



ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Meeting of May 7, 2019

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

The Commission opened a public hearing on a Request filed by Liz Isaac to Amend an Order of Conditions issued to construct a new dwelling, driveway, utilities, septic system and grading to revise the building footprint and include the construction of two additional retaining walls at Lot 3A Shea Court. The Clerk advised that this property had been assigned a street number and would now be known as 3 Shea Court. The Commission discussed the addition of a retaining wall along a steep slope that dropped to the resource area. The Commission asked that more detail be added to the plan and a construction sequence be provided before an Order of Conditions was issued. The Commission and the applicant agreed to continue the public hearing to allow for time to provide the additional information. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the public hearing to the next meeting.

The Commission opened a public hearing on a Request filed by Brendhan Reilly to Amend an Order of Conditions issued to demolish an existing structure and construct a single family dwelling to include the restoration of existing stonewalls adjacent to the Essex River at 15 Burnham Court. Mrs. Amelia Reilly was in attendance to present the project. The Commission reviewed the information presented and requested that the applicant provide further detail regarding the rebuilding of the seawall. The Commission and the applicant agreed to continue the hearing to the next meeting. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the hearing.

The Commission opened a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Robert S. and Kimberly R. Henriques to renovate a single family home to increase living space including additional foundation for kitchen expansion and demolishing and rebuilding of garage/carport at 77 Southern Avenue. Mr. Robert Henriques was in attendance. The Commission had no issues with the project. On a 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 an Order of Conditions with standard conditions.

The Commission met with Mr. Ed Lane, owner of 82 Pond Street (fka 80 Pond Street), to discuss complaints received regarding current construction issues. The Agent reported on conditions observed during a site visit and provided photos of construction work on retaining walls. Concerns regarding the erosion and migration of soils were discussed. Mr. Lane advised that new erosion controls had been installed to alleviate the problem. The Commission advised Mr. Lane that the retaining walls were not on the plan approved by the Commission. Mr. Lane agreed to provide the Commission with a plan which showed the retaining walls and a planting/stabilization plan. The Commission authorized the Agent and Clerk to draft and issue a letter of non-compliance detailing the information to be provided. The Commission agreed that nothing further would be needed if the additional plans and work was completed.

The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2019 for approval. The Commission asked for additional time to review the minutes and tabled this item 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