



ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Meeting of January 6, 2015

Commissioners:	*Absent	Staff:
Wallace Bruce, Chairman	Elisabeth Frye*	Deborah Cunningham
Robert Brophy	Ted Marshall	Administrative Clerk
Angus Bruce	James Richardson	
Michael Burke		Samantha Stevens, Agent

The Commission opened a public meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by the Essex Board of Selectmen to demolish the structure, collapsing it and lifting all debris into on-site dumpsters for proper disposal at 1 Robbins Island Road. The Commission had questions relating to the project. The Town Administrator was not able to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment. The Commission determined that it would continue the hearing and request the the Town Administrator attend the next meeting. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the hearing.

The Commission opened a public meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by John Prudden to cut down mutually agreed upon trees on town of Essex property at 82 Apple Street. The Clerk explained that this application had been filed in connection with Mr. Prudden's previous application to remove trees from his property. He was requesting to remove additional trees which were on the land adjacent to his which belonged to the Town. The Commission agreed to the project with the condition that the Agent approve the trees to be removed. In addition, the Commission requested that the Agent follow up with the tree warden. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to close the public meeting. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a negative Determination with the condition that the Agent approve the trees to be removed.

The Commission opened a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Nicholas Ellis to construct a new dwelling with associated grading, drainage, driveway, well and sewage disposal system at 2 Rocky Hill Road. Mr. Ellis presented the project to the Commission. There were some concerns that the project did not meet all of the set backs prescribed by the Town. The Commission recommended to Mr. Ellis that he confirm these requirements before closing the hearing. Mr. Ellis agreed to continue the hearing to follow up on these concerns. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the public hearing.

The Commission opened a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Lewis Spence to construct a single family home with associated grading, utilities, and landscaping at 19 Soginese Creek Road. Mary Rimmer represented the applicant. The owner of the property advised that the address shown in the legal notice was incorrect and should be Soginese Road. The Clerk was instructed to confirm this information and correct the

documents if necessary. The Commission asked that the engineer who created the plan clarify Note 5. No other concerns were found with the project and it was determined that the hearing could be closed. 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 a standard Order of Conditions.

Business:

The Agent gave a brief overview of the items she had handled since the last meeting.

Mr. Brophy asked that the Commission consider asking the DEP to review the 75 Wood Drive project.

The Commission reviewed the proposed budget for FY16 as prepared by the Clerk. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the budget as presented.

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

Approved: Essex Conservation Commission

Prepared by: Deborah Cunningham, Administrative Clerk

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