



ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Meeting of September 1, 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 hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by David Rimmer of Essex County Greenbelt Association to construct an observation platform at 82 Eastern Avenue. David Rimmer represented the Essex County Greenbelt Association and explained the project and how the platform would be constructed. He advised that there would be the need to have routine maintenance of the area approved so that they could keep the trail to the observation deck clear. The Clerk advised that the DEP had not yet issued a DEP number. The Commission asked if the applicant would agree to continue the hearing and advised that the next meeting would be a formality to close the hearing if a DEP number was received. The applicant agreed. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission continued the public hearing to the next scheduled meeting.

The Commission opened a public meeting on Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Gabriel Rossi to remove dead trees and install a privacy fence at 52 Martin Street. Mr. Rossi explained the project and the reasons for taking down the trees. The past winter had been very hard on the trees since they were below the street level and the salt and snow from the road was pushed onto them. Mr. Rossi felt that the fence would be sturdier and still provide the privacy wanted. The Commission recommended that the fence has a spacing of 6-8 inches above ground to allow for cleanup and wildlife movement. There being no further discussion, 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.

The Commission continued a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by V. Douglas Errico, Trustee of Rock Haven Irrevocable Trust to re-establish a historic boardwalk at 12 Lufkin Point Lane. Michael DeRosa of DeRosa Environmental represented the Commission and advised that the DEP had issued a number and comments. All of the comments had been addressed in the application. He suggested that the requirement for the off-season storage be placed in the OOC as an ongoing condition. There being no further discussion, 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 the OOC with the condition that the language used in the comments from the DEP be used for the off-season storage.

The Clerk advised that she had been contacted by both the environmental scientist and the engineer regarding 147 Eastern Avenue and would be receiving the report on the plantings in a few days. The engineer was putting together the Request for a Certificate of Compliance.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue the extension for the project at 9 Southern Avenue which had been reviewed at the last meeting.

The Commission reviewed Requests for Certificates of Compliance for 102 Conomo Point Road and 12 Town Farm Road. The Agent advised that she had completed site visits for both projects and had seen no problems. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue the Certificates of Compliance for both properties.

On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Minutes for the meeting of August 4, 2015 as presented at the last meeting.

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

Approved: Essex Conservation Commission

Prepared by: Deborah Cunningham, Administrative Clerk