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MINUTES CONSERVATION COMMISSION/ INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT

REGULAR MEETING

Time: 7:15 P.M. (8:30 P.M.)
Date: August 11, 2011
Place: Watertown High School Lecture Hall
324 French Street
Watertown Connecticut

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:30 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

3. Public Participation

None

4. Action on Minutes

- A. Regular Meeting April 14, 2011**
- B. Special Meeting May 2, 2011**
- C. Site Walk May 7, 2011**
- D. Regular Meeting May 12, 2011**
- E. Regular Meeting June 9, 2011**
- F. Site Walk June 24, 2011**
- G. Special Meeting June 24, 2011**
- H. Public Hearing July 14, 2011 App. #763 Brass City Hyundai, LLC**
- I. Regular Meeting July 14, 2011**
- J. Site Walk July 30, 2011**

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to table action on the minutes 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.

MOTION UNANIMOUS PASS T 6-0.

5. Pending Applications

- A. Application #763 of the Brass City Hyundai, LLC for construction of an addition to an existing building and additional parking at 674 Straits Turnpike, Watertown.**

If the public hearing is closed on August 11, 2011 then a decision is required by September 15, 2011.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to table the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting on 9/15/11.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

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.

B. Application #789 of Kurt Dolnier for construction of a dock on the east shore of Smith Pond at 1135 Northfield Road, Watertown, CT.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by September 16, 2011.

Mr. Dolnier

Kurt Dolnier was present and explained application #789 for construction of a dock on the east shore of Smith Pond at 1135 Northfield Road, Watertown, CT to the Commission. The dock will be 180' sq. ft. It will be 10'x10' Dock. It will extend out about 28' from the shore of the pond. We propose to construct a dock on the East Shore of Smith Pond contained within Our property lines and exceeding the set back requirements for construction within The zone (20 feet from both lines). The size of the dock is as outlined, 180 square feet, consisting of a 4' x 20' walkway and an attached 10' x 10' platform. It is to be of wood construction, with (4-6) 4" steel poles to support the frame and hold it 1 foot above high water level. It is to be attached to shore with (2) steel rods driven into the firm shore ground. The purpose of the dock is to provide swim access to Smith Pond from our property WITHOUT disturbing the ecosystem of the immediate shoreline. There are aquatic Plants and numerous fish nests that extend from the shore out to 6-10 feet; and it is this sensitive area that we are trying to protect. The 30 foot length is designed to Provide swim access without disturbing the pond bottom and vegetation. No volume of soil or other material is to be removed or disturbed either in the pond Or on the shoreline where to dock meets shore. The only intrusion into the pond Will be the (4-6) 4" iron pipes supporting the dock for a total intrusion of 12.5 square inches per pole or a total of 75 square inches if we use 6 poles. The construction of the dock will be of a permanent nature so as to provide additional habitat for fish and other pond creatures, without to seasonal Disturbance of a floating or removable dock. The dock will be wood frame construction with untreated wood decking so as not to bleed any hazardous material into the pond. The construction of this dock will Not create any erosion of the shoreline, and should actually act to protect this area From further shoreline soil erosion. The alternatives we have considered are as follows. Relocation of the dock to the south of the proposed area. We have deemed this as ill advised and unworkable because The

shore line at that point is at pond level, and consists of A watery bog with native grasses and plants that would be Destroyed by the foot traffic associated with the dock. The shoreline at that point would not allow for attachment of the dock structure due to the nature of the soil and wet Shoreline. A floating dock would kill extensive amounts of shoreline Vegetation, and possible cause shoreline erosion and disturbance of the ponds ecosystem. We have opted to pursue the fixed dock at the proposed location as the lease invasive alternative to the pond and its ecosystem.

Mr. Undercuffler Has there been any changes to the plan since last month's meeting or our site walk.

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to approve the application with standard conditions.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

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.

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

If the public hearing is closed on August 11, 2011 then a decision is required by September 15, 2011.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to table the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting on 9/15/11.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

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.

6. New Applications

- A. Application #793 of Ronald Delaney, III for a three-lot North Bamford Subdivision on Bamford Avenue, Mount Vernon Avenue, and Pullen Avenue, Oakville, CT.**

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by October 15, 2011.

Mr. Green Joseph Green from Robert Green Associates was present on behalf of the applicant and explained Application #793 of Ronald Delaney, III for a three-lot North Bamford Subdivision on Bamford Avenue, Mount Vernon Avenue, and Pullen Avenue, Oakville, CT to Commission. The soil scientist investigated the site and determined that there are no wetlands on the site. There was also no wetlands within 100' of our property.

Mr. Undercuffler He read a letter dated 8/5/11 from Soil Science And Environmental Services, Inc. Therefore are no wetland and therefore no wetlands needed. .

Mr. Rafey I inspected the site today and there is no wetlands on the site.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to declare that there are no wetlands or watercourse on the property or in the vicinity a permit is necessary.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

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.

- B. Application #794 of The Town of Watertown Department of Public Works for installation of a catch basin within upland review area at the intersection of Woolson Street, Northfield Road, and Merriam Lane, Watertown, CT.**

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by October 15, 2011.

Mr. Berger

Town Engineer Chuck Berger was present and explained Application #794 of The Town of Watertown Department of Public Works for installation of a catch basin within upland review area at the intersection of Woolson Street, Northfield Road, and Merriam Lane, Watertown, CT to the Commission. He reviewed the plans with the Commission. We are trying to address two issues with this project. Water flows down the road over the drive way of 41 Merriam Lane towards Steele Brook. Additional water flows down Woolson Street, Northfield Road, and Merriam Lane. We are going to construct a catch basin above and existing drainage pipe. We are going to stabilize existing erosion issues. There is going to be approximant 15'x15' or 225' sq. ft. of wetlands impact.

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to table the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting on 9/15/11.

SECOND: Ms. Martha Sturgis.

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.

C. Application #795 of John Pond Jr. for construction of a 2-Lot subdivision at 25 Woodruff Avenue, Watertown, CT.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by October 15, 2011.

Mr. Mack

John Mack of the Stuart Somer's Company was present on behalf of the applicant and explained application #795 of John Pond Jr. for construction of a 2-Lot subdivision at 25 Woodruff Avenue, Watertown, CT to the Commission. This parcel does have wetlands on the property. There is a 6" pipe from Woodruff Avenue that extends north. We are putting the proposed lot line right over the pipe. These lots will be for two residential single family dwellings. We are proposing a detention basin for the roof drains. They will be 4'x4' gullies. There will 1,800 sq. ft. disturbance within the 100' regulated disturbance within the

upland review area. He submitted into the record revised plans that show the 100' setback limits.

Mr. Undercuffler What is the property like down the hill?

Mr. Mack On the north side there is a lot of bamboo, south side it is wooded. There has been a lot of fill that has been deposited on this property. Lot 2 had about 8' of fill and the other lot had 18' of fill. It is good clean fill. We have the fill inspected and confirmed it is adequate for foundations.

Mr. Undercuffler When was this lot filled?

Mr. Mack It was filled about 10 to 15 years.

Mr. Rafey There has already been public interest for this project. I also recommend the Commission having a site walk. Please make sure the houses are staked out and the wetlands are flagged.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to schedule a site walk on 9/15/11.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

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.

MOTION: Vice Chairman, Mr. Donato Orsini moved to table the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting 9/15/11.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

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.

7. Old Business

A. Notice of Violation issued to the owner of 633 Park Road, Watertown, CT.

B. Notice of Violation issued to the owner of 349 Artillery Road, Watertown, CT

Mr. Philippi Stephen Philippi was present and advised the Commission that he is looking for an engineer to assist him.

Ms. Sturgis Have you spoken to DEP?

Mr. Philippi No, I have not. I have gotten so confused.

Mr. Rafey After you find an engineer you will need to speak with the Army Corp of Engineers. Once you receive approvals from Army Corp then submit an application to us.

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to table the Notice of Violations A. and B. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on 9/15/11.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

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.

8. New Business

None

9. Communications and Bills

A. The Habitat a newsletter of the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc. Summer 2011 Volume 23, Number 2

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to accept and file the Communication and Bills.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

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.

10. Reports from Officers and Committees

None

11. Reports from Staff

A. Agent Determination

- 1. Application #792 of Lisa and Stuart Kaye for construction of two decks to connect an existing aboveground pool to a single-family home located within upland review area at 81 Carola Drive, Watertown, CT.**

Mr. Rafey

He explained application #792 of Lisa and Stuart Kaye to the construction for two decks to connect an existing aboveground pool to a single-family home located within upland review area at 81 Carola Drive, Watertown, CT. The decks will be 65' from the wetlands. The house is closer to the wetlands than the proposed deck.

12. Public Participation

None

13. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Joseph Polletta moved to adjourn at 9:00 P.M.

SECOND: Mr. Michael Genovese.

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