

Meeting Minutes
Essex Conservation Commission
June 19, 2007; 7:30 pm
T.O.H.P. Burnham Public Library

Commissioners

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

The following building applications were reviewed:

Carpenter & McNeil presented a building application for renovations and exterior repairs to the building at **106 Western Avenue**. Approved and signed by S. Gersh for Commission because Mr. Bruce is an abutter.

The following matters were addressed:

Public Hearing on a request for an **amendment to an Order of Conditions** for **35 Conomo Point Road** submitted by Brian Farmer on behalf of the homeowner was opened at 7:45 pm. Mr. Farmer explained that R. Brophy, S. Gersh and J. Rynkowski had visited the site and advised that the retaining wall that had been suggested for the property would be needed. R. Brophy concurred and a motion was made by S. Gersh to issue an amended order of conditions, this was seconded by R. Brophy and was passed by unanimous consent.

The Commission reviewed an email from Sam Appleton regarding an upgrade to his residence at **Village Point**. The Commission requested that Mr. Appleton be contacted to meet with the Commission at the next meeting.

D. Cunningham advised the Commission that the building inspector, Bill Sandborn had stated to her that he had concerns regarding the building project at **Patriot's Landing**. Mr. Caponigro advised that, as overseer, he would visit the site to assess if there were any issues which needed to be addressed.

D. Cunningham updated the Commission on the status of the Orders of Condition on the lots on **Turtleback Road**. It has been determined that only Lot 35 was not part of the Order of Conditions under DEP# 021-0465. All other lots initially referenced in the Notice of Intent had been excluded. The Commission advised that the other lots did not require Notices of Intent. Myles Cambridge has been advised that there is an outstanding Order of Conditions on his property.

A public hearing on a **Notice of Intent** filed by Brett Longo of Atlantic River, LLC represented by Atlantic Engineering & Survey Consultants, Inc. for the proposed redevelopment of an existing motel site for residential use at **132 Main Street** was rescheduled. Present were the applicant, Brett Longo and Karen Westphalen from Atlantic Engineering as well as abutters, Edwin Howard and Mr. Butler (129-131 Main Street). The applicant was unable to provide proof of notification to all abutters. Two abutters attended to advise the Commission that they had not received notification from the applicant. The Commission advised the applicant that the hearing could not be opened until all abutters had been notified as required and proof presented to the Commission. The hearing was rescheduled to July 17, 2007 and a new legal notice will be posted in the Gloucester Daily News.

Public Hearing on a **Notice of Intent** filed by Tim and Caroline Fritzingler represented by DeRosa Environmental Consulting, Inc. for the construction of an addition to an existing single-family home within the riverfront area at **One Apple Street** was opened at 8:15 pm. W. Bruce abstained as an abutter and R. Brophy acted as moderator. Michael DeRosa presented the plan to the Commission. The Fritzingers' architect was also in attendance to answer any questions. R. Brophy asked about the crawl space which will be under the addition and expressed concerns about flooding. The Commission was advised that the subfloor would be 4' above the existing level. The Order of Conditions will specify that the restoration portion of the plan should be completed in the first phase of the project. A motion to close the hearing was made by S. Gersh, seconded by S. Singleton and passed by unanimous consent.

R. Brophy advised that he had gone by **132 John Wise Avenue** and was pleased with the work that had been done. He requested that a site visit be planned so that the Commission could approve the work. A letter should be sent to the homeowners advising that the work is satisfactory.

The continuation of the hearing on a **Notice of Intent** for the installation of tight tanks on **Cross Island** was opened at 8:30 pm. Owner, George Emerson was in attendance with John Spink of Coneco Engineers & Scientists, Inc. The Commission was advised that the DEP number had been issued and that the plan which was dated June 5, 2007 and submitted to the Commission at this meeting was approved by the Board of Health. W. Bruce recommended that a notice of the maintenance be put in the Order of Conditions. Mr. Spink advised that there was a very stringent reporting requirement which would go through the Board of Health. The Commission advised that this was satisfactory and reporting to the Commission would not be necessary. A motion to close the hearing was made by S. Gersh, seconded by S. Singleton and passed by unanimous consent.

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

S. Singleton made a motion to close the meeting at 8:45 pm, seconded by R. Brophy, and passed by unanimous consent.

Prepared by: _____ Attest: _____
Deborah Cunningham, Clerk Wallace Bruce, Chairman