



ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Meeting of April 28, 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 met with the Town Administrator to discuss the open Order of Conditions for clearing of the Alewife Brook. Mr. Zubricki explained that the NOI had been filed for the clearing at the request of the DEP and for the convenience of the town to allow for the clearing. If the Commission wished to arrange for the clearing to take place, Mr. Zubricki was available to contact the Sheriff's Dept. for a prisoner detail but the Commission would have to see that the project had a proper overseer. The issue of dredging the Brook was briefly touched upon and Mr. Zubricki advised that further research on which governmental agencies and town would be involved would be needed. He also advised Mr. Angus Bruce that he should confirm with the States Ethics Commission if he could participate in a discussion on the dredging given the location of his property to the Brook. The Commission asked Mr. Zubricki to contact the Sheriff's Dept about available dates and to coordinate with the Agent and/or Clerk.

The Commission continued a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Scott Woodward of Pike Marine to demolish and replace within the same footprint an existing building which was destroyed by fire at 80 Main Street. The hearing had been continued pending comments from DEP which had been received. The issues referenced by the DEP were addressed to the satisfaction of the Commission 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. Due to the time delay because the Commission would not be meeting on May 2, the Commission voted to issue the Order of Conditions with conditions relating to storage of debris and watering of the project during demolition. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue the OOC.

The Commission opened a public meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Ken and Marnie Lawler to install a replacement sewage disposal system at 8 Lufkin Point Road. John Judd of Gateway Consulting represented the applicant and presented an overview of the project. The Commission had no issues with the project. 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 to issue a negative Determination with no conditions.

The Commission opened a public meeting on Request for Determination of Applicability filed by J. Kurt Miller to construct a deck on the second floor, a farmer's porch, install a fence and remove the concrete pathway together with the completion of various maintenance project including siding, window, roof and doors and the installation of a safety rail at 79 Wood Drive. The applicants explained the work they would like to begin and why it was necessary. The Commission saw no problems with the projects presented. 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 to issue a negative Determination with no conditions.

The Commission reviewed a request from the DPW to extend the blanket Order of Conditions for maintenance work. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to extend the OOC for 3 years.

The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting of March 17, 2015 for approval. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Brophy advised the Commission that Essex Greenbelt had approached him regarding the installation of a 12x12 observation platform in the buffer zone. He had directed them to file an RDA for the installation.

Mr. A. Bruce asked the Commission to consider the list of guidelines for applicants which had been prepared and sent to the Commissioners. The Commission agreed to table this and bring other suggestions to a future meeting.

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

Approved: Essex Conservation Commission

Prepared by: Deborah Cunningham, Administrative Clerk