

Meeting Minutes
Essex Conservation Commission
August 14, 2007; 7:30 pm
T.O.H.P. Burnham Public Library

Commissioners

Present: Wallace Bruce, Chairman
Robert Brophy, Elisabeth Frye, Stephan Gersh

Absent: Philip Caponigro, James Rynkowski, Shirley Singleton

Quorum: Yes

Clerk: Deborah Cunningham

The following building permit applications were reviewed:

Connie Sweet, homeowner of **30 Story Street**, for the renovation of a front porch. This application was reviewed by R. Brophy and E. Frye prior to the meeting and signed by E. Frye.

Tom Beale, homeowner of **40 Spring Street**, represented by Benjamin Lower for the removal of an entryway and the addition of a screened porch. After review, the application was signed by W. Bruce.

Appointments:

Ed Marchetti of **20 Ralston Drive** to was in attendance to discuss the removal of a fence and the installation of a stonewall as well as the replacement of a dock. Mr. Carchetti was advised by the Commission that a Request for Determination of Applicability should be filed and that the work for the dock would fall under a Chapter 91 license.

Public Hearings:

A public hearing was opened at 7:35 pm on a Request for Determination filed by John and Patricia DiBlasi for the installation of a fence at **22 Lufkin Point Lane**. After discussion and review by the Commission, a Determination of negative will be issued. A motion to issue a Determination of negative and to close the public hearing was made by S. Gersh, seconded by R. Brophy and approved by unanimous consent.

A public hearing was opened at 7:52 pm on a Request for Determination filed by the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Essex for the clearing of debris, vegetation, and beaver dams within the **Alewife Brook**. Due to questions which could not be answered without a representative from the town present, the Commission voted to continue the hearing until the first meeting being held in September. A motion to continue the hearing

until the next meeting was made by S. Gersh, seconded by E. Frye and approved by a majority. R. Brophy opposed continuing the hearing.

A public hearing was opened at 8:31 pm on a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by Julia and John Burroughs of **1 Lufkin Point Road** for the addition of a family room and master bedroom, and deck; combining of 2 smaller bedrooms and repairs to the roof and siding. The Clerk was advised that she could sign the building application on behalf of the Commission. After review by the Commission, it was decided that a Determination of negative will be issued. A motion to issue a Determination of negative and close the public hearing was made by S. Gersh, seconded by E. Frye and approved by unanimous consent.

A public hearing was opened at 8:42 pm on a Notice of Intent filed by Massachusetts Highway Dept. for the reconstruction of 1.01 miles of **Route 133** from **John Wise Avenue** to **Water Street** including new pavement, curbing, sidewalks, drainage and replacement of 196 L.F. of granite block wall along the bank of the Essex River. Due to the extensive plans which were submitted, the Commission voted to continue the hearing until the first meeting in September at which time the Order of Conditions would be written. A motion to continue the hearing was made by S. Gersh, seconded by E. Frye and approved by unanimous consent.

Business:

The Commission discussed the work which was done at **132 John Wise Avenue**. It was agreed that the work was done in compliance with the instructions given by the Commission. A letter will be sent to the homeowner advising that the work was satisfactory and complete.

The Commission discussed the lands which are under the Commission's jurisdiction to manage. It was determined that a complete list of these properties was not currently available. The Clerk was requested to check Town Reports to determine if a complete list could be compiled.

The Commission reviewed the 2007-2011 Vegetation Management Plan submitted by Tennessee Gas Pipeline.

The Commission reviewed a Request for Certificate of Compliance for **8 Deer Hill Road**. The Certificate of Compliance could not be issued due to a lack of the report on the vegetative swale which was required by the Order of Conditions. Homeowner will be notified by the Clerk.

The Commission reviewed a Determination issued on **75R Wood Drive**. Due to the length of time which had passed since the original filing,, the Commission determined that the homeowner should withdraw the previous Request for Determination and proceed with a new filing.

The Commission reviewed the following Requests for Certificates of Compliance in connection with work done at Low Land Farms:

DEP 021-70 **Apple Street, Lowland Farms** It was determined that this work had been completed and a Certificate of Compliance will be issued to the applicant.

DEP 021-0146 **Essex River adjacent to Main Street; Disposal site adjacent to Apple Street** It was determined that this work had been completed and a Certificate of Compliance will be issued to the applicant.

DEP 021-0238 **Low Land Farms, Apple Street** It was determined that this work had been completed and a Certificate of Compliance will be issued to the applicant.

DEP 021-0447 **Low Land Farm, Apple Street (Map 9, Parcel 12)** The Commission could not determine that this work was completed. Member of the Commission will visit the site on August 18, 2007. They will advise the Commission at the next meeting if the Certificate of Compliance should be issued.

Commission reviewed and approved the payroll and expense reports as submitted by the Clerk.

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