



## ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Meeting of February 7, 2012

### Commissioners:

Wallace Bruce, Chairman  
Joseph Ahearn\*  
Robert Brophy  
Philip Caponigro

Elisabeth Frye  
James Rynkowski  
Shirley Singleton\*

### Staff:

James Hankin, Agent  
  
Deborah Cunningham  
Administrative Clerk

\*Absent

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### Public Hearings:

The Commission continued a Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by the Town of Essex, Board of Selectmen to review a proposed project which intends to provide the Town of Essex with a management plan for the Alewife Brook, in order to improve the conditions of the brook, specifically for the alewife run. Mike DeRosa of DeRosa Environmental represented the town and advised that comments had been received from all required agencies and that a DEP number had been assigned. He advised that the DEP had approved the application as a limited project. Questions were again raised about removing beaver dams from the brook, but Mr. DeRosa explained that this did not fall under the jurisdiction of the DEP and would have to be taken up separately. The Chairman asked if there were any other questions, and, there being none, asked for a motion to close the hearing. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to close the public hearing. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue an Order of Conditions.

The Commission opened a public Hearing on a Request for Determination filed by Margaret Ridge (c/o John Cushing) to install a new sewage disposal system 76 feet from the edge of a wetland area to remediate a failed sewage disposal system at 54 Spring Street to be known as 18 Soginese Rd. The Clerk explained that although the property would ultimately be designated as 18 Soginese Road, it was currently on file with the Assessor's Office as 54 Spring Street. For purposes of the hearing, the property would be called 18 Soginese Road. John Judd of Gateway Consultants represented the applicant. He explained the project and advised the Commission on the reasons for placing it within the buffer zone. There being on further questions, on a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to close the public hearing. ON a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a negative Determination.

Business:

The Agent reported on the items which he had addressed since the last meeting. He had received an email requesting the Commission's opinion on removing debris along Conomo Point Road. Mr. Hankin felt that there was no problem with this since the town would not be using any heavy equipment. The Commission agreed and Mr. Hankin will follow up. He also reviewed a Request for a Certificate of Compliance for 51 Lebaron Road and had advised the applicant that further work was needed to be completed prior to the issuance of the COC. The applicant will contact the Commission in the spring. He also reviewed an inquiry at 52 Martin Street for a COC and advised this applicant that further work needed to be done prior to the issuance of the COC. They will also contact the Commission in the spring. Mr. Hankin had met with another prospective buyer for the property at 112 Main Street. The Town Administrator had inquired about sole boring and Mr. Hankin had advised him that this work was exempt. The Board of Health had requested a sign off on a project at 2 Gregory Island Road and Mr. Hankin had advised the the project fell within the jurisdiction of the Commission and they should file and RDA. Mr. Hankin also advised that he had reviewed and signed building permit applications for 2 Shea Court and 72 Belcher Street. He also advised that he would be unavailable for the next meeting.

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

The Clerk presented a letter received from the DPW regarding the memo which the Commission had sent regarding the procedure for advising the Commission on projects begin done under the "blanket" Order of Conditions. The Commission agreed that no further action was required.

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

Approved: Essex Conservation Commission

Prepared by: Deborah Cunningham, Administrative Clerk