

Essex Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting held October 3, 2006

Attendees

Phil C.
Phil Lake
BJ Frye
Bob Brophy – acting Chairman
Shirley Singleton – acting secretary

Agenda Items covered:

1. Discuss hiring Deborah Cunningham
2. Discuss and Review Mary Rimmer Memo
3. Review Letter from Mark Gallagher's neighbor
4. Discuss Essex Park Road – Liberty Research – emergency

Bob Brophy opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

Agenda Item #1:

Phil C. made a motion to extend a formal offer of Conservation Commission administrator to Deborah Cunningham pending favorite test results.

Phil Lake seconded the motion.

After no further discussion, a unanimous vote was recorded to hire Deborah.

Shirley to follow up on training for Deborah.

Agenda Item #2:

Bob reported that the hay bales and silt fences were properly installed at the Gallagher property. The wood pile was gone. Bob reported that all requests were satisfied.

Ed Ackerly (from the public) asked about wood chips being buried onsite. No one present could attest to seeing that done.

Tom Webster, Gallagher's contractor, reported that he put the wood chips in the loan pile.

Lillian Muise (from the public) asked if there will be a swale along her property. Bob indicated that if there were the case, it would be upland and not an issue for the Conservation Commission.

The Commission discussed producing an approval letter to Mr. Gallagher as evidenced by a positive site visit by Bob Brophy and the Mary Rimmer letter.

Shirley made a motion to approve the letter with the caveat that if any work within the buffer zone is needed in the future, than Mr. Gallagher needs to come back in front of the commission for approval.

BJ seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #3:

A letter was received from Felicia (neighbor of Mr. Gallagher) questioning the uplands project. The Commission referred Felicia to the Planning Board.

Agenda Item #4:

Bob reported that Wally Bruce had been contacted about an EPA issue on Essex Park Road. Reportedly, some 55 gallon drums of hazardous material were discovered in the buffer zone and an Emergency Order of Conditions was needed to get it cleaned up. Phil Lake asked if we had received any correspondence from the EPA. Bob indicated that we did not have any written information. The Commission discussed that due to a lack of information, we should wait until October 17th (the next meeting) to address this. Bob volunteered to contact Wally for more information and asked if the Commission would allow Wally to act on behalf of the Commission since this was an emergency. The Commission agreed as long as there was adequate site supervision (such as fire department) as the drums were being removed.

Phil Lake moved to adjourn at 7:52pm. BJ seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

Prepared by: _____
Shirley Singleton, Commissioner
Acting Secretary

Attest: _____
Wallace Bruce, Chairman