

# ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2010

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

### Public Hearings:

The Commission opened a Public Hearing on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Martha Mazzarino to install a 3000 gallon tight tank including pipe and cleanout at 114 Conomo Point Road. Isaac Rowe of Mill River Consulting presented the plan to the Commission. He advised that the BOH had approved the plan. J. Ahearn asked about the situation with leases ending and if the Town needed to authorize the work since it owned the land. I. Rowe did not know if this was the case and advised that Ms. Mazzarino would be paying all costs in connection with the work. S. Singleton asked about removal of tanks. I. Rowe advised that the septic tank will be removed, crushed and taken off site. The leach tank may be crushed or removed depending on conditions. S. Singleton felt that the RDA application should be revised to give more details regarding the removal of the tanks. The Commission also felt that the application should be revised to show that the Town was the owner of the property and that the Town should be advised of the work to be performed. I Rowe agreed to revise the RDA application to reflect the requested changes. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to close the hearing. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a negative determination if the revised application was received.

The Commission continued a Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Michael Staiti of Lingley Lane, LLC to construct a single family home with associated sewage system, well, utilities, grading, landscaping and driveway at Lot 7 Choate Street. The Clerk advised that the BOH approval was in the file. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to close the hearing. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a standard OOC.

The Commission continued a Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Apple Street Nominee Trust to construct a 20' wide road for a single family development with associated drainage structures, utilities and wetland replication area at Land of Essex Park Road. The Commission is still waiting for the peer review. The Clerk has been advised that it should be complete for the December 7 meeting. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the hearing.

Business:

The Commission reviewed Requests for Certificates of Compliance for 13 Centennial Grove Road fka 184R Western Avenue (Shanks) and Low's Island (Phippen). On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue COCs.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes for the meeting of October 19, 2010.

W. Bruce advised that he had spoken with P. Goodwin of the DPW regarding snow storage near the marsh behind Town Hall. P. Goodwin had agreed to place stakes along the perimeter of the area to mark the area where the snow would go.

R. Brophy advised that the dam had been breached on the Alewife Brook and the alewives were running. He also advised the Commission of an email received asking for support for grant money to study the herring and combine information. He asked that the Commission send a supporting letter to the town requesting the grant money. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to authorize J. Ahearn to draft the letter of support. He will forward to the Clerk for mailing.

J. Ahearn updated the Commission on the Centennial Grove Committee. He advised that the cottage cannot be sold because of a lack of frontage. The Committee is against selling and would prefer to lease the property. There has been some discussion with the YMCA about the possibility of using the property for a summer camp. The YMCA would make the necessary improvements to the property.

J. Ahearn had to leave the meeting at 8:35 pm.

R. Brophy asked if the Commission would grant permission to clear the Alewife Brook near Apple Street. The Commission did not have any concerns regarding this. It was discussed if it would be possible to clear the area with equipment. R. Brophy advised that Gloucester is doing comparable work. The Clerk will speak with the Town Administrator about the filing of a new RDA for hand clearing and about permission for R. Brophy to trap beavers.

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

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

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