

TOWN OF ESSEX  
**Inland Wetlands and Watercourses  
Commission**

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**Alternate Members**  
*Steve Knauth*  
*Jim Leo*

**Minutes - Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7:30 P.M.**  
Town Hall, 29 West Avenue

**Call to Order and Seating of Members**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex IWWC was conducted on September 10, 2013 in Conference Room A, of the Essex Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Attending Members:

Chuck Corson, Vice Chair  
Fred Szufnarowski, Regular Member  
Nancy Arnold, Regular Member  
Claire Tiernan, Planning Liaison  
Steve Knauth, Alternate seated for Daniel Lapman  
Jim Leo, Alternate seated for Jeff Lovelace

Absent Members:

Dan Lapman, Chair

Staff:

Joseph Budrow, Zoning Enforcement Officer  
Stella Beaudoin, Recording Secretary

Mr. Corson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting August 13, 2013**

Page 4, last paragraph: Motion to read “next regularly scheduled IWWC meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013.”

**MOTION** made by Nancy Arnold to approve Minutes of the August, 2013 meeting as amended; **SECONDED** by Steve Knauth; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, , F. Szufnarowski, C. Tiernan, N. Arnold, S. Knauth, J. Leo; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 6/0/0.

**Old Business** - There was no old business.

### **New Business**

**Application #13 – 13** – on behalf of Mark R. Erwin and Sharol Morse-Erwin, property located at 60D Lynn Road, Ivoryton, CT. This is an application to build a single family dwelling, install a septic system and driveway.

Mark Erwin presented on behalf of this application. Mr. Erwin stated that a site plan was approved in 2006 by the IWWC for a new house, septic and driveway location. The IWWC permit has since expired in 2011.

Mr. Budrow stated that there are 202 feet between the wetlands to the east and 202 feet between the wetlands to the west, which leaves a total of two feet of encroachment into the wetlands.

Mr. Corson suggested that because the encroachment is on both sides, the trees at the edge of the wooded line are to be tagged with the IWWC “wetland review area no disturbance beyond this point” plaques so as to limit the disturbance on-site.

Mr. Erwin stated that the septic system was revised because the house was moved 30 feet from the original proposed location.

Mr. Corson stated that there is a proposed 15” culvert on the new plan that was not shown on the 2006 plan.

Mr. Erwin stated that the culvert was installed over ten years ago and was in place in 2006 when the IWWC conducted a site walk. Mr. Erwin noted that the two new dwellings reflected on the current map which were installed four years ago are a wood shed and a second shed, both built on cinder blocks and portable. One of the sheds is over the Essex Town line and actually situated in Deep River.

Mr. Corson stated that there is less disturbance to the wetlands with the new plan.

**MOTION** made by Nancy Arnold to approve a Permit for **Application #13-13 on behalf of Mark Erwin and Sharol Morse-Erwin, property located at 60D Lynn Road, Ivoryton, Assessors Map 46 Lot 10-1, VR District.** This is an application to build a single family dwelling, install a septic system and driveway. Based on the documents presented and on the testimony given at this meeting, Commission finds that the proposed activity is a regulated activity not involving any significant or major effect upon the inland wetlands or watercourse which occur on the property as defined in Section 2.2 of the regulations and

that no reasonable or prudent alternative exists to the proposed plans. The Commission members feel that the proposed activities are well suited to the area.

The Commission makes a Summary Ruling and grants a permit and permission for the applicant to proceed with proposed activity as stated on said application and as shown on plans accompanying the application, subject to the following conditions:

1. The septic plan approval of this proposal is part of the application process.
2. The trees in buffer zone on both sides of the wetlands will have the IWWC “wetland review area no disturbance beyond this point” plaques affixed to the trees which will limit the on disturbance the site.
3. The Commission will allow Mr. Erwin to conduct work after October 15, 2013 working closely in the field with the wetlands enforcement officer to ensure greater protection of any disturbed areas.
4. In accordance with the Commission’s Regulations, the activity pursuant to said permit shall be initiated within 5 years of the date of publication and shall be completed within one year of the date of initiation and will occur between March 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> of the year of initiation.
5. Should the applicant determine that the permitted activity will not be completed between March 14<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> of the year of initiation, the applicant agrees to work with the zoning enforcement officer and present a plan for the stabilization of the site during the non-permitted months.
6. The applicant agrees to follow the advice and direction of the Town of Essex Enforcement Officer with regard to any field changes he deems necessary or may require for the protection of the inland wetlands and water course during the process.
7. The Commission, through its Enforcement Officer, shall be notified in writing upon the initiation of the authorized activity and again upon completion of these activities.

**SECONDED** by C. Tiernan; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, F. Szufnarowski, C. Tiernan and N. Arnold, S. Knauth, J. Leo; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 6/0/0.

Catherine Esterbrook, Lynn Road stated that Mr. Erwin is living in another house on this property.

Mr. Budrow will inform the Deep River Wetlands Enforcement officer that this application was approved.

**Other Business** – There was no additional business.

**Correspondence and Invoices** - No correspondence and no invoices.

**Wetlands Agent Report: Joseph Budrow –**

Mr. Budrow reported that there an oil truck flipped over a head wall to a brook on Dennison Road. No oil was spilled and the repair is being handled by the Essex Public Works Department.

**Chairman Report** - No report.

**Planning Commission:** Claire Tiernan – Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, September 12, 2013.

**Conservation Commission:** Jeff Lovelace – No report.

**Zoning Commission:**

Mr. Budrow stated that the new Zoning Commission liaison is Jim Hill.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION** made by Nancy Arnold to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled IWWC meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at the Essex Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue at 7:30 p.m.; **SECONDED** by Claire Tiernan; **Voting In Favor:** C. Corson, F. Szufnarowski, C. Tiernan, N. Arnold, S. Knauth, J. Leo; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 6/0/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin  
Recording Secretary