

TOWN OF ESSEX
**Inland Wetlands and Watercourses
Commission**

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Unapproved

Minutes
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:30 P.M.
Town Hall, 29 West Avenue
Second Floor Conference Room B

Call to Order and Seating of Members

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex IWWC was conducted on March 12, 2013 in the Conference Room A, of the Essex Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Attending Members:

Daniel Lapman, Chair
Chuck Corson, Vice Chair
Nancy Arnold, Regular Member
Steve Knauth, Alternate seated
for Fred Szufnarowski

Absent Members:

Jeff Lovelace, Conservation Liaison
Fred Szufnarowski, Regular Member
Claire Tiernan, Planning Liaison
Jim Leo, Alternate Member

Staff:

Joe Budrow, Wetlands Enforcement Agent and Zoning Enforcement Agent
Stella Beaudoin, Recording Secretary.

Mr. Lapman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2013

The following changes were suggested by Steve Knauth:

Page 2, 3rd paragraph, last sentence to read: “*present* this evening to apply”

Page 4, 4th paragraph third sentence: “a portion of the restoration work *will* occur”

MOTION made by Chuck Corson to approve Minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting as amended; **SECONDED** by Nancy Arnold; **Voting In Favor:** N. Arnold, C. Corson, D. Lapman and S. Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

MOTION made by Nancy Arnold to amend the agenda to place New Business, **Application #13-16 on behalf of the Town of Essex, 1 Dump Road, Essex, CT**, next on the Agenda. This is an application to locate an accessory structure up to 12 feet from Ward Brook. **SECONDED** by Nancy Arnold; **Voting In Favor:** N. Arnold, C. Corson, D. Lapman and S. Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

Application #13-16 on behalf of the Town of Essex, 1 Dump Road, Essex, CT. This is an application to locate an accessory structure up to 12 feet from Ward Brook.

Mr. Needleman stated that the town has constructed a structure which shelters a recently purchased back-hoe. The structure is anchored on 4 x 4 sonitubes and it sits on a gravel base. The structure may eventually be expanded.

Mr. Corson stated that the floor of the public works facility should be fabricated from a cement base so as to insure against leakage from the vehicles stored in the facility.

Mr. Corson commented on the exposed sand stockpiles and noted that a sediment fence should be constructed so as to insure that the sand does not wash into the wetlands.

MOTION made by Nancy Arnold to approve a Permit for **Application #13-16 on behalf of the Town of Essex, 1 Dump Road, Essex, CT.** This is an application to locate an accessory structure up to 12 feet from Ward Brook. This application also includes wetland enhancement along the southerly property line. Based on the documents presented and on the testimony given at this meeting, the Commission finds that the proposed activity is a regulated activity not involving any significant or major effect upon the inland wetlands or watercourse which occur on the property as defined in Section 2.2 of the regulations and that no reasonable or prudent alternative exists to the proposed plans. The Commission members feel that the proposed activities are well suited to the area.

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:

1. A sediment fence will be constructed along the existing stockpiles.
2. The IWWC grants the authority to the Wetlands Enforcement Officer for field approval in conjunction with this proposal. Any additional conditions or requirements viewed by the WEO will be subject to consideration by the IWWC.
3. Consideration should be given to installation of concrete slabs for any vehicles that are to be stored onsite.
4. In accordance with the Commission's Regulations, the activity pursuant to said permit shall be initiated within 5 years of the date of publication and shall be completed within one year of the date of initiation and will occur between March 15th and October 15th of the year of initiation.
5. Should the applicant determine that the permitted activity will not be completed between March 14th and October 15th of the year of initiation, the applicant agrees to appear before the Commission and present a plan for the stabilization of the site during the non-permitted months.
6. The applicant agrees to follow the advice and direction of the Town of Essex Enforcement Officer with regard to any field changes she/he deems necessary or may require for the protection of the inland wetlands and water course during the process.
7. 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.

SECONDED by Chuck Corson; **Voting In Favor:** N. Arnold, C. Corson, D. Lapman and S. Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

Old Business

Application #13-4 on behalf of Michael Picard, 141 and 147 Saybrook Road, Essex, Map 71 Lot 22, 23 and 24, RU District. This is an application to demo an existing dwelling and replace with a new dwelling to a point 55 feet from south cove, with a new swimming pool to a point 7 feet from south Cove, and to construct a dwelling at 147 Saybrook Road to a point 30 feet from wetlands with a driveway up to 5 feet from wetlands. This application also includes wetland enhancement along the southerly property line.

A previously scheduled site inspection did not occur due to inclement weather. Mr. Budrow stated that a site inspection will be conducted on March 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Thomas Metcalfe, P.E. will present this application at the April 2013 meeting.

New Business

Application #13-15 on behalf of Richard and Joanne Faraci, 55 Deep River Road.

This is an application to locate a new single family dwelling to a point 42 feet from a wetlands and 85 feet from Ward Brook.

Kevin Braza, General Contractor presented. Mr. Braza stated that the house structure that was located on this lot was lost in a fire last year. A new cape-style house will be constructed on the same footprint.

Mr. Corson noted that the existing structure was within the purview of the IWWC as is the new building. Mr. Corson stated that the sediment fence which is currently in place is situated in the wetlands. Mr. Corson stated that the existing sediment fence should remain in place until the completion of the project and at that time, the removal of the fencing should occur with great care so as not to further disturb the wetlands.

Mr. Braza stated that the septic was installed two years ago and Mr. Corson asked to have that plan and approval added to this proposal.

MOTION made by Nancy Arnold to approve a Permit for **Application #13-15 on behalf of Richard and Joanne Faraci, 55 Deep River Road.** This is an application to locate a new single family dwelling to a point 42 feet from a wetlands and 85 feet from Ward Brook. Based on the documents presented and on the testimony given at this meeting, the Commission finds that the proposed activity is a regulated activity not involving any significant or major effect upon the inland wetlands or watercourse which occur on the property as defined in Section 2.2 of the regulations and that no reasonable or prudent alternative exists to the proposed plans. The Commission members feel that the proposed activities are well suited to the area.

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:

1. The septic approval will be added to the plans as related to this proposal.
2. Sediment control will be provided prior to construction upslope from the blue marked wetlands limits and the existing sediment fencing will be left in place until after construction and will then carefully removed so as not to disturb the wetlands.
3. The IWWC grants field approval by the Wetlands Enforcement Officer in conjunction with this proposal. Any additional conditions viewed by the WEO will be subject to consideration by the IWWC.
4. Consideration should be given to installation of concrete slabs for any vehicles that are to be stored onsite.
5. In accordance with the Commission's Regulations, the activity pursuant to said permit shall be initiated within 5 years of the date of publication and shall be completed within one year of the date of initiation and will occur between March 15th and October 15th of the year of initiation.
6. Should the applicant determine that the permitted activity will not be completed between March 14th and October 15th of the year of initiation, the applicant agrees to appear before the Commission and present a plan for the stabilization of the site during the non-permitted months.

7. The applicant agrees to follow the advice and direction of the Town of Essex Enforcement Officer with regard to any field changes she/he deems necessary or may require for the protection of the inland wetlands and water course during the process.
8. 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.

SECONDED by Steve Knauth; **Voting In Favor:** N. Arnold, C. Corson, D. Lapman and S. Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

Other Business - No other business.

Correspondence and Invoices - No correspondence and no invoices.

Wetlands Agent Report: Joseph Budrow

- Mr. Budrow reported that the company known as All Habitat Services has once again been hired to handle the annual eradication of phragmites in Viney Hill Brook Park and Clark's Pond.
- Mr. Budrow reported on Agent approval for Application #12A-2 on behalf of Nathan Lee for property located on Crosstrees Hill Road. This was an application for the construction of a stone wall which will go to a point 85 feet from South Cove.

MOTION made by Chuck Corson to approve the Wetlands Agent approval to Application #12-A-2 on behalf of Nathan Lee on Crosstrees Hill Road; **SECONDED** by Steve Knauth; **Voting In Favor:** S. Knauth, D. Lapman, C. Corson and N. Arnold; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

Ms. Arnold stated for the record that a superior job was done on the completion of work related to a 2012 IWWC Permit for property at 12 Racketts Lane which is owned by Andrew Guziewicz and Kelly Rock. Mr. Guziewicz installed an additional 30-foot extension pipe embedded in crushed stone which leads to a pond on his property. There is a 200 foot section along Route 154 that gathers water and there is no drain. The water goes onto Mr. Guziewicz's property and this pipe drain helps to alleviate the drainage situation.

Chairman Report: Daniel Lapman – no report.

Planning Commission: Claire Tiernan – no report.

Conservation Commission: Jeff Lovelace. No report.

Zoning Commission: - no report.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Nancy Arnold to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled IWWC meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at the Essex Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue at 7:30 p.m.; **SECONDED** by Chuck Corson; **Voting In Favor:** S. Knauth, D. Lapman, C. Corson and N. Arnold; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin
Recording Secretary