

TOWN OF ESSEX
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Minutes - Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 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 July 9, 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
Claire Tiernan, Planning Liaison
Jeff Lovelace, Conservation Liaison

Absent Members:

Nancy Arnold, Regular Member
Jim Leo, Alternate
Steve Knauth, Alternate

Staff:

Stella Beaudoin, Recording Secretary

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

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting May 14, 2013 and Site walk, May 20, 2013

The following changes were suggested to the May 14, 2013 Minutes and noted in italics:

Page 2 both MOTION(s) to read Approved “4/0/1.”

Page 2, second paragraph from bottom of page, “will be constructed out of *six shipping* containers that will be placed on top of each other *to simulate a two-story building.*”

Page 2, last paragraph, strike “The portable buildings are constructed on concrete slabs.”

Page 2, third line from bottom of page strike “however they will sit on a concrete post.”

MOTION made by Fred Szufnarowski to approve Minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting as amended; **SECONDED** by Chuck Corson; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, D. Lapman, F. Szufnarowski, C. Tiernan and J. Lovelace; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 5/0/0.

Approval of Site Walk May 20, 2013 on behalf of a proposal by Bell Power, 36 Plains Road.

The following changes were suggested to the May 20, 2013 Site Walk Minutes and noted in italics:

Page 1, first paragraph, fourth line: “showed”.

Page 1, first paragraph, fifth line: “asked *if*”.

Page 1, last paragraph, third line, replace the word “limit” with “*boundary*”.

Page 2, first line, replace the word “improvement” with “*maintenance*”.

MOTION made by Chuck Corson to approve the Site Walk Minutes of the May 14, 2013 meeting on behalf of Bell Power, 36 Plains Road, as amended **SECONDED** by Jeff Lovelace ; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, D. Lapman, F. Szufnarowski, C. Tiernan and J. Lovelace; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 5/0/0.

Old Business - There was no old business.

New Business

Application #13-11 on behalf of Southwinds Home Association, Open Space parcel off Southwinds Drive, Ivoryton, Assessor’s Map 90 Lot 1-A, RU District. This is an application to replace an existing wooden dock with a plastic floating dock. An IWWC Permit was granted in May 2005 for the construction of the existing dock.

Mr. Lapman read into the record a letter from Darcy Collins, Doane-Collins Engineering dated July 3, 2013. Ms. Collins was unable to attend this evening’s meeting.

Maria and Peter Decker presented on behalf of the application. Mr. Decker stated that an Inlands Wetlands permit was issued in 2005 to install the bridge structure with Treks and that structure was not permanently anchored. The structure has since collapsed. Mr. Decker stated that he would like to construct a floating dock system which is manufactured by EZ-Dock. The poly truss frame is designed to trap air which gives the dock section stability. This dock will be brought out of the water at the end of each season.

The floating dock has a weighted anchor which is dropped with a corkscrew motion. There will be no heavy equipment used in the installation process. The old dock will be pulled out and dragged ashore where it will be broken up.

Mr. Decker is seeking approval for the construction of the dock in its entirety however the applicant will construct only a portion now with the remainder to be installed at a future date.

The applicant will contact the Inland Wetlands Commission when they are ready to construct the remainder of the dock.

MOTION made by Fred Szufnarowski to approve a Permit for **Application #13-11 on behalf of Southwinds Home Association, Open Space parcel off Southwinds Drive, Ivoryton, Assessor's Map 90 Lot 1-A, RU District.** This is an application to replace an existing wooden dock with a plastic floating dock. An IWWC Permit was granted in May 2005 for the construction of the existing dock.

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. Disturbance to the wetlands will be minimized during construction and materials of the old dock will be disposed of offsite in a proper location.
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 15th and October 15th of the year of initiation.
3. 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.
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 Chuck Corson; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, D. Lapman, F. Szufnarowski, C. Tiernan and J. Lovelace; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 5/0/0.

Other Business – There was no additional business.

Correspondence and Invoices - No correspondence and no invoices.

Wetlands Agent Report: Joseph Budrow – No report.

Chairman Report: Daniel Lapman – No report.

Planning Commission: Claire Tiernan –

- The Planning Commission received a referral for the Essex Fire Department Application to locate a fire training facility on property at Plains Road. The facility would include minor tree clearing, fence installation and the placement of a pavilion on a concrete slab south of a proposed fire training structure.
- The Transportation Subcommittee has been disbanded per the First Selectman as the traffic authority will review the transportation study and determine what the priorities are.
- The Ivoryton National Register nomination was sent to the State and was approved and will now go onto Washington. If approved the Ivoryton Village will become a national historic site.

Conservation Commission: Jeff Lovelace - No report as the Conservation Commission did not conduct a meeting in July.

Zoning Commission: - no report.

Adjournment

MOTION made by Dan Lapman to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled IWWC meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 13, 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:** C. Corson, D. Lapman, F. Szufnarowski, C. Tiernan and J. Lovelace; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 5/0/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin
Recording Secretary