

Essex Conservation Commission

August 15, 1995 - Minutes

Present: David Folsom, Chairman, Edith Messersmith, Arthur Hodges, Edwin Perkins, Peter Perrigo, Thomas Prentiss, George Stavros.

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

The Board reviewed a building permit application submitted by Meredith and Catherine Palmer, 5 DeSoto Road, for a second floor addition. Upon review of the application and plan, Perkins moved that the building permit application submitted by Meredith and Catherine Palmer for an addition to their property at 5 DeSoto Road would not be in violation of the Wetlands Protection Act, seconded by Perrigo, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

A Request to Determine the Applicability of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, made by George Benoit for the cutting of brush in the buffer zone and wetlands delineation verification on Lots 32B and 32C, Patriots Lane, was heard at 7:45 p.m.

George Benoit told the Board that he thought the engineer had settled the flagging issue, but apparently he had not. He would like to cut brush and a few trees for access to Chebacco Lake. According to the applicant one area is not flagged, but in that area there is a definite pathway. In the wetland area Benoit said he would like to cut branches off the trees and cut to about 10 inches. Perkins said he felt that if there was going to be substantial landscaping, then a Notice of Intent should be filed. The Board felt a site visit should be made to the property on Monday, August 21, 1995, at 9 a.m. The Board told Benoit they would make their determination at the next meeting on August 29, 1995.

The Board reviewed the submittal of a Request for a Determination of Applicability by H.A. Patrican, Jr., for the construction of a driveway to Lot 5 and Parcel A, Belcher Street. The Request will be heard on Tuesday, August 29, 1995, at 8:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed the submittal of a Request for a Determination of Applicability by Peter Pinciario, Superintendent of the Crane Estate/Hoq Island, property owned by The Trustees of Reservations. Commission member Hodges

removed himself from the Board for this discussion because of a conflict of interest. Pinciario told the Board the Trustees were filing for the placement of two pre-fabricated structures on Long Island, placement of a pre-fabricated gallows on the eastern end of Hog Island, the removal of honeysuckle shrubs along the road below the Choate House, and the placement of 2-4 marsh haystacks on the marsh on the east side of Hog Island. Prentiss questioned the cutting of the honeysuckle because it is a habitat for songbirds. Pinciario indicated he could have his botanist submit a report on this issue. The Request will be heard on Tuesday, August 29, 1995, at 7:45 p.m.

The Board reviewed a submittal of a Request for a Determination of Applicability by the Essex Department of Public Works for the removal and reinstallation of +/- 200 feet of guard rail on Western Avenue between the entrance of Apple Street and Gullwing, and between Lakeview Road and Patriot's Lane. The Request will be heard on Tuesday, August 29, 1995, at 8:15 p.m.


The Board discussed the scheduling of their meeting for the month of September, deciding to hold their next meeting on September 19, 1995.

The Board reviewed the correspondence which included a Superceding Order of Conditions for Peter Van Wyck, D.E.P. File #21-165, and a Wetlands Replacement Plan for property of Dennis Outwater on Belcher Street.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Prepared by:

  
Gillian B. Palumbo  
Administrative Clerk

Attest:

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A G E N D A

Appointments:

- 7:30 p.m. ... Building permit application review -  
Meredith and Catherine Palmer, 5  
Desoto Road
- 7:45 p.m. ... Request for a Determination of  
Applicability - George Benoit,  
Patriot's Lane
- 7:55 p.m ... Request for a Determination of  
Applicability submittal - Herman  
Patrican, Belcher Street property -  
review
- 8:00 p.m. ... Request for a Determination of  
Applicability submittal - Trustees of  
Reservations, Hog Island - review
- 8:10 p.m. ... Request for a Determination of  
Applicability submittal - D.P.W. -  
review

Business:

Review correspondence

Sign Bills Payable Voucher

Special meeting date