

ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2011

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

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 the meeting of December 6. The applicant has advised that the hearing will be posted in the local paper and abutters will be notified by mail of the new date. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the hearing to December 6.

Business:

The Commission met with Sue McLaughlin of the Chebacco Lake & Watershed Association regarding high water level concerns. Ms. McLaughlin explained some of the actions that the CLWA is taking to try and address some of the issues which the homeowners around the lake are dealing with. They are currently working to get the Alewife Brook Task Force back on track and advised that the brook does need to be cleared because the CLWA feels this is one of the causes for the high levels in the lake. R. Brophy advised that the town is working on an NOI application for the clearing of the brook. This has not been submitted to the Commission at the time of the meeting. The Agent advised that he would be speaking with the gentlemen preparing the application for the town and would see if he could get an update on the status. The CLWA advised that they had also been collecting data on the levels of the lake and were trying to find avenues to get assistance with the on going problems. The Commission discussed various ideas for the CLWA to pursue, but advised that they really could not do anything to help with the problem. Ms. McLaughlin advised that they understood this, but wanted to keep the Commission up to date and would be meeting with the Hamilton Conservation Commission the next evening.

The Commission reviewed the memo drafted for the Planning Board with the comments on the proposed Southern Conomo Point Subdivision Plan. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to forward the memo as drafted.

The Commission discussed the email received by the Chairman regarding the Town's policies and procedures. After a discussion of the concerns with signing the form attesting that the policies and

procedures had been read and understood, the Commission asked that the Clerk speak with the Town Administrator to see if some of the issues could be dealt with.

The Chairman advised the Commission of a number of emails and conversations which had taken place with the DPW. The Commission determined that a policy needed to be put into place to deal with the projects being done under the "blanket" OOC. After a discussion of how the Commission would like notifications to be made, the Commission requested that the Clerk and the Agent draft a memo for the DPW to present at the next meeting. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to memorialize the procedure for advising and responding to potential projects under the "blanket" OOC.

The Chairman presented the minutes of September 6, 2011 for approval. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the minutes of September 6, 2011.

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

Approved: Essex Conservation Commission

Prepared by: Deborah Cunningham, Administrative Clerk