

ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

MAY 17, 2011

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

Public Hearings:

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 Clerk advised that the applicant had requested that this hearing be continued to June 7. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the hearing to the meeting of June 7 as requested.

Business:

The Commission met with the homeowner of 16 Cogswell Court regarding Enforcement Order issued by agent for clear cutting of property. Mrs. Marie-Catherine Peyla and her daughter, Letizia Donato, were in attendance. The Agent presented photos and explained what he had observed on site. Ms. Peyla explained that the intention had been to clean up, not to clear and there was some concern for fire hazards. She advised that they would be planting some bushes in the cleared area and would be open to suggestions from the Commission. The Agent advised that a professional should be hired to prepare a planting plan for the Commission to review. It was determined that the homeowner will return on June 21 with a planting plan. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to ratify the Enforcement Order issued by the Agent on 5/5/2011 and to continue the matter to the meeting of June 21. The Chairman asked that the Clerk forward a letter to the homeowner confirming the agreement for them to attend the June 21 meeting.

The Commission reviewed a request for representatives for the Great Marsh ACEC Assembly Oversight Committee. After discussion, J. Ahearn volunteered both himself and his son, Bennett

and also suggested that R. Brophy attend. The Clerk will contact Mr. Brophy with the details regarding the upcoming meeting.

The Commission reviewed a Request for Extension of OOC from Robert Boone for 21 Lufkin Point Road. Although the permit extension legislation extended the permit for two years, the Commission agreed to an extension for three years. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to extend the OOC for 21 Lufkin Point Road for three years.

The Commission reviewed a Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 14 Coral Hill. The Agent reported that he had made a site visit and the work was complete. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue the COC for 14 Coral Hill.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2011 and April 5, 2011.

The Clerk advised the Commission that there would need to be a transfer of funds to cover the telephone charges for the remainder of the fiscal year. She presented the Transfer Form to be presented to the Financial Committee for the transfer of \$100 from the Software Maintenance account to the Telephone account. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to transfer the requested funds.

The Clerk presented a memo from the Pam Witham of the Selectmen's Office advising that four commissioners had terms expiring on June 20, 2011. These commissioners will need to advise the Clerk by the next meeting if they wish to be reappointed or if the Commission should seek a replacement.

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

Approved: Essex Conservation Commission

Prepared by: Deborah Cunningham, Administrative Clerk