

Essex Conservation Commission

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Meeting held at the T.O.H.P. Burnham Public Library

Present: Wallace Bruce, Chairman, Robert Brophy, Philip Caponigro, Elisabeth Frye, Stephen Gersh, Philip Lake, Shirley Singleton.

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

The Board discussed the information requested by D.E.P. for a project of Peter Van Wyck's at Low Land Farm, off Apple Street, in preparation for the issuance of a Superceding Order of Resource Area Delineation. The D.E.P. requested the Commission submit a report detailing the information and documentation utilized in the issuance of their Order of Resource Area Delineation, including Minutes of the hearings. Stephen Gersh wanted to go on record as having an entirely different opinion than the rest of the Board regarding the information to be sent to the D.E.P. He then reviewed what took place regarding the cancellation of the site visit and as to why some members attended and others did not. He added that he felt because of the weather an accurate determination of the flagging on site could not be made. Chairman Wallace Bruce said he would gather together all the information he had that he felt should be submitted to D.E.P., together with a letter indicating the reasons why the Board approved the delineation.

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 William Wolbach for a septic system upgrade at 4 Ralston Drive.

Mr. Wolbach told the Board the Notice of Intent was filed for the upgrade of the septic system, with a new system replacing an existing cesspool. He noted the septic tank/"fast" system and pump chamber are within the 100-foot buffer zone. Mr. Wolbach indicated he had already received an Order of Conditions for this project but had let the Order of Conditions expire. He is now filing for the same project as the Board of Health has mandated the system be upgraded. The Board reviewed the Notice of Intent and plan.

With no further questions from the Board and public, Stephen Gersh moved to close the public hearing for William Wolbach, 4 Ralston Drive, seconded by Shirley Singleton, with the Board voting

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unanimously in favor.

Stephen Gersh moved to approve the project of William Wolbach, 4 Ralston Drive, seconded Philip Caponigro, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

A continuation of a public hearing was held at 8:00 p.m. under the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, on a Notice of Intent filed by Stanley Collinson for a septic system upgrade at 89 Choate Street.

The public hearing was continued from the meeting of January 4, 2005, as no D.E.P. File Number had been issued at that time. A file number has now been issued by D.E.P. for the project.

Robert Brophy moved to close the public hearing for Stanley Collinson, 89 Choate Street, seconded by Philip Caponigro, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Stephen Gersh moved to approve the proposed project of Stanley Collinson, 89 Choate Street, as submitted in the Notice of Intent, and to issue an Order of Conditions, seconded by Philip Lake, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

A continuation of a public hearing was held at 8:05 p.m. for an Abbreviated Notice of a Resource Area Delineation for Peter Van Wyck for land off Essex Park Road, Assessors Map 9, Pacels 5, 5A, 8 and 9.

A letter was submitted by Chris Gajeski, Apple Associates, Inc., requesting a continuation of the public hearing to the meeting of February 15, 2005.

Stephen Gersh moved to continue the public hearing for Peter Van Wyck, for an Abbreviated Notice of a Resource Area Delineation for land off Essex Park Road to February 15, 2005, at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Philip Caponigro, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

The Board reviewed letters issued by Gulf of Maine Research Center Inc., regarding the property of William Allen, 9 Southern Avenue. The Company has been hired to inventory and clean up the site at 9 Southern Avenue, and as a preliminary measure, because of the potential for release of contaminants at the site during removal, Gulf of Maine Research Center recommended installation of a


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sediment barrier (consisting of haybales and filter fabric silt fence), and a hydrocarbon absorbent boom at certain locations at the site. The letter of January 19, 2005, indicated that Stephen Gersh gave verbal approval to install the hay bales and boom immediately as a protective measure at the site, and requested a letter should be submitted to the Commission describing the proposed sediment barrier installation. Within this letter, Gulf of Maine Research Center stated they are proposing installation of approximately 200-feet of sediment barrier and approximately 100-feet of absorbent boom at the site, with the hay bales and silt fence being installed first and the absorbent boom soon after. The letter also indicated that as soon as it is found what the site conditions are, and clean up plans are developed, then Gulf of Maine Research will contact the Commission to proceed with obtaining the required permits.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Prepared by:

  
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