



## ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Meeting of December 16, 2014

Commissioners:

\*Absent

Staff:

Wallace Bruce, Chairman  
Robert Brophy  
Elisabeth Frye  
Ted Marshall

James Richardson  
Shirley Singleton

Deborah Cunningham  
Administrative Clerk

Samantha Stevens, Agent

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The Commission opened a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Daniel Mayer to replace failed septic system with a 3000 gallon tight tank at 101 Conomo Point Road and a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Daniel Mayer to replace failed septic system with a 3000 gallon tight tank at 12 Town Farm Road. Daniel Johnson represented Mr. Mayer on both projects and explained that testing had been done and the tanks were being placed on the only available locations on the lots. There was some concern that the tank would be in the flood plain at 101 Conomo Point Road but Mr. Johnson explained that this was not the case and, if it had been, measures would have been taken to secure the tank so that it would not be dislocated due to flooding. He also explained that at Town Farm Road, the current location of the leach field was in the wetlands and would now be moved out of the wetlands to the front of the property. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to close the public hearings for both projects. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue standard OOCs for both projects.

The Commission continued a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Carlton Coose to permit the construction of a vegetable garden, construction of a drainage ditch, the maintenance of an existing stone wall, the construction of a new stone wall and to propose the enclosure of an existing deck, re-gravel driveway, install boulders along driveway, install fence, and construct a gravel driveway extension within 100 ft of Chebacco Lake at 75 Wood Dr. R. Brophy recused himself from this matter. Mr. Hochmuth represented the applicant and presented a new plan which would relocate the driveway access off of Annabelle Avenue to the upper corner of the property. The plan also showed the location of the trees which had been discussed at the last meeting. Also presented, was the revised application form which removed the language referencing the "after the fact" removal of the trees. The Commission agreed that the changes would address the concerns which had been presented and agreed to close the public hearing. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to close the public hearing. The Commission discussed the issuing of the Order of Conditions and any additional conditions which should be included. The Commission agreed on the following conditions: 1) the applicant will maintain the graveled area at the upper level of Annabelle Avenue to allow access to the applicant's property; 2) the electric fence will be removed from the lake; and 3) no material shall be used in the placement of the boulders which will impede the flow of water. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue the Order of Conditions with the discussed special conditions.

Business:

The Chairman presented the resignation letter of Shirley Singleton which was reluctantly accepted. The Commission then discussed the candidates for the vacancies left by S. Stevens and S. Singleton. It was agreed that Angus Bruce would be recommended for the position left open by S. Singleton and Michael Burke would be recommended for the position left open by S. Stevens.

The Clerk explained that due to a technical issue with the computer the minutes of the last two meetings were not available. They would be distributed at the next meeting.

The Chairman presented the minutes of November 18 for approval. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

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

Approved: Essex Conservation Commission