

Essex Conservation Commission

December 1, 1992

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

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

David Pereen met with the Board for a building permit application review for Lot #7, Pine Ridge Road. The Board reviewed the application and plans. As no construction came within 100 feet of wetlands, the Board approved the application.

James Richardson, together with Charles Wyman of the Trustees of Reservations, met with the Board to discuss the conservation restriction Richardson wishes to place on his property on Island Road. Wyman said the Conservation Restriction has gone to Joel Lerner of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Within the restriction area are two reserve building areas, shown in crosshatch on the plan. This area could be agricultural or limited to the construction of a dwelling. Lerner was concerned about this part of the conservation restriction and suggested removing it completely. Richardson said they wanted the flexibility of pursuing one or two of the activities mentioned in the covenant. Lerner will be looking at trying to restrict that area a little more, according to Wyman. Richardson said he is hoping to get this completed by the end of the year. Next week it will be going to the Board of Selectmen for their approval.

Hodges moved to approve the conservation restriction by applicant Mrs. Lucy Richardson subject to the approval and final revision by Joel Lerner of the Executive office of Environmental Affairs. The motion was seconded by Perkins, with the Board voting unanimously in favor. The Board then signed the certification which is to be sent to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

Daniel Rice, 34 Lakeshore Drive, met with the Board to discuss the addition of a porch to his house. Because the addition was less than 100 feet from Chebacco Lake but would only consist of hand-digging four holes for sono tubes, the Board said he should file a Request for a Determination of Applicability.

Brook Pasture Realty Trust requested a Certificate of Compliance for Lot #3, D.E.P. File #21-145. Perkins said he viewed the project and said the culvert on the drainage ditch between this lot and the next had not been completed. Thomas Corkery, Trustee of Brook Pasture Realty Trust, told the Board that the drainage ditch comes under D.E.P. File #21-196. Upon review of the plan the Board found that the brook did not flow on Lot #3.

Perkins moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance to Brook Pasture Realty Trust for Lot #3, D.E.P. File #21-145. The motion was seconded by Prentiss, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Peter Van Wyck met with the Board to discuss cutting brush in his fields. He said that the state has agreed to it and the area is well documented. He will have his biologist flag the wetland areas. Perkins asked how many acres were wetlands. Van Wyck said a very small area may be involved, approximately 1,000 linear feet. Another area is on Essex Park Road near Liberty Research. Perkins felt an Abbreviated Notice of Intent would be adequate for the project. Van Wyck said, "I have done everything that was asked of me. The state was supposed to write off Lowland Farms. Jerome Carr, my hydrologist, told the state, but because the state is backlogged, it hasn't been signed off yet." Van Wyck said he would be flagging the wetlands before the brush cutting takes place.

A Continuation of a Public Hearing was held at 8:45 p.m. under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, on a Notice of Intent filed by Gloucester Bank and Trust covering construction of a portion of a residential structure, driveway and regrading within the buffer zone on property at the corner of Western Avenue and Essex Park Road. A letter was given to the Board requesting a continuation of the hearing to the next meeting on December 15, 1992. Perkins moved to continue the hearing of Gloucester Bank and Trust to December 15, 1992 at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Hodges, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.


The Board noted that this project has been ongoing since the March 17, 1992 meeting, and felt a letter should be sent to Gloucester Bank and Trust stating that if no further information was forthcoming then the Commission would like to close the hearing at the next meeting.

The Board also felt a letter should be sent to David Dunn requesting a new silt fence be installed along the stream next to his wood cutting business on Western Avenue.

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

Meeting adjoured at 9:45 p.m.

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A G E N D A

Appointments:

- 7:50 p.m. ... David Pereen - building permit review,  
Pine Ridge subdivision
- 8:00 p.m. ... Continuation of a public hearing -  
Gloucester Bank and Trust, property  
on Essex Park Road/Western Avenue
- 8:05 p.m. ... James Richardson - donation of land  
for conservation, Island Road
- 8:30 p.m. ... Thomas Corkery/Ken Hamilton - Brook  
Pasture Realty Trust, Martin Street

Business:

Discussion of meeting with Town Counsel regarding Peter  
Van Wyck - review of Van Wyck's files.