded area for the calculations. It is calculated in cubic feet per second. Clay Morin added that he took into account what the Commission and the D.P.W. required. Edwin Perkins noted that one of the keys is to have the pipe larger than the drain, so the pipe can carry more water than the drain.

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James Richardson, Island Road, met with the Board to discuss the reconstruction of a barn. J. Richardson said the existing barn is beyond repair and he would like to replace it with a new one. The wetlands are 300 feet from the project in one direction, and 220 feet in the other direction. There would, therefore, be no wetlands violations for the project.

The Board reviewed the submittal of a Notice of Intent for Thomas and Joseph Pallazola, for the construction of a driveway, parking area and storage building at 142 Eastern Avenue. Stephen Gersh said his main concern is the prevention of run-off going into the wetlands.

Stephen Gersh said the wetland maps are being mounted on chipboard at \$7.25 per map at Jim's Frame Shop. He has located a holder for \$61.00.

The Board discussed notifying the Building Inspector for any project that requires an occupancy permit, if the Order of Conditions has not been fulfilled.

Evans Way - Stephen Gersh would like to see the Enforcement Order as no trees have been planted.

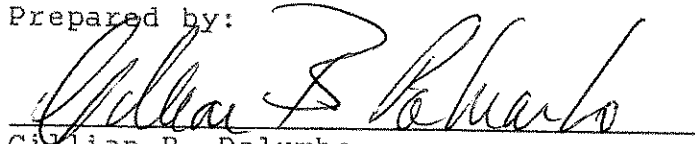
Anthony Taliadoros, John Wise Avenue - Engineer John Judd is working on the plan showing the wetland area, and a copy will be submitted to the Commission as soon as it is completed.

Stephen Gersh moved to approve the Minutes of November 7, 2000, January 2, 2001, January 16, 2001, and February 20, 2001, as read, seconded by Wallace Bruce, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Prepared by:

  
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Attest: