

**Minutes**  
**Town of Essex Planning Board**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 21, 2016**  
**7:05 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Van Hoven called the Regular Meeting of the Town of Essex Planning Board to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Attendance**

Present: David Hislop, Thomas Stransky, James Van Hoven, Derrick Wrisley, Mark Walker, Jonathan Pribble, and Janellen Fortune      Catherine DeWolff, Secretary

Also Present: Doug Rock – Town of Essex Codes Officer, John I. Mesick, Kevin DeLaughter, Justin Green, Leonard Duffy, Emma Paladino

**Review and Acceptance of Minutes** of June 16, 2016 - On a motion to amend the minutes with a statement by Mr. Hislop describing his “no” vote, by Mr. Stransky, seconded by Mrs. Fortune, the motion to accept the minutes with the statement from Mr. Hislop carried by unanimous vote of the Board, Aye-7 No-0 Absent-0

**Old Business**

**Draft Permit #2016-15      Tax Map #40.81-3-6.000** – Kevin and Maureen DeLaughter - SUP w/Site Plan – for construction of a screened enclosure over an 8’x 8.5’ area of an existing open deck at the rear of the house at 2204 Lakeshore Road, Essex.

Chairman Van Hoven advised the Board that this is the draft permit for the DeLaughter action and asked the Board if they had any comments in the approval of the permit. There being none, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the permit as written. On a motion to approve the draft permit as written by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Pribble, the motion carried by unanimous consent of the Board, Aye-7 No-0 Absent-0

**Draft Permit #2016-16      Tax Map #40.73-5-1.100** – John Mesick – SUP w/Site Plan – for a 2-car garage with workshop, woodshed and driveway extension at 290-294 School Street, Essex.

Board Member Jonathan Pribble recuses himself from this deliberation as he is the excavator on the project for the applicant.

Chairman Van Hoven advised the Board that this is the draft permit for the Mesick action and asked the Board if they had any comments in the approval of the permit. Mr. Stransky asked to make a condition to the permit that any lighting on the project be downcast. Mr. Stransky asked Mr. Mesick if he reached his desired elevation for the garage. Mr. Mesick answered in the affirmative. On a motion to accept the draft permit with the condition for downcast lighting by Mr. Hislop, seconded by Mr. Wrisley, the motion carries by majority consent of the Board, Aye-6 No-0 Absent-0 Recusal-1 (Pribble)

## **New Business**

Adirondack Art Association – Occupancy Assembly Permit

Chairman Van Hoven described this late action to the Board as presented to us by Codes in an effort to get the AAA the permissions needed for their fund raiser on Saturday night. Jeff Moredock, President of the AAA attested that the Art Assn. was not aware that they were not in compliance with any Town laws. Doug Rock, Codes Officer, made the argument that any liability to the Town of Essex is unacceptable and must be remedied, thus his request for this special permit by the Planning Board.

On a motion to accept the permit as written pending approval by the Code Enforcement Officer, by Mr. Stransky, seconded by Mrs. Fortune, the motion to accept the permit as written carries by unanimous consent of the Board, Aye-7 No-0 Absent-0

## **Report of the Chair**

The Chair advised that having Doug on board is great. The Town has been lax with codes and there are consequences that may be uncomfortable as people become aware of the process, but I think we are headed in the right direction.

Doug Rock: We all must do our due diligence to ensure that our people are safe at all times. Any liability issues are unacceptable for the town.

Mr. Stransky: If I might ask Doug and the other Board Members about trees taken down at Miller's (bottom of Lila Way). They took down many trees on their small lot and have just left them sitting there. Could this be addressed?

## **Public Comment**

The architect for Larry Smead, Leonard Duffy, asked to speak with the Planning Board regarding a boathouse that Mr. Smead wishes to erect opposite his residence commonly known as "Sunnyside", the former Schultz residence. The issue was whether or not a boathouse had been in the location in the past. Mr. Duffy presented old photos of the lake and what is presumed to have been a boathouse there in the past. He also presented a rendering of what a new boathouse would look like for his client. There was a discussion, however, without an application, there could be no review.

Miss Emma Paladino, representative for Larry Smead, told the Board that Peter Schultz left information about a dock, not a boathouse that they wanted to build on the site, but that they abandoned the idea because they (Schultz) did not want to spend the money.

## **Adjourn**

On a motion to adjourn by Mr. Stransky, seconded by Mr. Hislop, the motion carries by unanimous consent of the Board and the meeting is adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine DeWolff, Secretary

