

Essex Conservation Commission

February 16, 1993

Present: Canan Hewson, Chairman; Arthur Hodges; Alan McCoy;
Edwin Perkins; Peter Perrigo; Thomas Prentiss.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m.

David Dunn met with the Board to discuss his wood-cutting business on Western Avenue. The Board requested he meet with them to discuss replacement of the silt fence placed along the stream which borders the property. Dunn said he has not put up a new fence because the ground is frozen, but nothing is washing down to the stream at present. The Board questioned him about oil in the sawdust he generates from cutting the wood. Dunn said he removes the sawdust frequently. McCoy felt that with the way the ground is being chewed up there is a potential for the material to wash down into the stream. Dunn said he would install a new fence as soon as the ground thawed a little. Perkins also requested that Dunn keep the area clear of cans.

A Request for a Determination of Applicability was heard at 8:10 p.m. made by the Town of Essex Water Department covering the rerouting of floor drains and collection sumps to a drywell from well number 3 on Centennial Grove Road. Perrigo abstained from any discussion or voting on this project because of a possible conflict. Damon Boutchie, representing the Water Department, said the Water Department has been required by the Department of Environmental Protection to provide a drywell for the pumping station drains. At the Harry Homan's Drive location they will be working about thirty feet from a seasonal stream and about fifty feet from the Alewife Brook. They will be trenching with a one foot bucket and expect to disturb less than three hundred square feet of surface area. At the Centennial Grove location they will be working about thirty feet from Chebacco Lake to the drywell about one hundred feet away. They will be trenching with a one foot bucket and expect to disturb less than two hundred square feet of surface area. They will be placing staked haybales or silt barriers between the resource area and the work area to prevent siltation. The Board then reviewed the information provided by the Water Department.

Perkins moved to issue a negative Determination of Applicability to the Essex Water Department for the rerouting

of floor drains and collections sumps. The motion was seconded by Prentiss, with Hewson, Hodges, McCoy, Perkins and Prentiss voting in favor; Perrigo abstained.

Robert Klopotoski, Survey Associates, met with the Board to submit a Notice of Intent for Sharon Means for property on Belcher Street. Klopotoski said, "The proposal is for construction of a common driveway to serve three lots. This will not involve any wetlands crossing, just buffer zone activity. The wetlands flagging was done by Sanford Ecological to be sure the septic systems were outside of the wetlands. We are, at present, having a discussion with the Water Department as to whether we should bring down the water line or put in wells on each of the three lots." The Board reviewed the Notice of Intent and scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, March 2, 1993, at 8:00 p.m. A site visit was also planned for Saturday, February 29 at 9:00 a.m.

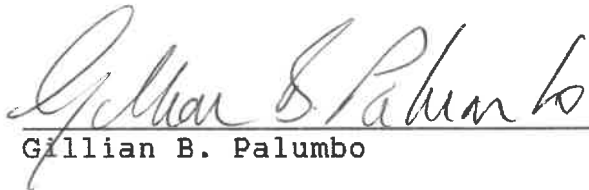
Peter Van Wyck met with the Board to submit a Notice of Intent for removal of brush, ploughing, fertilizing, and reseedling of Low Land Farms, off Apple Street. The Board reviewed the Notice of Intent and scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday, March 2, 1993, at 8:30 p.m.

The Board reviewed the correspondence.

Hodges moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by McCoy, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Prepared by:


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Attest:

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A G E N D A

Appointments:

- 8:00 p.m. ... David Dunn - wood-cutting business,
Western Avenue
- 8:10 p.m. ... Request for a Determination of
Applicability - Department of Public
Works
- 8:15 p.m. ... Review Notice of Intent submittal,
applicant Sharon Means
- 8:20 p.m. ... Review Notice of Intent submittal,
applicant Peter Van Wyck

Business:

Review correspondence