

Minutes
Town of Essex Planning Board
Regular Meeting
May 20, 2021
7:00 PM

Meeting was held remotely and in person and was audio recorded. Recording and minutes available at www.essexnewyork.gov.

Call to Order

Chairman Hislop opened the meeting at 7:16 PM.

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

Others in Attendance: Trisha Sheehan, Larry Barns

Approval of Minutes

There were questions about the Besser project and number of cabins on site. The wording about 2nd cabin will be changed to 2nd cabin on the west side of the street.

On a motion to accept the minutes for the April 15, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting with changes by Mr. Stransky, seconded by Mrs. Person, and with unanimous consent of the board, the motion carries.

Old Business

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

Jori is purchasing 10 acres to the north and the boundary line will include the 10 acres.

On a motion to approve the permit by Ms. Cunnion, seconded by Mr. Pribble, and by roll call vote, the motion carries. Yes 7 No 0

Tax Map #40.65-3-4.002 – Copeland Houghland, Special Use Permit Application to hold weddings at the Old Dock at 2752 Essex Road, Essex.

Chairman Hislop recused himself and Vice Chairman Stransky took over the meeting for this project. Permit conditions were reviewed.

Ms. Cunnion as a neighbor is worried about overflow parking on route 22. Mr. Houghton withdrew his permit application. Project can be brought back in next months meeting.

Ken Hughes spoke about parking on East side of Main St needing to be lined and that there is a question of whether or not parking is allowed on Route 22.

Chairman Hislop rejoined the meeting.

Tax Map #40.73-8-4.000 – Katherine and Elizabeth Sharp, Special Use Application to replace a roof at 269 School Street, Essex.

There was a question of what is happening with the slate being removed and Mr. Buckley was not sure. Mr. Buckley stated that the upkeep of slate is expensive and cost \$11,000 to replace 20-30 tiles in 2011.

On a motion to accept and issue the permit by Ms. Cunnion, seconded by Mrs. Shapiro, and by roll call vote, the motion carries. Yes 7 No 0

Tax Map #40.73-6-13.100– Heather and Lee Maxey, Special Use with Site Plan Application to request the construction of a new barn at 2226 Lake Shore Road, Essex.

Lee Maxey officially withdrew previously approved garage. One dying tree will be removed for solar panels.

On a motion to approve and issue the permit by Mr. Stransky, seconded by Mrs. Shapiro, and by roll call vote, the motion carries. Yes 6 No 0 Abstain-1 (Pribble)

Tax Map #49.15-1-5.000– Lorraine Besser, Special Use with Site Plan Application to request restoration of a cabin and build a new 8x12 accessory bathhouse at 1793 Lake Shore Road, Essex.

There were questions regarding the retaining wall being rebuilt. The retaining wall will be repaired and maintained.

On a motion to approve and issue the permit by Chairman Hislop, seconded by Mr. Walker, and by roll call vote, the motion carries. Yes 6 No 0 Abstain-1 (Pribble)

New Business

Tax Map# 40.81-2-1.000 – Larry Barns, 2175 Lake Shore Road, Essex Replace clapboard siding and repair broken windows on barn.

Mr. Barns said the barn had been vandalized and in disrepair and did not realize he needed a permit. It was a complete replacement so permit was needed. A question was raised about when the CEO can issue a permit, in this case the job was in the historic district and it needed Planning Board approval.

On a motion to deem application complete, waive public hearing and issue permit by Mr. Stransky, seconded by Chairman Hislop, and by roll call vote, the motion carries. Yes 7 No 0

Tax Map# 49.15-3-12.000- Steve Lavine, 20 Spire Lane, Essex Installation of driveway.

Trisha Sheehan was present at meeting as project representative. Trisha explained the project and that it will be a gravel driveway 13 ft wide and 92 ft long.

The driveway will be in the shoreline overlay district and needs board approval. The 50 ft set back requirements are met, there will be no trees taken down, and it will not be visible from the lake. The neighbor approves of the driveway.

On a motion to deem application complete, waive public hearing and issue the permit by Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Cunnion, and by roll call vote, the motion carries. Yes 7 No 0

Report of Code and Zoning Officer

Mr. White was not present for the meeting. March and April reports were submitted and a copy of the reports will be attached to the meeting minutes.

Report of the Acting Chairman

Chairman Hislop welcomed Planning Board Secretary Renee Bruno and thanked Jackie Thomas. The deadline for June meeting is 6/7 for the 6/17 meeting.

The ECHO parking lot is being sold to the town, preliminary process is starting.

Ken Hughes provided a shipyard status report mentioning that a feasibility study is being done and a survey is going out. The value of the property is being determined by an appraiser. The goal is that no tax payer funds will be used and there are grants opening up.

Public Comment

Lee Maxey asked if the public can view the CEO report. The report should be online.

Adjourn

Chairman Hislop adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Renee Bruno
Secretary