



ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Meeting of February 5, 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

The Commission opened a Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Darrell Gonyea of Gonyea Construction to build an addition to an existing dwelling at 10 Harlow Street. John Judd of Gateway Consulting represented the homeowner and gave a brief overview of the project. The Commission had no concerns about the project. 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 OOC with no other conditions than the standard special conditions.

The Commission opened a Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Glenn Mores to replace a failed septic system with a 2000 gallon tight tank at 34 Cogswell Road. Dan Johnson of EPS represented the homeowner and gave a brief overview of the project. He advised the Commission that other sites and systems had been considered for the site but there was no other place to install any other system than the tight tank. The Commission understood that the site was a difficult location. 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 OOC with on other conditions than the standard special conditions.

Business:

The Commission discussed an Enforcement Order issued by the Agent for 234 John Wise Avenue. The Agent explained that considerable work had been done without permitting. At this time, he was trying to contact the owner of the property to set up a time for a site visit. He suggested that the Commission wait until he was able to go on site before any further action was taken. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission ratified the Enforcement Order as issued by the Agent. The Commission also agreed on no further action until the Agent had spoken with the property owner.

The Commission signed a Municipal Certificate for Conservation Restriction on Southern Avenue which had been presented at last meeting.

The Commission held a discussion with Helen Bethell management of land in Essex currently under management of the Commission. The Commission agreed to take the issue of management of properties under the Commission's jurisdiction. They also thank Ms. Bethell for all the work in determining which properties were under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

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 18, 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