



ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Meeting of July 21, 2015

Wallace Bruce, Chairman

Robert Brophy

Angus Bruce arrived 7:49 pm

Michael Burke

Elisabeth Frye

Ted Marshall

James Richardson*

Deborah Cunningham

Administrative Clerk

Samantha Stevens, Agent

The Commission met with Chief Peter Silva to discuss the issue of winter storage on the marsh. The Chief explained that he had been to several training sessions that emphasized the need to protect the marsh and that storage of houseboats, docks, and floats was something he was looking into. The Commission asked about current regulations regarding storage and houseboats. The Chief explained that the current regulations did not reference storage but he was willing to work with the Commission to make sure that none of the Wetlands regulations were violated. It was determined that the Commission would do additional research to determine how the storage issue could be addressed.

The Commission picked up a discussion on the possible violations at 147 Eastern Avenue. They asked Chief Silva if he would be willing to sit in on the discussion because there had been some questions regarding accessing the property. Chief Silva agreed to stay for the discussion. The Commission reviewed a letter which they had requested the Clerk draft to the Selectmen to advise of a possible violation of a business license which had been issued by the Selectmen. After discussion, it was determined that the Clerk would send an informal email the Town Administrator advising that the Commission had been advised that there was a possible violation of the number of vehicles allowed under the license. The Commission discussed how to address the possible violations which a large number of vehicles might cause given the surrounding wetland areas. It was determined that the Clerk would draft a letter for review to advise the property owner that there was an expired OOC on file and that some of the conditions of the OOC had not been met. The letter would also request that the applicant address the lack of a Certificate of Compliance and the reporting requirements. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

The Commission reviewed two requests for Certificates of Compliance for 46 Choate Street and 6 Robbins Island Road. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue the Certificates of Compliance.

The Chairman presented the minutes from the meeting of June 2, 2015 for approval. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

The Commission discussed the plan for clearing the Alewife Brook on August 15. Angus Bruce agreed to be the liaison between the Commission and the Lake Association and to oversee the work of the prison detail. The Clerk would follow up with the Town Administrator on questions regarding the prisoners and the tools needed.

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

Approved: Essex Conservation Commission

Prepared by: Deborah Cunningham, Administrative Clerk