

Essex Conservation Commission

July 13, 1993

Present: Edwin Perkins, Acting Chairman; David Folsom;  
Arthur Hodges; Tom Prentiss.

Meeting called to order at 8:05 p.m.

A Request for a Determination of Applicability held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, made by Richard Burns of Red Gate Road, covering removal of stairs and mud room and reconstruction of an addition to the existing dwelling, was heard at 8:06 p.m. Burns said his proposal is to remove the existing mud room and stairs and to build in their place a new kitchen. The addition would not be expanded any further than where the existing stairway is presently. The addition will be placed on sono tubes and all holes for the sonotubes will be dug by hand. The Board then reviewed the Request and accompanying plans.

Folsom moved to make a negative finding for the proposal of Richard Burns, Red Gate Road, to remove the existing mud room and stairs and replace them with an addition. The motion was seconded by Hodges, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

A Request for a Determination of Applicability held under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, made by Charles Sim covering construction of a building on an existing foundation at 7 Main Street, was heard at 8:20 p.m. Sim told the Board the proposed building (a garage) would be 40' x 33' as dictated by the existing foundation. The foundation would be cleaned out, then four additional footings within the foundation would be poured to support the floor. The foundation would then be capped with approximately ten inches of concrete to level and reinforce it. A conventionally constructed building would then sit on the foundation. Sim added that he does not plan on any disruption of the area except for landscaping and planting shrubs. The land, he said, goes up as it goes towards the stream. The Board then reviewed the Request and accompanying plans.

Prentiss moved to make a negative finding for the construction of a garage on an existing foundation for Charles Sim at 7 Main Street. The motion was seconded by

Hodges, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Joseph Ginn met with the Board to discuss mowing around a pond on property belonging to Carson Febiger, Forest Street. He would also like to dig out a swale about 300 feet from the pond. He wants to take out a yew tree and pour in some concrete. He would be doing this work in the dry because there is no water there at present. Ginn said he felt it was permitted work under Agricultural uses of the land as the field was always cut for hay. The work will be in the buffer zone, not near the wetlands. The Board then read 310 CMR 10.04 - Agriculture, to determine if the work would be permitted. It was felt that the work as described by Ginn could be done. Ginn then mentioned to the Board that although it is in the preliminary stages he has been asked to create a pond and wondered if there were any regulations in the Wetlands Protection Act regarding the creation of ponds. The Board said they did not think there was but would review the Wetlands Protection Act.

John Coughlin met with the Board to submit a Notice of Intent for Quinn Brothers, Inc, 239 Western Avenue, covering construction of a 35' x 100' building and a 30' x 60' detention/recharge basin with associated grading and piping. A portion of the proposed construction is within the buffer zone. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 1993, at 8:00 p.m.

Coughlin then informed the Board that they would be paving at the South Essex Village tomorrow (July 14). He questioned whether there was supposed to be a buffer strip between the village and the Essex Reach subdivision. He also informed the Board that they would be conducting a soil exploration at the back of the property, which is out of the wetlands and out of the buffer zone, to try and determine what the soil is like.

Gloucester Bank and Trust, property at the corner of Western Avenue and Essex Park Road - Board member Peter Perrigo said he went to the site visit conducted by the D.E.P on an appeal made by the Gloucester Bank and Trust to the Order of Conditions issued by the Commission. Perrigo said that the way the edge of the buffer zone looks right now the septic system will be in the buffer zone.


The Board reviewed the correspondence.

Hodges moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Prentiss,

with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Prepared by:

  
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Attest:

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A G E N D A

Appointments:

- 8:00 p.m. ... Request for Determination of  
Applicability - Richard Burns, Red  
Gate Road
- 8:15 p.m. ... Request for a Determination of  
Applicability - Charles Sim, 7 Main  
Street
- 8:30 p.m. ... John Coughlin, Quinn Bros. Inc. -  
submittal of Notice of Intent for  
239 Western Avenue

Business:

Review correspondence