



ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Meeting of October 20, 2015

Commissioners:

*Absent

Staff:

Wallace Bruce, Chairman
Robert Brophy
Angus Bruce
Michael Burke

Elisabeth Frye
Ted Marshall
James Richardson

Deborah Cunningham
Administrative Clerk

Samantha Stevens, Agent

The Commission opened a public meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Fred DeScenza to install a tight tank at 7 Beach Circle. Mr. Fred Carter represented the applicant and explained that the tight tank was being installed at the request of the Town. There was some discussion regarding the use of the tight tank and whether there would be a more long term solution. Mr. Carter explained that the applicant was simply trying to comply with the Town's request. 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 with no conditions.

The Commission opened a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Jonathan Calder to replace an existing septic tank at 28 Cogswell Road. John Judd of Gateway Consulting represented the applicant. The Commission had no issues with the project. 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 an Order of Conditions with no additional conditions.

The Commission opened a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Samuel Appleton to remove current cottage and build a new summer cottage at 82R Eastern Avenue. Mr. Appleton and his son were present with their contractor, Sean Scanlon. Mr. Appleton explained that the cottage had been used by the family for 65 years and they now wanted to update it to be used as a three season cottage. Except for a small increase on the inland side the cottage, the footprint would remain the same. A question was asked about the tight tanks and Mr. Appleton explained that they had been upgraded approximately five years ago and that extensive research had been done to determine that this was the only method that could be used on the sight. The Commission explained to the applicant that a DEP number had not been issued and the Commission could not issue the Order of Conditions without it. It was decided that the hearing would be closed and the OOC would be prepared pending the issuance of the DEP number. The applicant was aware that if the DEP requested any changes he would be required to return to the Commission. 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 an Order of Conditions with the condition that a silt fence be installed that bordered the entire work area.

The Commission continued its discussion of winter storage on the marsh. The Clerk advised that she had been told by the Town Administrator that the houseboat being stored on Town property was being addressed by the Town as a trespassing matter. The Commission determined that the Regulations were clear that no storage could take place on the marsh and that each case would be taken as it was presented to the Commission.

R. Brophy advised the Commission that Joseph Parady had requested a determination regarding the placement of a seasonal, temporary boardwalk to his duck blind on the Great Marsh. Mr. Brophy had been advised that there was some erosion due to the use of the path to the blind. The Commission took the matter under advisement.

The Commission was presented with the bills for the food which had been purchased for those who had worked on the Alewife Brook clean up. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to pay the full amount for the food.

The Commission signed Determinations which had been voted on at the last meeting for 69R Wood Drive, 72 Island Road, and 64 Eastern Avenue.

The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2015 for approval. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

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

Approved: Essex Conservation Commission

Prepared by: Deborah Cunningham, Administrative Clerk