

ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2010

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

Building Permit Applications:

Catherine Palmer of 5 Desoto Road met with the commission to discuss the installation of an above ground pool. There being no wetlands considerations, W. Bruce signed the building permit application.

Public Hearings:

Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by the Essex County Trail Association for the repair and maintenance of trails and pathways throughout Essex. ECTA advised that abutters had been spoken too and issues had been cleared up. Only ECTA would approach the Commission to do maintenance under this OOC. E. Frye clarified that permission from landowners must be obtained prior to any work being done. S. Singleton asked about the language that gave the agent the authorization to determine if the Commission should see a project. M. DeRosa advised that the language could be revised and a modified application would be forwarded to the Commission. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to close the public hearing. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue an OOC upon acceptance of appropriate language. The Applicant waived the 21 day requirement to issue OOC due to the Commission's next meeting being in one month.

Appointments:

Andrew St. John will meet with the Commission to discuss the “RiverSails” project. Mr. St. John gave the Commission an overview of the project and the reasons for the project. R. Brophy asked about ownership of the land and if permission had been obtained. Mr. St. John advised that both owners would go along if Con Com approval was received. Mr. St. John described the installation. The Commission expressed concerns about the number of people in the marsh. Mr. St. John advised that this would be controlled. R. Brophy suggested installation and removal be during flood tides. The Commission then discussed the requirements for filing. It was suggested that an RDA be drafted and forwarded to the agent for review. It was suggested that the RDA be very specific and include all details so that there would be no need to add conditions to a Determination. The Commission also asked that the agent contact the DEP for guidance.

Business:

The Commission reviewed and signed the Determination for 16 Cogswell Court (Peyla).

The Commission reviewed and signed the Order of Conditions for 51 Lebaron Road (Lowery).

W. Bruce reviewed the file on 7 Cogswell Court (Peyla) after concerns were raised by neighbors regarding the project. He advised that although the current work did not match the plan on file that the applicant should be advised to file an “as built” plan when the project is completed.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes for the March 16, 2010 meeting.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Approved: _____

Prepared by: _____