



TOWN OF ESSEX  
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

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*Andre Roussel*

**Record of the Vote - Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

The regular Meeting of the Essex IWWC was conducted on April 10, 2018 in Room A of the Essex Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance were, Fred Szufnarowski, Daniel Lapman, Jim Hill, Jim Leo, Steve Knauth, Ernest Cook, Andre Roussel, Alternate seated for J Lovelace.

**MOTION** made by D Lapman to seat A Roussel for the meeting; **SECONDED** by J Leo; **Voting In Favor:** F Szufnarowski, D Lapman, J Hill, J Leo, S Knauth, E Cook; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 6/0/0.

**MOTION** made by J Leo to approve the February 13, 2018 regular meeting Minutes with following amendments; 1) Page 2, correct spelling of "steppass"; 2) Page 5, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph to read: "J Budrow reported that **Michael Picard** is going back before the ZBA for property situated at **175 Saybrook Road**"; **SECONDED** by A Roussel; **Voting In Favor:** F Szufnarowski, D Lapman, J Hill, J Leo, E Cook, S Knauth, A Roussel; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

**Discussion:** No further discussion.

**MOTION** by A Roussel to approve a permit for **Application No. 18-1 – The Nature Conservancy** for the installation of an Alaskan steppass fish ladder within **Dolan Pond on the Falls River**. Based on the information presented in this application and the accompanying documents, and on the testimony given at this meeting, the Commission finds that the proposed activity is a regulated activity not involving significant impact or major effect upon the inland wetlands or watercourse which occur on the property, as defined in Section 2.2, and that few or no reasonable or prudent alternatives exist; The Commission makes a Summary Ruling and grants a permit and permission for the applicant to proceed with proposed activity as stated on said application and as shown on plans accompanying the application, subject to the following conditions:

- a. In accordance with the Commission's Regulations, the activity pursuant to said permit shall be initiated within 2 years of the date of publication and shall be completed within one year of the date of initiation and will occur between March 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> of the year of initiation.
- b. Should the applicant determine that the permitted activity will not be completed between March 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> of the year of initiation, the applicant agrees to appear before the Commission prior to October 15<sup>th</sup> and present a plan for the stabilization of the site during the non-permitted months.
- c. The applicant agrees to follow the advice and direction of the Town of Essex Enforcement Officer with regard to any field changes he deems necessary or may require for the protection of the inland wetlands and water course during the process.
- d. The Commission, through its Enforcement Officer, shall be notified in writing upon the initiation of the authorized activity and again upon completion of these activities.
- e. The plan will be amended to reflect the location of the site as Centerbrook.
- f. A letter from the engineer shall be submitted confirming that the design will not compromise the integrity of the dam.
- g. A letter from contractor shall be submitted confirming that the dam was built according to the plans.
- h. A letter from the contractor shall be submitted confirming that he has inspected the dam and assurance that it was built according to the plans.
- i. The stockpile materials are to be covered when the contractor is not onsite.

**SECONDED** by S Knauth; **Voting In Favor:** F. Szufnarowski, J Hill, J Leo, D Lapman, S Knauth, E Cook, A Roussel; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

**MOTION** by S Knauth to conduct a site walk on April 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. on behalf of **Application #18-2** Edward Noble proposing to clean out a wetland area and to stabilize a streambed at **3 Turnstone Road**; **MOTION** seconded by E Cook; **Voting In Favor:** F. Szufnarowski, D Lapman, J Leo, J Hill, E Cook, A Roussel, S Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

**MOTION** by S Knauth to find **Application #18-2** is substantially complete for **Edward Noble**, proposing to clean out a wetland area and to stabilize a streambed at **3 Turnstone Road** with the following conditions: 1) A completed application is to be presented to the IWWC prior to the April 26, 2018 site walk; **MOTION** seconded by D Lapman; **Voting In Favor:** F. Szufnarowski,

D Lapman, J Leo, J Hill, E Cook, A Roussel, S Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

**Motion** by A Roussel to schedule **Application No 18-2 – Edward Noble** for the May 8, 2018 regularly scheduled meeting. Per Section 8.1 of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses regulations: based on the information presented in this application and the accompanying documents, and on the testimony given at this meeting, the Commission finds that the proposed activity is a regulated activity, as defined in Section 2.2 of the regulations; **MOTION** seconded by E Cook; **Voting In Favor:** F. Szufnarowski, D Lapman, J Leo, J Hill, E Cook, A Roussel, S Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

**Motion** by D Lapman that the Essex Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission concurs with the decision of the Wetlands Agent with regard to **Application 18-A1** on behalf of **Tom McDowell, 41 Main Street, Essex**, to add pavers and bricks along edge of driveway within an upland review area; **SECONDED** by J Leo; **Voting In Favor:** F. Szufnarowski, D Lapman, J Leo, J Hill, E Cook, A Roussel, S Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

**Motion** by D Lapman that the Essex Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission concurs with the decision of the Wetlands Agent with regard to **Application #18A-2 Essex Land Trust, Ivory Street** for approval to cut phragmite and remove brush within a wetland north of bridges; **SECONDED** by A Roussel; **Voting In Favor:** F. Szufnarowski, D Lapman, J Leo, J Hill, E Cook, A Roussel, S Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

**Motion** by D Lapman that the Essex Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission concurs with the decision of the Wetlands Agent with regard to **Application 18A-3 – Essex Land Trust, Osage Trails** to cut back an area of shoreline overgrowth; **SECONDED** by A Roussel; **Voting In Favor:** F. Szufnarowski, D Lapman, J Leo, J Hill, E Cook, S Knauth, A Roussel; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

**MOTION** made by D Lapman to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled IWWC meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the Essex Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue; **MOTION SECONDED** by E Cook; **Voting In Favor:** F. Szufnarowski, D Lapman, J Leo, J Hill, E Cook, A Roussel, S Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 7/0/0.

Stella C. Beaudoin  
Recording Secretary