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MINUTES CONSERVATION COMMISSION/ INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT

PUBLIC HEARING

Joseph Leonard

Lot 10 Shannon Avenue, Watertown, CT

Time: 7:00 P.M. (7:14 P.M.)
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2011
Place: Watertown High School Lecture Hall
324 French Street
Watertown, Connecticut

1. Call Hearing to Order

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler called the public hearing to order at 7:14 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy executed the roll call.

Present: Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler
Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini
Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy
Mr. Michael Genovese
Mr. Joseph Polletta
Ms. Martha Sturgis

Absent: Mr. Richard Sarandrea
Mr. Todd Robinson
Ms. Dorota Habib

Also Present: Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Mr. Moosa Rafey
Town Engineer, Mr. Chuck Berger

Land Use Secretary, Mr. Chuck Bezio
Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler read the ground rules for public hearings into the record.

3. Hearing of Applications

B. Application #791 of Joseph Leonard for construction of a single family dwelling within upland review area on Lot 10 Shannon Avenue, Watertown, CT.

Recess or adjourn the Public Hearing must be closed by September 15, 2011 unless applicant grants an extension of time.

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler read the legal notice into the record.

TOWN OF WATERTOWN Legal Notice

The Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency of the Town of Watertown pursuant to Section 9.1 of the Watertown Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations will hold a public hearing at 7:00PM on Thursday, August 11, 2011 at Watertown High School Lecture Hall 324 French Street, Watertown, CT to hear and act upon the following application.

Application #791 of Joseph Leonard to conduct the following regulated activities associated with the construction of a new single-family dwelling on Lot 10 Shannon Avenue, Watertown, CT:

1. Disturbance of approximately 7,000 Sq. Ft of upland review area for construction of a 52'X30' new single-family home, 15 'X9' deck, driveway, and required yards
2. Installation of erosion and sediment control measures within upland review areas.

At this hearing interested persons may be heard and written communications received. A copy of the application is on file at the Planning and Zoning Office, 51 Depot Street, Suite 502, Watertown, CT.

Dated at Watertown, CT this 28th day of July 2011
Dated at Watertown, CT this 4th day of August 2011

Tom Murphy, Secretary
Conservation Commission! Inland Wetlands Agency

Mr. Leonard

Joseph Leonard was present and explained application #791 of Joseph Leonard to conduct the following regulated activities associated with the construction of a new single-family dwelling

Mr. Undercuffler Would you construct a fence along the back yard because the wetlands is so close. There is a safety eliminate to the fence because of the 5' embankment.

Mr. Leonard We would definitely be willing to do this and do all the installation by hand.

Mr. Sipperly Soil Scientist, James Sipperly was present on behalf of the applicant. He read his letter dated 8/8/11 into the record.

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August 8, 2011

RE: FIELD SITE VISITATION AND INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES
DELINEATION, SHANNON AVENUE/BROOK STREET WATEROWN, CT

Dear Mr. Undercuffler:

In March 20 11, I conducted a field site visitation to the property referenced above to delineate the inland wetland soils and watercourses that may be on the site. I sampled the soil throughout the site using a soil auger to a depth of two to three feet. Based on my field observations and using the guidelines established by the National Cooperative Soil Survey and as defined by the Connecticut General Statutes, I delineated the inland wetlands and watercourses on the site.

I delineated the inland wetlands and watercourses using blue flagging numbered 1-6 and 1A-20A respectively. The inland wetland soils are alluvial soils and are located along the edge of an unnamed watercourse along a narrow flood plain. These soils occur along the low lying edges of the watercourse and are probably washed away periodically and redeposited during severe storm events. The majority of the flags that I placed delineate the actual edge of the unnamed watercourse. There is a relatively well defined bank that serves as the limits of the regulated area. The unnamed watercourse is a perennial watercourse that flows in an easterly direction. The

water depth varied in the brook from 6" to 10". The inland wetland soils and watercourse delineation I performed is accurately shown on the plan prepared by Samuel Bertaccini, Land Surveyor, entitled "Prepared for Northland Commercial Group, LLC, scale 1"=30', Shannon Avenue/Brook Street, Watertown CT, dated March, 2011 revised through June 29,2011.

I plan on attending your meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2011 to present to the commission members this report and answer any questions you or they should have. It is my understanding that a site walk was conducted by the commission and the commission members are familiar with the area.

The proposed house site is primarily an existing lawn area that has an old existing foundation on it. The wetland area is primarily vegetated with small trees and shrubs and the wetland area's main function is to convey and store water from large storm events. Within the wetland area small braided flow channels eventually merge just off the property and creates a more defined flow channel that flows perpendicular to Shannon Avenue.

If you or your staff have any questions or require additional information prior to the meeting, please contact me at the telephone number listed above.

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| Mr. Sipperly | The flags should have been there because I did flagged them myself. Maybe the vegetation is shielding the flags. |
| Mr. Undercuffler | He expressed on concerns with how close the distance is to the wetlands and the lawn. |
| Mr. Rafey | Will the vegetated area remain the same. We have not seen a copy of the soils report. We need on submitted into the record. Grading in not shown on the plot plan, why? We need to know the footprint of the impact of grading. We need a grading plan that shows the existing topography and the proposed changes. |
| Mr. Sipperly | None of vegetation will be removed. He submitted a copy of his soil report into the record. |
| Mr. Undercuffler | We need the plans revised. |
| Mr. Rafey | Have you considered putting a conservation easement of the wetlands area. |
| Mr. Sipperly | Yes, that land is not usable, we will put in a Conservation easement. |

- Mr. Michale Peter Michale of 93 Lockwood Drive was present in opposition of the application. He submitted and read a letter and pictures from Mr. & Mrs. Norton of 120 Lockwood Drive who could not attend the meeting into the record.
- Ms. Sovle Wanda Sovle of 82 Atwood Street who is the Estate holder of the property and explained that she had lived on the property since 1961.
- Mr. Valentino Jerry Valentino of 113 Lockwood Drive was present in opposition of the application.
- Mr. Godoci Mark Godoci of 40 Shannon Avenue was present in opposition of the application. I am at the lowest point in the area and there is a sever water issue in the area. He submitted photos into the record. He reviewed the photos with the Commission.
- Ms. Godoci Susan Godoci of 40 Shannon Avenue was present in opposition of the application.
- Mr. Lambelline James Lambelline of 30 Shannon Avenue of 40 Shannon Avenue was present in opposition of the application.
- Mr. Fisher Charles R. Fisher, P.E.,L.S., was present and had the following concerns for the application on Lot 10 Shannon Avenue. The following comments were made at the Town of Watertown's Inland Wetlands Commission hearing on Lot 10, Shannon Avenue. The comments made were based on a review of materials obtained from the Planning and Zoning Office on Tuesday, August 9, 2011:
- 1) The anti-tracking pad as shown on the plans is inadequate to protect the roadway from sediment and debris which will eventually wash into the storm drainage system draining into the wetlands.
 - 2) How will the existing catch basins be protected from sediment?
 - 3) There are no ground contours shown on the plans.
 - a) How will storm runoff from the site and adjacent roadway be handled?
 - b) How much material will be excavated? Where will the spoils be deposited and how will the wetlands in the vicinity of the spoil area be protected?
 - c) Is the site within a 100 year storm plain?
 - 4) What soil types are present? (Answered at the meeting by the applicant's soil scientist)

5) The Sedimentation and erosion control narrative is inadequate and does not meet State of Connecticut criteria as outlined in their latest edition of the Sedimentation and Erosion Control manual. More specifically, the following items are critical to the analysis of this application:

- a) Construction Sequence
 - b) Short term maintenance of erosion control measures
 - c) Long term maintenance procedures
 - d) How will the disturbed areas be treated? When during the construction process will the disturbed areas be addressed?
 - e) Who is the responsible party of plan implementation and how can they be reached on a 24 hour basis?
 - f) How will the silt fencing be installed? How will the silt fencing be maintained? How will debris and sediment from the silt fencing be disposed of? What is the frequency of inspections? Other control measures should also be installed in addition to the silt fencing due to the close proximity of the wetlands line to the construction area,
- 6) What measures will be utilized to prevent intrusion into the wetland area?
- 7) Alternatives such as placement of the structure in the area off of Brook Street should at least be explored

MOTION: Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy moved to continue the public hearing to the next regularly scheduled meeting on 9/15/11.

SECOND: Mr. Joseph Polletta.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

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MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to adjourn the public hearings at 8:15 P.M.

SECOND: Mr. Joseph Polletta.

VOTE

AYES:

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler; Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Mr. Michael Genovese; Mr. Joseph Polletta; Ms. Martha Sturgis.

NAYS: None.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

Attest:

Tom Murphy, Secretary
Conservation Commission
Inland/Wetland Agency