

Essex Conservation Commission

May 16, 2006-Minutes

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

Present: Elisabeth Frye, Stephan Gersh, Wallace Bruce, Philip Caponigro,
Robert Brophy, Philip Lake*

Meeting called to order 7:35

7:35 – Public Hearing for Notice of Intent by Peter Van Wyck for the construction and installation of one leaching field, one pump chamber, and two septic tanks at Low Land Farms, Subdivision Lot 5, Map 9 (12). Because there is not a DEP filing number, the hearing can not be opened.

Informal discussion about gas line installation request from Peter Van Wyck and the letter from DPW. W. Bruce reads the letter from Paul Goodwin from the DPW. P. Van Wyck reiterates his position and is told that the Commission needs confirmation from the DPW that they have approved the project and then the Commission will review the environmental concerns.

Building Permit for Bill Zuidema, 78 Western Ave., to construct a small addition on the back of the house owned by Susan Talbot. A review of the site plan takes place and the location is identified. With no jurisdictional issues, the Permit is signed.

Building Permit for Julie Doane, 33 Story Street, for a fence installation. A review of the site takes place and the Permit is signed with no issues of concern.

*7:40 – Philip Lake arrives

7:45 – Request for Determination of Applicability, Brian Bernier, 1 River Hill, for the replacement of existing garage on new spread footing slab with a 4 inch continuous lip. Another Request for Determination was filed by the same applicant which is for dock repair and post replacement at the same location. Applicant represented by Joe Walker in both cases. Mr. Walker presents the original license for the dock which states the dock must be maintained in good shape. W. Bruce states that when a site visit occurred, a review indicated that the building plan is well conceived and is no problem. S. Gersh asks about machinery being used and is told that everything will be done by hand. With no comments from the public, S. Gersh makes a motion for a Negative Determination for the garage project, seconded by E. Frye, and voted unanimously in favor by Commission. A motion for a Negative Determination for the dock project, according to license 91, is made by S. Gersh, seconded by E.

Frye and voted unanimously in favor by the Commission. Determinations are signed by Commission.

8:00 – Building Permit Application Routing and Approval Form for Schreiber, 6 Lufkin Point Lane, signed.

Board of Health Jurisdiction Form for George Stavros, 132 John Wise Ave, Map 17(14), reviewed and signed.

The Special Conditions for the William Taylor, Harlow Street, Map 15 (31), are reviewed by Commission and the Order of Conditions are signed. Distribution of the Order is conditional on receiving an updated site plan.

A letter from the Commission to Bill O’Connell regarding his cutting of trees and the means to remedy the issue is reviewed.

The Order of Conditions for John Fenton, Lebaron Road, are reviewed and signed. E. Frye volunteers to be the overseer.

Office expenses are reviewed and approved.
Calendars of meetings through the end of the year are distributed.

A brief discussion about how the Commission will proceed if the DPW approves the Van Wyck gas line installation project takes place.

A concern is voiced about individuals from the Commission having conversations with other parties in the name of the Commission and presenting themselves as the Commission without approval or knowledge of the total Board. A discussion takes place.

A discussion about the Agent position takes place.

8:20 – S. Gersh makes a motion to close the meeting, seconded by E. Frye, and voted unanimously in favor.

Mary M. Ferreira
Administrative Clerk

Attest: