

Essex Conservation Commission

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Present: Wallace Bruce, Chairman, Robert Brophy, Stephen Gersh, Philip Lake.

Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m.

A Request made by Nancy E. DeVille and John A. Davis for the Commission to Determine the Applicability of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, to redrill the existing well for domestic water at 18 Coral Hill was heard at 7:51 p.m.

Timothy Ford of Ford Properties represented the applicant. He told the Board there is an existing well but it is a shallow well, 7-feet deep, and he would like to drill the well for an artesian well. This would require a pad or mats to be put in place in order to install the drilling rig. The drill company said it would take two days for the project, but Mr. Ford felt it might take three, as it would take one day to set up the rig. The existing well is approximately 8-feet from the Lake. Mr. Ford was then questioned as to whether an old oil tank and debris had been removed from the site. Mr. Ford told the Board the oil tank has gone and the debris removed. New staked haybales have been put in place. He indicated that once the drilling was underway, the haybales will be poly-lined, just in case any material comes out of the well. He did not expect there would be much, but he will have a pump on site to pump it to a retention basin. The extent of the drilling is estimated at 140-feet, but it could go to 300-feet. Robert Brophy was concerned whether water was going to be used to cool the drill. Mr. Ford was not sure of the drilling process but said he would check with the drilling company. He said any sediment will be contained. He was also questioned as to what the drilling company would do if sediment was pumped to a retention basin. Mr. Ford said again he would call the drilling company and have all the Commission's issues addressed.

Stephen Gersh moved to issue a negative Determination to Nancy E. DeVille and John A. Davis for drilling a well pending communication from the driller about the specific issue of water use in the drilling process or whether water coming out of the well will be sufficient to require pumping, seconded by Robert Brophy, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Kevin Goldenbogen, 2 Ice House Lane, met with the Board to

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discuss the installation of a swale on his property. He said engineers had designed a swale to keep water from the dwelling. At present, he is pumping out with a hose which is an eyesore. He would like to pump into the swale. The swale construction was not within the Commission's jurisdiction, but Commission member Stephen Gersh recommended Mr. Goldenbogen maintain the swale, otherwise it would silt up over time.

A public hearing was held at 8:18 p.m. under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, on a Notice of Intent filed by Northland Property Development for the construction of storm water discharge and site preparation at 4 Ice House Lane.

Christopher Gajeski, Apple Associates, represented the applicant. Mr. Gajeski told the Board that he was here to specifically address the work within the buffer zone, which includes site grading and a retention basin. Mary Rimmer of Rimmer Environmental flagged the area. Erosion controls will be a silt fence and haybales. All work will be conducted within the erosion control barrier. The grade will be brought up by 4-feet. The stormwater catch basin will discharge to a forbay and then to a retention basin, which will then slowly dissipate. A maintenance plan will be put into effect for the forbay and basin. No cut, no disturb zones will be presented later, if necessary. There will be a total of 6-7 catch basins with silt traps. There will be no removal of material, but material will be added. Robert Brophy said his concern is a catch basin channelling water into the brook. Mr. Gajeski stated that that would not meet D.E.P. standards. He noted that the Planning Board had said that if the applicant was going to pave the cul-de-sac, then he should also pave Ice House Lane. As no file number had been issued by the D.E.P. for this project at this time, Stephen Gersh moved to continue the public hearing for Northland Property Development, LLC, to September 9, 2003, at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Philip Lake, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Michael Juliano, Meridian Engineering, met with the Board to discuss a building permit application for Innovative Properties for the construction of dwellings on Lots 10C and 10A, Shea Court. Stephen Gersh explained what had lead up to the Cease and Desist. The Board then reviewed the site plan and found construction was outside of the buffer zone. The building permit applications were signed.

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Board of Health Verification of Conservation Commission Jurisdiction was submitted for David Lane, Lane's Road, for the installation of a septic system. Review of the site plan indicated there were no wetlands issues.

A request for an extension to Order of Conditions D.E.P. File Number 21-398 was made by Nancy E. DeVille and John A. Davis, 18 Coral Hill. The Board issued an extension for three additional years.

A building permit application was submitted for review by Jason Heath, 63 Wood Drive, for construction of an addition to the existing dwelling. Review of the site plan indicated the project was approximately 200-feet from Chebacco Lake. The application was signed.

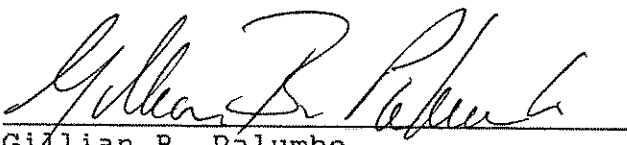
A building permit application was submitted for review by Mary Beth Tirrell to enclose a patio courtyard and extend a deck at 20 Cogswell Road. Stephen Gersh said he would make a site visit.

A building permit application was submitted for review for Josh and Sarah Adams, 61 Story Street, for the installation of a shed. Wallace Bruce made a site visit and indicated there were no wetlands issues. The application was signed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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