

ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2011

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

The Commission heard a presentation of Conservation Restriction by Vanessa Johnson of Essex Greenbelt for a portion of 37 Choate Street. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Selectmen that they sign the CR. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to sign the Municipal Certification.

The Commission met with Chief of Police Peter Silva to discuss a mooring which had been requested on the marsh near 57 Martin Street. After a discussion, the Commission elected to leave the issue in the hands of Chief Silva as the Harbor Master and his permitting process.

The Commission continued a Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Kurt Decker-Lucke to construct a single story addition, and entry canopy, a canopy above the kitchen window and the renovation of the existing garage/shed at 21 Gregory Island Road. The applicant's representative advised that the Selectmen had approved the renovations which would be partially on an easement held by the Town. The Building Inspector had issued the expected denial and a request for a hearing had been filed with the Zoning Board of Appeals. A DEP number has been issued. The Agent advised that if any changes were made by the ZBA, the Commission would have to be informed. There being no further questions from the Commission, on a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to close the public hearing. After a discussion on any additional condition, on a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue an OOC with the condition that any changes by the ZBA would have to be brought to the Commission.

The Commission opened a Public Hearing on an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by Sturgis Realty Trust to review an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation at 160 John Wise Avenue. The applicant's representative presented the delineation plan which had been prepared. He advised that the lines had been marked by a wetlands scientist. The Commission requested that the Agent meet with the wetlands scientist to review the lines. If the Agent had no issues with the lines as drawn, the Commission would not require a peer review. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the hearing to the next meeting.

Business:

The Commission had still not made a decision on signing off on the Town Policies. They will take this matter up at the next meeting.

The Commission discussed the procedure for DPW projects under the “blanket” OOC. It was decided that a memorandum would be drafted by the Agent and the Clerk outlining the procedure which the Commission would like followed for all future projects. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The Agent reported that he had reviewed building applications for 7 Harry Homan's Drive and 10 Cogswell Court. He had also discussed a mooring issue with the Chief of Police in preparation for the meeting.

The Clerk presented a request for a Certificate of Compliance for 11 Choate Street. The Agent advised that he had visited the site and the project was in compliance. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue the Certificate of Compliance for 11 Choate Street.

The Chairman presented that minutes of the last meeting for approval. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted to approve the minutes for the meeting of October 18, 2011.

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

Approved: Essex Conservation Commission

Prepared by: Deborah Cunningham, Administrative Clerk