

Meeting Minutes  
Essex Conservation Commission  
March 20, 2007; 7:30 pm  
T.O.H.P. Burnham Public Library

Commissioners

Present: Wallace Bruce, Chairman  
Philip Caponigro, Elisabeth Frye, Stephen Gersh,  
James Rynkowski, Shirley Singleton  
Absent: Robert Brophy  
Quorum: Yes  
Clerk: Deborah Cunningham

The following building applications were reviewed:

Brian and Marilyn Keating presented an application for **19 Luftkin Street** for the installation of a pool. Approved and signed by W. Bruce.

The homeowners were not present to submit the application for **49 Martin Street**.

Skip Crocker of Crocker's Boatyard presented two applications for **160 John Wise Avenue**. The first application was for renovations to the house and the second for the grading at the back of the property and the change of use. Mr. Crocker advised that the Planning Board had ruled that there would be not site review on the plans. S. Gersh recommended a site visit since the Commission was not familiar with the site. S. Singleton asked about the width of the driveway and Mr. Crocker advised that it may need to be widened to meet the Town code. The driveway does go through the wetlands to access the property. A motion for site visit made by S. Gersh, seconded by S. Singleton and passed by unanimous consent. Site visit scheduled for March 25 at 8:30 am. Matter will be revisited at meeting of April 3. W. Bruce advised that the public was welcome to attend the site visit, but requested that comments be held until the Commission reconvened and would be making their decision. S. Gersh advised that the Commission had no jurisdiction over the use of the property, but only had control over the wetlands and the buffers.

Commission met with Morgan Tomaiolo regarding a change to the plans for **29 Choate Street**. The only change being made was to the water line, which would be a shorter distance and have less effect on the buffer zone. The Commission agreed this would be better. A motion was made by S. Gersh to revise the Order of Conditions to include the site plan submitted, seconded by J. Rynkowski and passed by unanimous consent. Plan was signed and dated by the Commission.

Business:

The Commission discussed how to handle the meeting which were not public hearings and allowing the public to make comments on matters which were not posted. It was agreed that the public should be allowed to make comments, but it should be made clear what the Commission's role is. It was also suggested that the Planning Board should be invited to attend the site visit at 160 John Wise Avenue.

There was also a discussion regarding the current situation regarding the public's interest in the work being done at 160 John Wise Avenue and all along Route 133. However, the Commission agreed that they have no jurisdiction over these areas. It was the consensus of the Commission that the only way to address these concerns may to have zoning in the Town.

The Commission reviewed the Definitive Plan Application for **17 Lufkin Point Road** and requested that the Planning Board provide the Commission with the exact number of lots being requested and to advise if any work was being done in the buffer zone.

The Commission reviewed a special permit application for **132 Main Street** and advised that there were no comments on the plans and that an NOI must be filed with the Commission.

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

A motion to close the meeting was made by S. Gersh, seconded by E. Frye and passed by unanimous consent.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah Cunningham  
Administrative Clerk

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wallace Bruce, Chairman