

MINUTES
Town of Essex Planning Board
Regular Meeting
April 21, 2016
7:03 p.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Van Hoven called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:03 p.m.

Attendance

Present: James Van Hoven, Chairman, Thomas Stransky, Olive Alexander, Mark Walker, Jonathan Pribble

Absent: David Hislop, Derrick Wrisley

Others Present: Tom Duca, Jani Spurgeon, Mark Hall, Julia and Cole Starkey

Review and Acceptance of Minutes of March 17, 2016 (Special Meeting, Public Hearing, Regular Meeting)

On a motion by Mr. Stransky to accept the minutes of March 17, 2016 as written, seconded by Mr. Pribble, the motion carried, Aye-5 No-0 Absent-2

Chairman Van Hoven advised the Board that there will be a procedural change on SEQRA:

In the past we have done the EAF at the public hearing, but that is wrong according to the training we just had at the APA Local Government Day. The EAF has to occur before the public hearing because the application is not complete until SEQRA is done. We can declare an application "satisfactorily complete" and then do the SEQRA Review, then declare the application as complete. That is the proper sequence.

New Business

Tax Map #40.73-4-3.000 – Site Plan Review – Spurgeon

The application is for a short Picket fence and three trellises on the property at 2291 Main Street, Essex.

The Chairman described the application before the Board. He advised that this is an aesthetic design and it is up to the homeowner as to what they want. Jani Spurgeon, the applicant described her project. The Chairman deemed the application as satisfactorily complete. SEQRA: Chairman Van Hoven read aloud the EAF. On a motion to deem the EAF a Negative Declaration by Mr. Stransky, seconded by Mrs. Alexander, the motion carried, Aye-5 No-0 Absent-2

On a motion to deem the application complete and set the public hearing for May 19, 2016, by Mrs. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Pribble, the application is deemed complete and the public hearing is set for May 19, 2016, the next meeting of the Town of Essex Planning Board, Aye-5 No-0 Absent-2

Old Business

SEQRA – EAF Review – Pataki

Chairman Van Hoven conducted the review of the EAF in conformance with the NYS DEC SEQRA law. On a motion do deem the application a Negative Declaration by Mrs. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Walker, the motion carried, Aye-4 No-0 Absent-2 Abstain-1
Mr. Pribble abstains as he is the Excavator on this job.

Draft Permit approval – Pataki - Tax Map #49.1-1-12.000

The Planning Board discussed the conditions of the draft permit and it was agreed that the condition #3 regarding the septic be changed to: “Septic must be inspected and certified by the Zoning Officer.”

The Chimney as noted in the plans submitted was discussed by the Planning Board. Mark Hall, representative for the Pataki’s responded that the brick chimney shown in the plans is historically accurate and will not match the poorly constructed older stone fireplace that exists. Mr. Stransky noted that all lighting below balustrade be downcast and not overly intrusive. The septic system was discussed. Mr. Pribble advised the Board that this is an enormous septic system installed in 2007.

On a motion to approve the draft permit with condition changes as stated by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Stransky, the motion carried, Aye-4 No-0 Absent-2 Abstain-1

Chairman’s Report

Chairman Van Hoven told the Board that there is another item in their mailbox, a preliminary drawing of the new pump house at Beggs. He emphasized that this is an extremely new and preliminary drawing. The Planning Board discussed the rendering. Mark Hall offered to design a building suitable for the water source project, the pump house, as a free service to the Town. The Chairman thanked Mark Hall for all of his hard work by his company in the Town.

Public Comment

Mrs. Alexander noted that the Lawson Allen project in the Crater Club has taken down more trees than what was in their permit.

Adjourn

On a motion to adjourn the meeting with nothing further to come before the Board, by Mr. Stransky, seconded by Mrs. Alexander, the motion carried by unanimous consent of the Board, the meeting is adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by



Catherine DeWolff, Secretary