

ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

DECEMBER 15, 2009

Members: Wallace Bruce, Chairman – present
Joseph Ahearn - present
Robert Brophy - present
Philip Caponigro – present
Elisabeth Frye - present
James Rynkowski – present
Shirley Singleton - present

Appointments:

The Commission met with the DPW's Assistant Superintendent, Mike Galli to discuss the storage of snow in the town. Paul Goodwin, Superintendent of DPW had forwarded a letter explaining the town's current snow storage procedures and the reasons for being unable to locate the snow in other areas of the town. The Commission advised that they had reviewed the DEP guidelines for snow storage and had concerns that the snow was being put in the salt marsh. Mr. Galli advised that it was his understanding that no snow was placed in the marsh but was put in an area which was graveled. W. Bruce suggested that the area for the snow storage be delineated with hay bales and a silt fence so that it was clear that no snow was being put into the marsh. It was also requested that a site visit be scheduled with Mr. Goodwin to discuss the delineation and W. Bruce agreed to arrange this. Mr. Galli agreed that these were good courses of action and he would advise Mr. Goodwin to expect to hear from W. Bruce.

Business:

The Commission reviewed a Request for a Certificate of Compliance from John Fenton for 47, 49 and 51 Lebaron Road. It was determined that the COC would not be issued until a site visit was conducted. The overseers for a current project would be going to the property on December 16 and agreed to accompany E. Frye to view the project. This item will be continued to the next meeting.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted (7-0) to accept the hearing dates for 2010 as presented by the Clerk.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted (7-0) to accept the minutes for the meeting of November 3, 2009 as presented by the Clerk.

The Commission discussed the hiring of a part-time agent. The Clerk was requested to contact Mr. Hankin for references and J. Ahearn agreed to contact the references and report back to the members. S. Singleton will contact Brendhan Zubricki regarding the funding for the payroll for the agent. The

Clerk will draft a letter for the other candidate for the position advising that they Commission would be proceeding with another candidate.

The Commission discussed with the Clerk issues with the Conservation Database. S. Singleton asked for a copy of the contract for the purchase of the database. The Clerk advised that she would forward the contract and would contact the vendor with the problems she had encountered and for information on a maintenance contract.

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

Approved: _____

Prepared by: _____