

ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

JUNE 21, 2011

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

The Commission met with Selectmen Lisa O'Donnell and Robert Coviello to discuss a park which is being considered on Main Street. The plan being proposed includes a boardwalk. The Commission advised that this was a discussion meeting only and no formal determinations could be given. W. Bruce advised that he had spoken with the DEP and this area is one of concern. S. Singleton gave further information on the guidelines which should be used to prepare a NOI application. The Commission advised that a consultant be hired to advise on the project and that a list of consultants could be obtained from the Commission's website or from the Clerk.

Public Hearings:

Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Apple Street Nominee Trust c/o The Neve-Morin Group, Inc. to construct a portion of a dwelling, driveway, walkway, installation of a foundation drain, utilities and grading at 19 Turtleback Road. John Morin of The Neve-Morin Group represented the applicant and presented the plan. The Commission questioned the run off from the new driveway and Mr. Morin advised that this would not be significant due to the location of the culverts in the roadway accessing the lot. The Commission also expressed concerns regarding any changes which might be made to the plan. Mr. Morin advised that any changes which affected the buffer zone would be brought to the notice of the Commission. John Bediz of 34 Rocky Hill Road asked about a pond which was located on Lot 42. Mr. Morin advised that this was a retention pond. J. Hankin asked if this pond had become a wetland area. Mr. Morin advised that the last time someone had been on site, there had been no signs of wetlands. He also advised that the site was well over 100 feet away from the work area. Myles Cambridge of 15 Turtleback Road expressed concerns about the run off and the water which would come from the culverts. Mr. Morin advised that the water would run off to the wetlands located below Mr. Cambridge's property and then to a detention pond on the other side of the lot. Chris Koeplin of Lot 39 asked if there was room for a basement and if there were any stormwater management. Mr. Morin advised that there is a basement proposed and there may be some blasting because of ledge, but all permits would be obtained and that stormwater management guidelines did not apply to single family dwellings. The Chairman then closed the hearing to public comments and asked if the Commission had anything further to discuss. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to close the public hearing. The Commission then discussed the issuance of an OOC. They decided that the work conditioned under 021-0553 for the road and culverts must be

significantly completed prior to work starting on this project. In addition, no herbicides or pesticides could be used on the slope side of the property. This condition would be in perpetuity and continue after the issuance of a COC. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue the OOC with the proposed conditions.

Business:

The Commission reviewed a request from the consultant hired by the owners of 16 Cogswell Court to extend the time for filing a planting plan. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to modify the Enforcement Order to extend the time for filing a planting plan to August 2, 2011.

The Agent updated the Commission on discussions regarding the relocation of the Lions Club monument. In addition, he reported on a site visit to 21 Lufkin Point Road in connection with the clearing of some trees. He advised that there had been some clearing but that the work was being done under and OOC which the Commission had just recently extended. He did not think that any work had been done outside the conditions in the OOC. Mr. Hankin also updated the Commission on a site visit he had made with members of the Manchester-Essex Conservation Trust. They would like to rebuild a footbridge in a resource area. He advised that he felt that this fell under the work conditioned by the ETA Maintenance OOC and had put MECT in touch with ETA.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented for the meeting of May 19, 2011.

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

Approved: Essex Conservation Commission

Prepared by: Deborah Cunningham, Administrative Clerk