



## ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Meeting of January 15, 2013

### Commissioners:

Wallace Bruce, Chairman  
Robert Brophy  
Elisabeth Frye  
Ted Marshall

James Richardson  
Shirley Singleton\*  
Samantha Stevens

### Staff:

James Hankin, Agent  
  
Deborah Cunningham  
Administrative Clerk

\*Absent

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The Commission met with Helen Bethel of the Manchester-Essex Conservation Trust to discuss a Conservation Restriction near Southern Avenue. Ms. Bethel explained where the restriction would be and that it would limit access to other areas off of Southern Avenue. The Commission had James Hankin sign the Inspection Report on behalf of the Commission.

Rob Steck met with the Commission to discuss the surfacing of the driveway at 69 Choate Street. The Commission had placed a restriction in the OOC on the surfacing that it must remain pervious. Mr. Steck presented documentation on a material which was similar to an asphalt material, but was also pervious. The Commission took the matter under advisement and asked Mr. Streck to return for the meeting on February 19, 2013. Mr. Steck agreed and the Commission will advise him at that time if this material can be used.

The Commission met with Fran Ingelfinger of the Division of Ecological Restoration and with a representative of the Mosquito Control Division to discuss work to be done in marsh areas to improve water flow. Mr. Ingelfinger advised that since the work was being done with Mosquito Control, it would be done quickly and they would be able to use the equipment which Mosquito Control had modified for use on the marsh. Mr. Ingelfinger stated that he would monitor the water flow once the work had been completed and report back to the Commission.

The Commission was advised that there had been a potential violation at 234 John Wise Avenue. It had been reported from more than one source that tree cutting and vegetation removal had taken place. The Agent advised that he had gone by the property and been in touch with the owner. He was trying to make an appointment with the owner to inspect the work that had been done. The Commission authorized the Agent to continue to work with the owner and to issue an Enforcement Order if he deemed it necessary.

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

The Chairman presented the Minutes of December 4, 2012 for approval. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.

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

Approved: Essex Conservation Commission

Prepared by: Deborah Cunningham, Administrative Clerk