

**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION/
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

REGULAR MEETING

Time: 8:45 pm

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2009

Place: Watertown High School Technology Center
324 French Street
Watertown, CT

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Chairman called to order the regular meeting at 8:45 pm

2. Roll Call

Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini executed the roll call.

Present: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler
Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini
Mr. Michael Genovese
Mr. Joseph Polletta
Ms. Martha Sturgis
Alternate, Ms. Denise Russ

Absent: Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy
Alternate, Mr. Michael Brown
Mr. James Zawadzki

Also Present: Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Mr. Moosa Rafey
Town Engineer, Mr. Chuck Berger
Land Use Secretary, Mr. Chuck Bezio

3. Public Participation

Town Engineer Chuck Berger was present and requested that application number 666, from the Town of Watertown, Public Works be added to the agenda.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to add to the agenda application number 666 from the Town of Watertown, Public Works as item 6C.

SECOND: Mr. Joseph Polletta.

VOTE

AYES: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese, Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis, Ms. Denise Russ.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

4. Action on Minutes

A. Regular Meeting January 15, 2009

MOTION: Mr. Michael Genovese moved to approve the meeting minutes.

SECOND: Mr. Joseph Polletta.

VOTE

AYES: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese, Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis, Ms. Denise Russ.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

5. Pending Applications

Mr. Polletta recused himself for this application.

A. Application #662 of the Town of Watertown Department of Public Works for installation of side walks along Echo Lake Road and Ice House Road, Watertown, CT.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by April 18, 2009.

Town Engineer Chuck Berger was present on behalf of Public Works and explained the application to the Commission. Mr. Berger explained that this is a side walk extension for pedestrian safety.

Chairman Undercuffler asked if the application has had any changes since it was presented last month.

Mr. Berger advised the Commission that no changes have been made since it was presented last month.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to approve with standard conditions.

SECOND: Ms. Martha Sturgis.

VOTE

AYES: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese, Ms. Martha Sturgis, Ms. Denise Russ.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

Joseph Polletta was reseated.

6. New Applications

- A. Application #664 of 741 Echo Lake Road, LLC for construction of 61 condominium units and approximately 2,045 linear foot new private roadway on the Northwest corner of Echo Lake Road and Buckingham Street, Watertown, CT.**

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by May 15, 2009.

The Chairman noted for the record that this application was withdrawn last month because a number of issues were still outstanding and the time frame ran out.

Mr. Rafey advised the Commission that there has been no request from the public to hold a public hearing.

The Chairman also noted for the record that the Commission has already agreed to waive the application fees for re-filing this application.

Brain Baker from Civil 1 was present and advised the Commission that he had met with the Town Engineer Chuck Berger, Wetlands Enforcement Officer Moosa Rafey and Sean Hayden of the Northwestern Conservation District.

Mr. Baker advised the Commission that he will be having a second meeting with Town Engineer Chuck Berger, Wetlands Enforcement Officer Moosa Rafey and Sean Hayden of the Northwestern Conservation District. Mr. Baker submitted a letter dated 03/12/09 into the record.

The Chairman noted that the file from the prior application has been accepted as part of the record for this application.

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to table the application till 4/16/09.

SECOND: Alternate, Ms. Denise Russ.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese, Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis, Ms. Denise Russ.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

B. Application #665 of Antoinette Pelegano for a three lot residential subdivision on Chimney Road, Watertown, CT in an R-90 Residential Zoning District.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by May 15, 2009.

George Frigo from Land Data was present and explained the application to the Commission. Mr. Frigo reported that Mary Barton had given the applicant permission to not come to the Commission for review. Mr. Frigo noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission told him he needs to get the Wetlands Commission review. Mr. Frigo reported that the septic system is 120' away from the wetlands. Mr. Frigo reported that the dwelling is 82' away from the wetlands.

Mr. Rafey reviewed the plans with the Commission. Mr. Rafey advised the applicant that there is no north arrow on the plans. Mr. Rafey noted that there is no regulated activity on this proposed 32-acres, 3-lot re-subdivision application. Mr. Rafey noted that the silt fence must be moved to outside the regulated area.

Mr. Frigo requested that the application fees be waived.

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to declare that there are no regulated activities.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese, Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis, Ms. Denise Russ.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

MOTION: Ms. Sturgis moved to waive reduce the application fee from \$470.00 to \$155.00.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese, Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis, Ms. Denise Russ.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

C. Application #666 Request from the Town Of Watertown, Public Works for indoor recreational facility at the Veterans Memorial Park on Nova Scotia Hill Road.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by May 15, 2009.

Town Engineer Chuck Berger representing Public Works was present and explained that this is the same application submitted last year but was withdrawn. Mr. Burger explained that there will be impact to the wetlands but not watercourse. Mr. Burger advised the Commission that the building has been moved further away from the power lines. Mr. Burger advised the Commission that the traffic study will be done.

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to declare this a significant activity.

SECOND: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini.

VOTE

AYES: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese, Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis, Ms. Denise Russ.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to schedule public hearing on 4/16/09.

SECOND: Alternate, Ms. Denise Russ.

VOTE

AYES: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese, Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis, Ms. Denise Russ.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to table the application to the 4/16/09 meeting.

SECOND: Ms. Martha Sturgis.

VOTE

AYES: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese, Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis, Ms. Denise Russ.

NAYS: None.

7. Old Business

- A. Request for a report from Conservation Commission/ Inland Wetland Agency to the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning New Millennium Development, Inc. application for one lot subdivision and construction of 89 residential units on the corner of Buckingham Street and Nova Scotia Hill Road, Watertown, CT.**

Mr. Rafey advised the Commission that he has received a withdrawal letter from the applicant.

The Chairman read the withdrawal letter into the record.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to accept the withdrawal letter.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

VOTE

AYES: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese, Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis, Ms. Denise Russ.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

Joseph Polletta recused himself.

B. Request for clarification to Permit #521 concerning a conservation easement on Lot 15 Lake View Estates, Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT.

Charles Spath was present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Spath advised the Commission that this is a request for clarification on the permit for lot# 15. Mr. Spath noted that the conservation easement was not be placed on lot #15 because the Owner plans to possible re-subdivide the land in the future.

The Chairman expressed concerns on whether there is enough room to build another house on the lot. The Chairman requested to have a copy of the 07/14/05 meeting minutes for next meeting.

Mr. Rafey advised the Commission that item #12 on the Wetlands Permit put the easement on all wetlands and the 50' regulated area.

MOTION: Alternate, Ms. Denise Russ moved to table this application to 4/16/06.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

VOTE

AYES: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese, Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis, Ms. Denise Russ.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

- C. An application by the Watertown Conservation Commission/ Inland Wetland Agency to amend the Inland Wetland and Watercourse Regulations of the Town of Watertown.**

MOTION: Mr. Michael Genovese moved to table the amendments to the 4/16/09.

SECOND: Ms. Martha Sturgis.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese, Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis, Ms. Denise Russ.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

Joseph Polletta was reseated

8. New Business

None

9. Communications and Bills

- A. State DEP 2009 Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program**

- B. 2009 Connecticut Land Conservation Conference**

- C. Martha Sturgis Appointment Letter**

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to accept and file.

SECOND: Ms. Martha Sturgis.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice
Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Mr. Michael
Genovese, Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis,
Ms. Denise Russ.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

10. Reports from Officers and Committees

None

11. Reports from Staff

A. Use of Pesticides in Crest Brook Golf Course

Mr. Rafey reported that he had contacted the Park and Recreation Department and the parcel has three ponds. Mr. Rafey advised the Commission that the application was not for the large pond.

12. Public Participation

None

13. Adjournment

MOTION: Alternate, Ms. Denise Russ moved to adjourn at 10:56 pm.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

VOTE

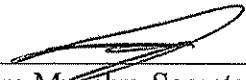
AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato
Orsini; Mr. Michael Genovese, Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha
Sturgis, Ms. Denise Russ.

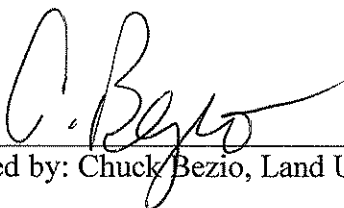
NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

Attest:



Tom Murphy, Secretary
Conservation Commission
Inland/Wetland Agency



Approved by: Chuck Bezio, Land Use Secretary