



ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Meeting of May 15, 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

The Commission continued a Public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Pony Up Farm, LLC to perform various site improvements, including construction of an indoor training ring using “pole-barn” construction, fence repairs and extension, and grading work at 85 Choate Street. Alan Roscoe of Hancock Associates, represented the owner David Fonzo, who was also in attendance. The commission discussed the location of the fence along the ACEC line. It was determined that the fence would run 15 ft from the stone wall. There being no further comment from the Commission or the public, the Commission moved to close the public hearing. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

The Commission opened a Public hearing on a Notice of Intent, filed by William M. Bancroft to construct a single family dwelling, driveway, and associated utilities within the 100-foot buffer zone of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 191 (Lot C) John Wise Ave. Michael Novak of Meridian represented the owners. He explained that this project had been brought to the Commission years earlier but had never been started. The owners were now ready to move forward and had updated the application to current guidelines. After some discussion, the Commission determined to close the hearing. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to close the hearing.

The Commission opened a Public hearing on a Notice of Intent, filed by John Coughlin PMC Realty Trust to construct a new 60' x 100' storage building a portion of the building to be situated within the 100 foot buffer to a wetland area at 65 Eastern Ave. Due to concerns regarding the notification of abutters, the Applicant asked for a continuance to the next meeting. The Applicant will update the abutters list and notify abutters who were not on the original list. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the hearing to June 5, 2012.

The Commission opened a Public meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability, filed by Aimee Michael Konevich c/o The Neve-Morin Group, Inc. to do grading in the buffer zone and to install a foundation drain at 41 (Rear) John Wise Ave. John Morin of Neve-Morin represented the applicants, Aimee and Michael Konevich who were also in attendance. After Mr. Morin's presentation, the Commission determined nothing further would be required. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a negative Determination with a condition to update the plan submitted if any changes were made by BOH and no work will commence until all permits have been obtained.

Business:

The Agent advised the Commission on a potential violation at 75 Wood Drive. He explained that the Clerk had received a call regarding a fence on the property. He would investigate and coordinate with the Building Inspector.

The Agent presented his report including, but not limited to, site inspections, review of building permit applications, possible violations and other relevant matters.

The Commission reviewed a Request for a Certificates of Compliance for 52 Martin Street. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue the COC.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approved the Minutes of April 17, 2012.

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

Approved: Essex Conservation Commission

Prepared by: Deborah Cunningham, Administrative Clerk