



ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Meeting of August 18, 2020

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

Consistent with the Governor's orders suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law and banning gatherings of more than 10 people, this meeting was conducted by remote participation to the greatest extent possible. The Conservation Commission and the public was not physically in attendance at this meeting, but every effort was made to allow the public to participate in the meeting in real time. Persons who wished to do so were invited to join the meeting from a computer, tablet or smartphone by using a GoToMeeting link or dialing in using a phone.

The Commission continued a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Stephen Kelley to demolish current structure and build a new single family house at 97 Conomo Point Road. Ms. Evin Guvindiren of DeRosa Environmental Consulting presented the revised plan with changes requested at the last meeting. She advised that the Request for Certificate of Compliance would be submitted to close the open Order of Conditions previously issued. The Commission approved the revised plan and discussed possible conditions for the project. The Agent advised that previous plantings required under the previous Order of Conditions had not "taken". He recommended that a condition be placed on the project that the site be monitored for 3 to 4 years and that a minimum of 75% of the plantings be viable. He also recommended that the Commission condition the placement of the trees to be planted to insure their proper growth. The Commission agreed to these conditions. 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 the conditions discussed.

The Commission continued a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Zachary Brady to remove trees for the purpose of landscaping and orchard planting at 25 Centennial Grove Road. The applicant had submitted a request to continue this hearing. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission continued the hearing to the next scheduled meeting.

The Commission opened a public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Robert and Elinore Repucci to install a catch basin, drain lines, and level spreader with minor grading, and relocate wood ramps at 71 Wood Drive and access road known as Annabelle Avenue. Ms. April Ferraro of Meridian Associates was in attendance and provided the Commission with an overview of the project. The Commission had no concerns regarding the project. The Commission agreed to add a condition that the property owners' of 71 Wood Drive would be responsible for maintenance of the catch basin and level spreader. 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 the condition discussed.

The Commission agreed to table the matter of the Enforcement Order for 15 Burnham Court pending a site inspection.

The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting of August 4, 2020 for approval. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

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