

Minutes
Town of Essex Planning Board
Public Hearing Meeting
July 16, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Acting Chairman Hislop opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: David Hislop, Karol Kempster, Gladys Person, Jonathan Pribble, Anita Shapiro, Tom Stransky, Jacqueline Thomas, Mark Walker

Absent: Anh Thu Cunnion (Excused)

Others in Attendance: Dennis Trombley, Chris Maron, Kevin DeLaughter, Donna Bailey, Jerry Booth, Lauren Murphy, Ken Hughes, Derek Rogers

Public Hearing

Tax Map #40.57-3-5.100 – Dianne Lansing – Construction of a handicap bedroom and bathroom at 2858 Essex Road, Essex

Public Comment

Mrs. Lansing is unable to attend tonight. Jerry Booth arrived after the public hearing was closed but is in full support of this project. There was no other public attendance or comment.

On a motion to close this public hearing by Mr. Stransky, seconded by Mrs. Shapiro, and with unanimous consent of the board, the motion carries.

Tax Map #40.3-3-17.120 – Champlain Area Trails (CATS) – Change of use from quarry to nature preserve with hiking trails at Lakeshore Road, Essex

Public Comment

Kevin DeLaughter had positive comments but is concerned about safety regarding parking and unleashed dogs. Chris Maron explained that the parking is visible from the road, but is located off the road and has room for cars to turn around to exit the parking lot. Dogs are required to be leashed at all times. There was discussion regarding owner responsibility for cleaning up after their dogs.

Donna Bailey is in favor of the project.

The Planning Board received an email message from Denise Wilson-Davis and John Davis supporting the project but asked that the area remain quiet and peaceful.

Another email was received from Ben and Kathy Nadire. They are in support of the project but requested off-street parking, dogs to be leashed, and that owners be required to clean up after their dogs.

On a motion to close this public hearing by Mr. Stransky, seconded by Ms. Kempster, and with unanimous consent of the board, the motion carries.

Tax Map #40.73-1-6.000 & 40.73-1-6.000/1 – Essex Community Heritage Organization (ECHO) – Change of use from storage area to storage and an apartment on second floor

Public Comment

Acting Chairman Hislop recused himself for this project but explained that the building is being sold to an artist for storage and ECHO will have use for an office and visitor center.

Dennis spoke about a fire door.

There was no public attendance or comment.

On a motion to close this public hearing by Ms. Kempster, seconded by Mr. Walker, the motion carries, Aye-6 No-0, Abstain-1 (Hislop) .

Adjourn

On a motion to adjourn by Acting Chairman Hislop, seconded by Mrs. Shapiro, and with unanimous consent of the board, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Jacqueline Thomas
Secretary