

**Minutes**  
**Town of Essex Planning Board**  
**Public Hearing**  
**April 15, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**

**Meeting was held remotely and was recorded. Recording and minutes available at [www.essexnewyork.gov](http://www.essexnewyork.gov).**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Hislop opened the meeting at 7 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance – Waived**

**Attendance:** Anh Thu Cunnion, David Hislop, Gladys Person, Jonathan Pribble, Anita Shapiro, Tom Stransky, Mark Walker, Jacqueline Thomas (Secretary)

Alternates: Karol Kempster

Tax Map #40.81-3-1.000 – Thomas Duca, Special Use with Site Plan Permit Application to construct a storage outbuilding at 2224 Lake Shore Road, Essex

Mr. Duca explained his project. The information requested at the March meeting was submitted.

Cole Starkey and Lee Maxey had positive comments for the project.

Tax Map #40.65-3-7.000 – John Szeliga, Special Use Permit Application to install a seasonal, non-permanent dock at 2314 Main Street, Essex

Mr. Szeliga explained the project. A wetland biologist from APA will be visiting the site but does not expect any issue.

The applicant has contacted the APA, Army Corps of Engineers, NYS DOS, NYS OGS, and NYS DEC and submitted applications for approval from all agencies for this project.

Ken Hughes, Essex Town Supervisor, said that the town owns the underwater property. He has encroachment and liability concerns about private property owners putting things on town property. He was not speaking on behalf of the town board since this has not been discussed at a town meeting. Mr. Hughes is not personally against the dock. He is just concerned about how it would affect the town and taxpayers.

Cole Starkey asked if the applicant was made aware of town ownership and restrictions when they purchased the property. Mr. Szeliga said they were not aware and the prior Code Officer said it was ok to place a dock up to 46' long.

Tax Map #40.65-3-5.200 – John Doyle, Special Use with Site Plan Permit Application to demolish and reconstruct Lattice Building, reconfigure stairs from Emporium building second

floor, and install a split rail fence at 2750 Main Street, Essex

Mr. Doyle shared details for his project. The information requested at the March meeting was submitted.

Julia Backus and John Szeliga both had positive comments regarding the project.

Tax Map #40.3-2-14.200 – Fruition Orchards, Special Use Permit Application for a boundary line adjustment at 545 Middle Road, Essex

No one from Fruition Orchards attending the meeting.

Beth Schiller asked what the project was about.

Since no one was present to answer questions the application was tabled.

On a motion to close the public hearing by Mr. Stransky, seconded by Ms. Cunnion, and by roll call vote, the motion carries. Aye 7 No 0

**Adjourn**

Chairman Hislop adjourned the meeting at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Jacqueline Thomas  
Secretary