

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

**Executive Board**  
*Daniel Lapman, Chairman*  
*Charles Corson, Vice Chairman*

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**Regular Members**  
*Nancy Arnold*  
*Fred Szufnarowski*  
*Claire Tiernan, Planning Liaison*  
*Jeffrey Lovelace, Conservation Liaison*  
**Alternate Members**  
*Steve Knauth*  
*Jim Leo*

**Minutes - Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 13 2013 at 7:30 P.M.**  
Town Hall, 29 West Avenue

**Call to Order and Seating of Members**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex IWWC was conducted on August 13, 2013 in Conference Room A, of the Essex Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

**Attending Members:**

Daniel Lapman, Chair  
Chuck Corson, Vice Chair  
Fred Szufnarowski, Regular Member  
Nancy Arnold, Regular Member  
Claire Tiernan, Planning Liaison  
Steve Knauth, Alternate seated for Jeffrey Lovelace

**Absent Members:**

Jeff Lovelace, Conservation Liaison

Jim Leo joined the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

**Staff:**

Stella Beaudoin, Recording Secretary

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

**Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting July 9, 2013**

**MOTION** made by Chuck Corson to approve Minutes of the July 9, 2013 meeting as presented; **SECONDED** by Claire Tiernan; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, D. Lapman, F.

Szufnarowski, C. Tiernan, N. Arnold, S. Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 6/0/0.

**Old Business** - There was no old business.

**New Business**

**Application #13-12 on behalf of Barbara and Alfred Marulli, property located at 39 South Main Street, Essex, Assessors Map 46 Lot 10-1, VR District.** This is an application to replace an existing rear lawn with “no-mow” grass.

Barbara Marulli presented on behalf of this application.

Ms. Arnold stated that she visited the property. Mr. Knauth stated that he visited the property.

Ms. Marulli stated that she wishes to rototill a portion of the property and install “no-mow” grass. Ms. Marulli stated that the no-mow grass will eliminate the phragmite problem. There will be no chemicals utilized in the installation process.

Ms. Arnold commented on the adjoining property and recommended that the DEEP become involved as the phragmite issue is widespread on the adjoining properties.

Kristen Harris, the neighbor on the property to the south side of the applicant was present and stated that she is in support of Ms. Marulli’s application.

Mr. Knauth suggested that the applicant be mindful of applying any type of treatment that could potentially pollute the wetlands.

Mr. Corson suggested that there be no disturbance any closer than 50 feet to Middle Cove.

**MOTION** made by Chuck Corson to approve a Permit for **Application #13-12 on behalf of Barbara and Alfred Marulli, property located at 39 South Main Street, Essex, Assessors Map 46 Lot 10-1, VR District.** This is an application to replace an existing rear lawn with “no-mow” grass.

Based on the documents presented and on the testimony given at this meeting, 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. Work will be conducted no closer to 50 feet to the edge of Middle Cove. The rototilling will not change the grade or shape of the land.
2. 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 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> of the year of initiation.
3. Should the applicant determine that the permitted activity will not be completed between March 14<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 F. Szufnarowski; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, D. Lapman, F. Szufnarowski, C. Tiernan and N. Arnold, S. Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 6/0/0.

**Other Business** – There was no additional business.

**Correspondence and Invoices** - No correspondence and no invoices.

**Wetlands Agent Report: Joseph Budrow –**

- Mr. Budrow issued to Application 13A-3, administrative approval to Bruce Glowac for Select Timber Harvest to open the forest for regrowth.
- Mr. Budrow commented on a site plan approved by the IWWC in 2006 for a new house, septic and driveway location. The IWWC permit has since expired and the applicant will present to the Commission at the September 2013 meeting. Mr. Budrow visited the site and noticed that accessory structures on the property that were not there in 2005. The applicant will present to the Commission at the September 2013 meeting to seek approval of the structures. Mr. Budrow was asked to provide the Commission with the original plan as was approved in 2006 along with a plan of what is proposed.
- Mr. Lapman asked Mr. Budrow to provide an updated member list.

**Chairman Report:** Daniel Lapman – Mr. Lapman stated that he will not be at the September 2013 IWWC meeting.

**Planning Commission:** Claire Tiernan – No report.

**Conservation Commission:** Jeff Lovelace – No report.

**Zoning Commission:** - Mr. Budrow stated that the Zoning Commission will be appointing a liaison to the IWWC.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** made by Fred Szufnaowski to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled IWWC meeting to be held on Tuesday, September , 2013 at the Essex Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue at 7:30 p.m.; **SECONDED** by Chuck Corson; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, D. Lapman, F. Szufnarowski, C. Corson, C. Tiernan, N. Arnold, S. Knauth; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 6/0/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin  
Recording Secretary