

Essex Conservation Commission

May 2, 2006-Minutes

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

Present: Shirley Singleton, Elisabeth Frye, Stephan Gersh, Wallace Bruce, Philip Caponigro

Meeting called to order 7:30

7:30 – Review and sign Building Permit for Jeffrey Allsopp with the Greenbelt Association.

Sign Building Application Routing and Approval Form for John James, 158 Rear Eastern Ave.

Review Order of Conditions for William Taylor, Harlow Street, Map 15 (31). S. Gersh agrees to be the overseer for this project and will contact Mike DeRosa, the engineer, to discuss the need for marking of vernal pool. The order will be signed once the Site Plan is adjusted to depict the pools.

A discussion occurs about the dumping of dirt at 16 Homans Drive. S. Gersh and W. Bruce agree to visit the site and report back.

7:45 – Public Hearing for a Notice Of Intent – John Fenton for the excavation of a lower pressure sewer pipe at Lebaron Road, Map 15 (9 & 9A) DEP # 021-0526. John Judd with Gateway Consultants announces himself as the representative for the applicant. He explains the sewer line will be a 2inch low pressure line that would be an extension of August Meyers plan. The pipe would be extended over the causeway. There has been a previous Request for Determination for structures pointed to by Mr. Judd. Mr. Judd reviews the site plan pointing to the buffer zone which has been flagged by C-camp Environmental. He explains the work to be done in the existing trench and then sleeved with STR 35 pipe which will be brought up to service the existing structures on the island. The septic systems currently have not passed inspection for Title 5, so this is necessary. They are proposing state erosion control on either side of the causeway during construction and also as they move up to the structures; it too will utilize the erosion control, specifically a bio-fence. The proposed line will be about 4 feet deep adjacent to the existing water line. S. Gersh asks how wide the trench will be and is told about 2 foot trench. W. Bruce asks if the same contractor will be the doing both projects. Mr. Fenton would like to use the same group, but they are currently in discussion. W. Bruce asks if this is a common owned line and is told it is a private line or sewer and owned by the abutters as well as Mr. Fenton. It is not part of the town project. E. Frye asks about the line going off the left of the street and is told that a lateral

has been left in to facilitate the project. W. Bruce asks about how they will cross the culvert and is told that they will go right underneath to ensure there is no disturbance. The piping will be sleeved and pressure tested. W. Bruce asks about who is responsible if there are problems and is told that the owner would be responsible. W. Bruce then states that there must be environmental conditions set in place because this is privately owned.

With no more question from the commission or comments from the public, S. Gersh makes a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by S. Singleton and voted unanimously in favor by the Commission.

8:00 – Review Building Permit for Ben Morin, 3 Hardys Lane, for raising the roof and installing stairs and second floor deck in the current foot print. They will have to dig a couple footing holes inside the foundation line but will remain in the footprint. S. Singleton asks about the stairs and is told they are currently there, just being upgraded. The Permit is signed.

Peter Van Wyck asks about a NOI filing and when it will be heard. He decides not to present the Building Permit for the third house on Lot 3, but will wait for another time.

Minutes from March 21st meeting distributed. The February 7th and 21st, and March 7th minutes reviewed, adjusted, and approved. The minutes are approved unanimously by the Commission, except S. Singleton abstains from voting on the March 7th minutes as she did not attend the meeting.

S. Gersh discussed an advertisement for the Agent position and says he will fashion something and e-mail it out for approval.

Office expenses reviewed and signed.

Mail reviewed, including Notice from DEP regarding Decker-Lucke property.

8:25 – S. Gersh makes a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Philip Caponigro, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mary M. Ferreira
Administrative Clerk

Attest: