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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. (7:07 P.M.)
Date: Thursday, September 15, 2011
Place: Watertown High School Lecture Hall
324 French Street
Watertown, Connecticut

1. Call Hearing to Order

Chairman, Mr. Edwin Undercuffler called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

2. Roll Call

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

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

Absent: Ms. Martha Sturgis
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. Hearing of Applications

B. Continuation of the Public Hearing from August 11, 2011 – 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 called the public hearing to order at 7:34 P.M.

Mr. Leonard Joseph Leonard was present and explained the application to the Commission. He reviewed the revised plans with the Commission. We added gullies for the roof drains. We added a stock pile area.

Mr. Undercuffler Have these revised plans been submitted into the record?

Mr. Leonard No, we have submitted the revised plans into the record yet because our engineer has gotten sick. He passed out the two revised plans to the Commission. The tracking pad has been added to the driveway that is deeper and wider. We shrunk the house down in size to 26' from the original 30' get the drainage in.

Mr. Polletta How far is the porch from the wetlands?

Mr. Leonard The porch is 3.57' from the wetlands.

Mr. Rafey How high is the porch going to be from the ground?

Mr. Leonard It will be at least 12' high. The piers are further back. We will hand dig those and stock pile them in the front.

Mr. Polletta Were the lot lines changed on this property? Does the well belong to the house?

Mr. Leonard Yes, the lot lines were changed. The well belongs to the existing house.

Mr. Rafey Do you have drainage calculations for the underground infiltrator systems, that show the size is adequate?

Mr. Leonard I don't have anything written but our engineer did the calculations.

- Mr. Rafey We need to have this. Also, for the record you added at the Commission's request a construction sequence. There is also Sedimentation and Erosion controls measures.
- Mr. Leonard Ok.
- Mr. Sipperly James Sipperly a Certified Soil Scientist was present, on behalf of the applicant and advised the Commission that the soil types have been added to the plans. He reviewed the soils with the Commission. We can get the storm water drainage calculations to the Commission. The change in topography has been added also to the plans. There is very slight grading.
- Mr. Rafey Will the storm water runoff from the driveway be discharged into the gully system?
- Mr. Sipperly The plan do not show this. He advised the Commission that there is no that there is no curbing proposed. There is only sheet flow proposed. This is a minor and small area that is only a sheet flow.
- Mr. Undercuffler This should be clarified. We need the drainage calculations.
- Mr. Rafey One of the neighbors' concern is what will happen to the runoff from the driveway and what kind of treatment will be provided.
- Mr. Leonard All the runoff from Shannon Avenue drains into the brook in the area. There is a storm drain on Shannon Avenue.
- Mr. Rafey Is a drain needed? We do not want to add to the existing flooding problems with the increase of impervious surface.
- Mr. Berger I do not see any drainage on the proposed driveway? We need the proposed grading for the driveway. It is not on the plans.
- Mr. Leonard I will speak with my engineer and come back with a proposal for the drainage for the driveway.
- Mr. Rafey Because there is a 10' drainage easement it cannot go on the easement.
- Mr. Berger He explained the drainage on Shannon Avenue and how it drains into the brook.

- Mr. Leonard The driveway is going to be stone. The driveway is not going to be paved.
- Mr. Undercuffler The stone driveway should be added to the plan.
- Mr. Guerrero Peter Guerrero of 41 Shannon Avenue was present and advised to the Commission that the applicant encouraged the neighbors to return and look at the site after the site walk that was already taken. The site was supposed to be a staked out including where the proposed driveway was going to be. We were told by Mr. Leonard at the site walk that he would stake out the driveway and that we could return to the site to inspect.
- Mr. Rafey During the site walk it was observed that the house was not staked out. We asked for the area to be marked and for the neighbors to be allowed to see the location of the house.
- Ms. Sovle I am concerned with people coming and going on my property without me being aware. For safety and liability reasons I want to be notified before anyone goes on to my property. She informed the public that if they trespass onto her property again she will take legal against all violators.
- Mr. Polletta I think we should schedule another site walk.
- Mr. Leonard To the best of recollection I never authorized the neighbors to trespass on to the property whenever they pleased. I was asked by the Commission to stake out the property and I did what was requested of me. I never authorized anyone to go onto the property to video tape and take photographs. I believed those that were interested in the inspecting would be the Commission and town staff. The neighbors can view from their own property.
- Mr. Murphy There has been a lot of question brought up tonight. The property was not staked out at the last site walk. We should make this legal and have another site walk. With the property staked out and the revised plans submitted we could get a better idea of what is being proposed.
- Mr. Undercuffler So that the Commission and applicant is clear we are looking for the applicant to the commission with following items:
- Drainage calculations for the driveway to confirm the gullies are satisfactory.

Attest:

Tom Murphy, Secretary
Conservation Commission
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