



ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Meeting of June 19, 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 opened a Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by the Town of Essex, Board of Selectmen to propose widening the gravel surface of Cogswell Road and to construct a turn-around area for safer passage of vehicles. The plan also includes work to be done on Sumac Drive which is not within the 100' buffer zone and is not before the Commission. David Ouellette of Horsley-Witten and Lisa O'Donnell were present to represent the town. The Agent questioned if the project would alter the BVW. Mr. Ouellette advised that there is 23' between areas and the road will be 14' which should be enough room without alteration. J. Ahearn advised that he would like to see a bigger culvert than the eight inch shown on the plan. Mr. Ouellette advised that this could be modified. It was mentioned that the elevation 10 is the contour of the ACEC area and the Agent questioned working in the area. Mr. Ouellette was not aware of any performance standards for this project which would prohibit working in the area. It was determined that some Commissioners would like to review the project more closing and perhaps go out to the site and since comments had not been received from the DEP that the hearing should be continued to the next meeting. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the hearing to the next meeting.

In conjunction with the above project, the Commission was advised that the town would be placing some stone boundary markers in the project area. It was determined that these were for the purpose of delineation for the DPW and the Agent advised that it was his opinion that the placement of the stone boundaries could be done under the DPW's "blanket" OOC. The Commission agreed with this assessment and would allow the project under the "blanket" OOC when it was presented by the DPW.

The Commission discussed work which had been done at 109 Eastern Avenue without a permit from the Commission. The Agent advised that he had been on site and the work should have been permitted

by the Commission. The Commission discussed the work done and determined that it would issue an Enforcement Order requesting that the owner of the property attend the next meeting to discuss the matter. The Agent was authorized to prepare and sign the Enforcement Order on behalf of the Commission. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue an Enforcement Order and to authorize the Agent to do so for 109 Eastern Avenue.

The Agent presented his report on the matters he had worked on including, but not limited to, site inspections, review of building permit applications, possible violations, since the Commission last met.

The Commission signed a Determination for work at 30 Martin Street and 26 Pond Street and an Order of Conditions for 65 Eastern Avenue, which had been approved to be issued at the previous meeting.

The Commission received the minutes from the meeting of June 5, 2012. The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of May 15, 2012. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 15, 2012.

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

Approved: Essex Conservation Commission

Prepared by: Deborah Cunningham, Administrative Clerk