



ESSEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for the Meeting of May 19, 2020

Commissioners:	*Absent	Staff:
Michael Burke, Chairman	Kevin Cooke	Deborah Cunningham
Cliff Ageloff	Ted Marshall	Administrative Clerk
Thomas Barrieau	Lauren 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 Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Carter Roberts to install a gravel road and storage at 197R Western Ave. The Administrative Clerk advised that the applicant had requested that the hearing be continued. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the public hearing to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Commission a continued public hearing on a Notice of Intent filed by Frederic Little to construct a single family home with detached garage, access driveway, install a sub-surface disposal system with site preparation, drainage and stormwater management and proposed mitigation at 0 Spring Street. The Administrative Clerk advised that the applicant had requested that the hearing be continued to the meeting of June 2, 2020. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the public hearing to the meeting of June 2, 2020.

The Commission reviewed the Enforcement Order for work at 27 Grove Street. The Agent provided a verbal report and photographs of the site conditions. Mr. Kurt Lichtenwald was available to discuss the Enforcement Order. He explained that the work was being completed under the Emergency Certificate issued to alleviate drainage issues. All of the concerns related by neighbors were in the process of being resolved. The Commission reach a consensus to ratify the Enforcement Order. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to ratify the Enforcement Order with Attachment A as issued.

The Chairman advised that the review of the restoration plan submitted for 15 Burnham Court would be rescheduled to a date to be determined when all parties would be available.

The Commission briefly discussed the draft for a potential bylaw submitted by the Chairman. It was decided that more time was needed to review the draft and submit comments. The discussion was tabled to a future meeting to be determined.

The Commission discussed the potential Commissioner Guidelines. Commissioner Barrieau suggested withdrawing the document. He felt other avenues had been pursued that covered the issues outlined in the guidelines. The Commission agreed and no further action would be taken on this matter.

The Agent requested a determination from the Commission regarding landscaping work proposed at 1 Apple Street. The Commission agreed with the Agent that the work did not require a filing if the Agent monitored the work.

The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2020 for approval. Commissioner Cooke asked for an edit. The Administrative Clerk advised that the edit would be made and approved by the Chairman prior to approval. On a motion made and duly seconded, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes contingent upon edit being approved.

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