

Meeting Minutes
Essex Conservation Commission
January 9, 2007; 7:30 pm
T.O.H.P. Burnham Public Library

Commissioners

Present: Wally Bruce, Chairman
Robert Brophy, Philip Caponigro, Elisabeth Frye, Stephen Gersh,
Shirley Singleton

Absent:

Quorum: Yes

Clerk: Deborah Cunningham

The following building applications were reviewed:

Elizabeth Viggiano presented a building application for the building of a second story addition to the property at **114 Western Avenue**. The application was reviewed and signed by W. Bruce.

Susan Offenburger, owner, of **Riverside Restaurant**, presented to the Commission a **Chapter 91** license giving authorization to the owners to maintain and repair the pilings. The Commission advised that since the license had been located and received by the Commission, work could begin on the pilings. It was recommended that a copy of the license be posted at the property while the work was being completed. A copy of the license will be kept on file with the Commission. A letter will be sent to the owners confirming that the work and the Chapter 91 license had been reviewed. Ms. Offenburger also requested that the building application be signed. Approved and signed by W. Bruce.

Martin Unis, homeowner, of **20 Harlow Street** presented a building application for the installation of a shed. He advised that the shed would be on blocks and not require any excavation. Approved and signed by W. Bruce.

Skip Crocker of Crocker's Boatyard, discussed with the Commission the plans for **160 John Wise Avenue** which included a proposed septic design, clearing an area for boat storage, and renovations to the house. The only work in the buffer zone is the septic system. He stated that no work would be done to the boats at this location. He also advised the he would like to grade the driveway and firm up the shoulder. There were questions on the town requirements for the width of the driveway and he advised that he did not want to widen the driveway if it was not required by the town. The house will remain residential and the garage, if not torn down, will be used for storage of vehicles. Mr. Crocker stated that there would not be significant increase in traffic because they would only move approximately three (3) boats a day between October/November and in the spring. He was advised that a Notice of Intent would need to be filed for any work

done on the septic system, but all other work was outside the buffer and not under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

The Commission continued a public hearing at 8:08 pm on a **Notice of Intent** filed by J. Parady for the building of a duck blind on the **Great Marsh**. A letter from DEP was reviewed and Mr. Parady advised that Ron Stelline of DEP had stated that he now need an Order of Conditions from the Conservation Commission. The letter also stated that the annual mean high water mark should be delineated on the proposed plan. If a formal plan is needed, S. Gersh advised that Dan Oppenheimer of Mill River Consulting might assist Mr. Parady. S. Gersh said he would call and explain to Mr. Oppenheimer the current situation. A motion to continue the hearing until February 6, 2007 was made by S. Gersh, seconded by R. Brophy and passed by unanimous consent.

The Commission continued a public hearing at 8:25 pm on a **Notice of Intent** filed by Darrell Perkins, homeowner, for the repair of a failed septic system at **35 Conomo Point Road**. The Commission determined that it would conduct a site visit prior to issuing the Order of Conditions. A motion was made to continue the hearing to January 23 2007 by W. Bruce, seconded by R. Brophy and passed by unanimous consent.

The Commission met with members of the Open Space Committee, April Bowling and Rebecca Austin, to give input on of the Open Space Plan being drafted for submission to the State. A letter will be written advising that the Commission has reviewed the plan, submitted their comments, and supports the plan.

The Commission reviewed and signed a **Certificate of Compliance** for **97 Conomo Point Road**.

An **Order of Conditions** for **19 Redgate Road** was resigned because the original had not been notarized and sent to the applicant.

The Commission reviewed the resignation letter received from Philip Lake and discussed speaking with candidates interested in the open position. S. Gersh advised that letters of interest should be addressed to the Commission and interviews to meet with those parties scheduled as soon as possible.

D. Cunningham advised the Commission that she had been contacted by National Grid regarding work at **147 Eastern Avenue**. The Commission requested that National Grid be contacted and advised that no work should proceed at this address at the current time. R. Brophy asked that it be put on the record that Mark Gallagher had contacted him late Wednesday afternoon and insisted that R. Brophy review plans for the project. R. Brophy advised Mr. Gallagher that he could not approve any plans as an individual. However, R. Brophy was informed that Mr. Gallagher stated at a Planning Board meeting that R. Brophy had walked the property with Mr. Gallagher and reviewed the plans. R. Brophy stated that this had not been done.

The Commission reviewed and signed the **Order of Conditions** for the project at **29 Choate Street**. E. Frye will be overseer.

The Commission reviewed and approved the payroll and expense reports as submitted by D. Cunningham.

Motion to close the meeting was made by R. Brophy, seconded by E. Frye and passed by unanimous consent.

Prepared by: _____
Deborah Cunningham
Administrative Clerk

Attest: _____
Wallace Bruce, Chairman