

# ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Minutes

June 2, 2009

Members: Wallace Bruce, Chairman – present  
Robert Brophy - present  
Philip Caponigro – arrived 8:45 pm  
Elisabeth Frye - present  
Stephan Gersh – present  
James Rynkowski – absent  
Shirley Singleton - present

### Building Permit Applications:

A building permit application was presented to the Commission by the Clerk on behalf of George Underwood to remove a shed and placement of a new shed at another location on the property at 73 Martin Street. After review the application was signed by W. Bruce.

### Appointments:

Karen Birch met with the Commission to discuss proposed changes to be made at her property on 8 Patriot's Lane. Commission advised that work proposed could be completed with the appropriate filings.

### Public Hearings:

A public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Matthew Freeman of 20 Coral Hill was opened at 7:45 pm. Matthew Freeman gave the ECC an overview of the project and advised that there was still work that needed to be done to the retaining wall under the deck which could not be done due to the level of the lake. A motion was made by S. Gersh to issue an Order of Conditions including the conditions from the emergency letter sent last fall, seconded by R. Brophy and passed by unanimous consent. The Clerk will stamp the plan received with application. A motion to close the hearing was made by S. Gersh, seconded by E. Frye and passed by unanimous consent.

Prior to opening the hearing on the “blanket” NOI filed by the DPW, S. Gersh inquired about the status of the NOI that the town was working on with the DEP. The Clerk advised that the matter before the ECC was that NOI. S. Gersh asked if the application included “blanket” work as well as special projects. P. Goodwin advised that the NOI covered “blanket” matters and any special projects would be brought to the ECC on a case by case basis. S. Gersh asked if the matter could be continued until the next meeting since the Commissioners had not been able to review the application prior to the meeting and if there were any projects which needed to be done within the next two weeks. P. Goodwin advised that there is a culvert which needs to be replaced on Wood Drive before the road is paved. S. Singleton asked if that project would be covered by the “blanket” application. P. Goodwin stated that he felt that it would be covered because the “blanket” application covered culverts. The ECC expressed concerns

regarding those projects which would require a special application to be submitted to the ECC. S. Singleton asked about the "hot spots" which had been discussed at an earlier meeting that would require the DPW to file with the ECC outside of the "blanket" permit. P. Goodwin advised that he believed those areas were included. S. Gersh stated that he did not want the DPW to have to file an NOI each time it was in a sensitive area. P. Goodwin will email and/or call Clerk each time work is being done in a sensitive area. The Clerk will forward the information to the ECC for review.

A public hearing on a Notice of Intent file by Paul Goodwin, Superintendent for the Town of Essex, Department of Public Works to maintain and repair roads, pipe repair, water and sewer distribution/collection system, drainage, erosion control in the Town of Essex was opened at 8:17 pm. The ECC discussed continuing the hearing so that they could fully review the application prior to issuance of the Order of Conditions. A motion to continue the hearing to June 16, 2009 was made by S. Gersh, seconded by E. Frye and passed by unanimous consent.

W. Bruce presented a change to an Order of Conditions for 7 Cogswell Court to rotate the position of the house due to the position of ledge. A motion to accept the revised plan dated June 2, 2009 was made by S. Gersh, seconded by R. Brophy and passed by unanimous consent.

The ECC discussed the hiring of a consultant for the work ordered by the DEP at Water Street. S. Gersh advised that Mr. DeRosa had advised that the cost for the project would be less than originally proposed. A motion was made by S. Gersh to direct the Clerk to contact in writing Mr. DeRosa to request a revised proposal for work and price quote to replace the previous proposal, seconded by E. Frye, and passed by a vote of four to one with R. Brophy abstaining.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_