

TOWN OF ESSEX
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

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Unapproved

Minutes - Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Call to Order and Seating of Members

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex IWWC was conducted on June 9 2015 in Conference Room A, of the Essex Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Attending Members:

Daniel Lapman
Jeffrey Lovelace
Fred Szufnarowski
Jim Hill
Steve Knauth, Alternate
Bill Cook, Alternate

Absent Members:

Staff:

Stella Beaudoin, Recording Clerk
Joseph Budrow, Wetlands Enforcement Agent

Mr. Lapman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION made by D. Lapman to seat S. Knauth for J. Leo and to seat B. Cook for C. Corson;
SECONDED by J. Lovelace; **Voting In Favor:** J. Lovelace, J. Hill, F. Szufnarowski, D. Lapman;
Opposed: None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

Approval of May 12, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

The following amendments were suggested and noted in italics:

- Page 2, first paragraph; “This is an application *to* allow a five foot easement.”

- Application 15-4: Motion to approve made by *C. Corson*, seconded by *J. Leo*.

MOTION made by F Szufnarowski to approve the May 12, 2015 Minutes as amended; **SECONDED** by J. Hill; **Voting In Favor:** J. Lovelace, J. Hill, F. Szufnarowski, D. Lapman, S. Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** B. Cook None; **Approved:** 5/0/1.

REGULAR MEETING

- **Application 15-5** – George and Valerie Washburn, 8 Bracket Lane. This is an application to allow a small addition to enclose an existing water wheel.

Seated for this application was D. Lapman, F. Szufnarowski, J. Lovelace, S. Knauth, J. Hill, B. Cook.

There is a large accessory building that is utilized as an accessory building and used for storage and utilities. The accessory building was constructed along the river bank and has a sluice way running under it. A water wheel is located outside this accessory building which was recently stabilized with supporting beams.

George Washburn presented on behalf of this application. G. Washburn stated that he would like to construct a simple post and beam structure that would enclose and house the water wheel on the existing footprint. The foundation is in place and the building was previously approved providing that the same footprint is followed.

MOTION made by Fred Szufnarowski to approve a Permit for **Application 15-5** on behalf of **George and Valerie Washburn, 8 Bracket Lane**. This is an application to allow a small addition to enclose an existing water wheel. Based on the testimony given at this meeting, and the accompanying documents, 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:

- a. 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.
- b. 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.

- 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.

MOTION SECONDED by S. Knauth; **Voting In Favor:** D. Lapman, F. Szufnarowski, J. Lovelace, S. Knauth, J. Hill, B. Cook.; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 6/0/0.

Correspondence and Invoices

There was no correspondence. There were no invoices.

Wetlands Agent Report - Joseph Budrow

J Budrow reported on the following Agent Approval for Wetlands Permits:

- **Application No. 15A-1** – Harfst, 52 Foxboro Road. J. Budrow reported that there are two accessory buildings that will be re-built/replaced; one building is an accessory structure for potting plants which is 60 feet from the water. J. Budrow issued a Wetlands Permit on June 2, 2015.
- **Application No. 15A-2** – Butler Construction, 1 Primrose Ledge, to replace an above-ground propane tank with an underground tank, 50 feet from the house and 60 feet from wetland. J. Budrow issued a Wetlands Permit on June 2, 2015
- CT Pond Services for work in Tiffany Pond on Westbrook Road to remove two invasive plant species.

J Budrow reported on the activity at the Bombaci property located on Plains Road. J. Budrow previously reported that Ken Bombaci is trimming back the phragmites and clearing the land to make it wider so that Mr. Scott can utilize the property for planting. There are large stock piles of new materials that are visible from the road in the area adjacent to the Mud River. J. Budrow visited the site and he noted that the Mud River is 100 feet from that property. The area of work has not expanded but the activity has expanded. Some of the activity is within 10 feet of the wetlands, however the active area is 50 feet away from the wetlands. J. Budrow will contact K. Bombaci and arrange an on-site meeting to discuss the Commission’s concerns related to the stockpiled materials.

- **Chair Report – Daniel Lapman:**
Lapman asked J. Budrow to arrange for B. Cook to receive an IWWC binder with materials relevant to his membership on the IWWC.
- **Planning Commission – Liaison Vacancy.** No report.
- **Conservation Commission – Jeffrey Lovelace, Liaison:**
J. Lovelace reported that the Conservation Commission has received administrative approval from J. Budrow, Wetlands Enforcement Officer for the Essex Fire Department, who will utilize their hoses and equipment to assist with drainage work to clear on a concrete pipe in Quarry pond, within Viney Hill Brook Park. This is the first stage of beaver abatement.

- **Zoning Commision – Jim Hill, Liaison:**
J. Hill stated that the principal concern which the Zoning Commission is addressing is the sign ordinance. There will be a public meeting on June 10, 2015 to discuss a possible sign ordinance.

Other:

There was no other business.

Adjournment

MOTION made by D. Lapman to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled IWWC meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at the Essex Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue at 7:00 p.m.; **SECONDED** by S. Knauth; **Voting In Favor:** J. Lovelace, J. Hill, J. Leo, F. Szufnarowski, B. Cook, D. Lapman; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 6/0/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin
Recording Secretary