



## ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Meeting of March 3, 2020

Commissioners:	*Absent	Staff:
Michael Burke, Chairman	Kevin Cooke*	Deborah Cunningham
Cliff Ageloff	Ted Marshall	Administrative Clerk
Thomas Barrieau		Ken Whittaker, Agent

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The Commission opened a public hearing on a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Bing Gao, Trustee to install up to 12 concrete footings to provide new and/or supplement existing foundations at SW corner of building at 112 Main Street. Ms. Lisa O'Donnell of LJO Engineering, LLC was in attendance to represent the applicant and present the project to the Commission. She explained that the work would be done by going through the floor of the building to gain access to the footings. It was hoped that less than 12 footings would be needed but this could not be determined until the floor was opened up. The work was needed to stabilize the foundation. The Commission opened the hearing to the public. There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman asked for a motion to close the public meeting. On motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to close the public hearing. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a negative Determination.

The Commission reviewed a Request for a Certificate of Compliance to close an open Order of Conditions DEP #021-0603 for 109 and 112 Main Street. The Administrative Clerk explained that the Certificate of Compliance had been written to show that the work permitted for 112 Main Street had been completed but the work on 109 Main Street had not been completed. The Order of Conditions had expired and no further work could be done under this DEP number. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Brendhan Reilly was in attendance to address the Commission regarding work at 15 Burnham Court. Mr. Reilly requested permission to add fill around the front deck to bring the area up to building code standards to avoid the necessity of putting on a railing. The Commission agreed that this work would be minimal. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the request presented. A notation was added to the file.

The Commission met with Ms. Lauren Sanderson about possible appointment to the Conservation Commission. The Commission introduced themselves and gave an overview of the purpose of the

Commission. It was also explained how the process for appointment to the Commission worked. The Commission asked Ms. Sanderson to advise the Administrative Clerk if she would still be interested in being appointed.

The Agent discussed concerns regarding work begin done at 38 Robbins Island Road. His site inspection had found that the work was outside the limit of work and he believed it had caused damage to trees on site. The Commission asked that the Agent follow up with the property owner to determine the extent of the work and report back.

The Commission signed a Determination for 43 Belcher Street and an Extension for DEP #021-0580 voted on at the last meeting.

The Administrative Clerk advised that the Minutes for the meeting of February 18, 2020 had not been finalized for review and approval. This item will be tabled to the next meeting.

There being no further business, on a motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: Essex Conservation Commission

Prepared by: Deborah Cunningham, Administrative Clerk