

ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2010

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

Building Permit Applications:

Karen McNiff met with the Commission to discuss the building of a 14' x 42' pole barn at 90 Apple Street. After discussion, the application was signed by W. Bruce.

Appointments:

Jay McNiff of The McNiff Company met with the Commission to discuss the development of Lots 1 and 2 at Lowland Farm. Mr. McNiff was advised to file a Request for an Amended OOC for any significant changes to the original plans.

Terry Cellucci of J.T. Farnham's met with the Commission to discuss work to be done on the parking area at 88 Eastern Avenue. The Commission advised Mr. Cellucci to file an RDA. Commission members visit the site.

Public Hearings:

The Commission continued a Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by The Neve-Morin Group, Inc. on behalf of The Turtleback Trust to perform re-grading in connection with the installation of a sanitary disposal system within the 100 foot wetland buffer zone at Lot 39 Turtleback Road. Greg Hochmuth of The Neve-Morin Group represented the applicant. The Commission had been waiting for letters from National Heritage and the DEP. Mr. Hochmuth advised that both of these were now in the file. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to close the hearing. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to issue an OOC with the condition to require loam and seed on the leaching field.

The Commission opened a public hearing on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by William L. Phippen to do maintenance work on a single story, wood frame boat shed including: re-shingling roof; re-shingling exterior walls; repairing and replacing wood trim; replacing double doors; replacing side door; and replacing the window at 27 John Wise Lane (formerly 1 Low's Island). The applicant was not in attendance, however, the Commission agreed to proceed. After discussion, it was

decided to issue a negative Determination with the following conditions: 1) a silt fence must be installed on the marsh side of the shed; 2) new building materials must be stockpiled outside the buffer zone; and 3) all debris must be removed from the buffer zone at the end of work day. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to close the hearing. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to issue a negative Determination with the conditions as outlined previously.

Business:

The Commission reviewed and signed a COC for Todd Twombly of 67 Western Avenue.

The Commission reviewed a Request for a Certificate of Compliance from Robert Kaminski of 109 Eastern Avenue. The Commission agreed that the work cannot be viewed until spring. The applicant will be notified by the Clerk.

The Commission reviewed the FY2011 Budget and on a motion made and duly seconded, voted unanimously to accept as presented by the Clerk.

The Commission discussed the hiring of a part-time agent and will meet in an executive session at the next meeting to discuss the position with the potential hire.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission approved the minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2009.

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

Approved: _____

Prepared by: _____