

**MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
INLAND/WETLAND AGENCY**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.
WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

**Public Hearing
APPLICATION #643 – 741 Echo Lake Road, LLC**

Members Present: Mr. Ed Undercuffler, Chairman
Mr. Donato Orsini, Vice Chairman
Mr. Joe Polletta
Mr. Mike Genovese

Members Absent: Mr. Jim Zawadzki
Mr. Tony DiBona
Mr. Tom Murphy, Secretary

Alternate Present: Ms. Denise Russ

Alternate Absent: Ms. Martha Sturgis
Mr. Michael Brown

Others Present: Mr. Moosa Rafey, Wetlands Enforcement Officer

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Undercuffler called the Public Hearing to Order at 7:10 pm.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Murphy executed the Roll Call.

Chairman Undercuffler seated Ms. Russ for Mr. Murphy.

Chairman Undercuffler read aloud the Ground Rules as follows for the record:

**“GROUND RULES FOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION/
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY”**

1. The applicant or his representative will make his formal presentation to the Commission stating the proposed regulated activities, the wetland impacts, and the alternatives which were considered by the applicant.
2. All comments, discussion and observations shall be made through the Chair after proper recognition by the Chairman. This is necessary to ensure that only one person at a time speaks on any issue, thus making it easier for everyone to understand and for clearer legal transcription.
3. All persons addressing the Commission shall begin by first clearly stating their name and address for the record. If necessary, the person may be asked to spell his name for the record.
4. Following the presentation of the application, the Conservation Commission/ Inland Wetland Agency will ask specific questions of the applicant.
5. After the Commission has asked its questions of the applicant, I shall then allow any members of the public who wishes to speak either in favor of this application or against it to address the Commission.
6. I shall then allow the applicant to respond to the comments of the members of the general public.
7. I shall then allow any members of the general public who wish to present any additional information or clarifying discussion to do so.
8. I shall then provide an opportunity for the applicant to respond to these additional remarks if he or his representative so wishes.
9. The Conservation Commission/Inland Wetland Agency has thirty-five days from the date the public hearing commences to complete the public hearing. The Commission may ask the applicant for a thirty- five day extension of the public hearing period if the commission requires any additional information or wishes to schedule a site walk to observe the situation for them.
10. The Conservation Commission/Inland Wetland Agency has thirty-five days from the date when the Public Hearing is closed to render its decision.

Chairman Undercuffler read the legal notice into the record.

Kurt Jones a Professional Engineer from Civil 1 was present and explained the application to the Commission.

Sean Hayden a Soil Scientist with the Northwest Conservation District was present and reviewed his independent third party review of the project with the Commission. Mr. Hayden pointed out that his report has many recommendations to reduce the impacts to the watershed.

Mr. Jones reviewed the Northwest Conservation District report with the Commission. Mr. Jones submitted into the record a report dated 10/08/06. Mr. Jones reviewed the Civil 1 report with the Commission that includes their responses to the Northwest Conservation District report. Mr. Jones reviewed the modifications to the plans in response to the Northwest Conservation District report. Mr. Jones advised the Commission that the project will not have any significant impacts to wetlands. Mr. Jones noted that there are 8 storm water management structures located in the watershed. Mr. Jones reviewed the location of each of these 8 storm water management structures with the Commission. Mr. Jones reviewed the detailed analysis of the watershed. Mr. Jones advised the Commission that the impervious surfaces of this project will be 11.7%. Mr. Jones advised the Commission that the design of the project will not contribute to the problems that already exist in the watershed. Mr. Jones discussed the proposed filling of the wetlands on site. Mr. Jones noted that the filling of the wetlands have been minimized to the maximum extent possible. Mr. Jones advised the Commission that the only direct impact to wetlands will be the accessway. Mr. Jones advised the Commission that there has been several mitigation plans which have been incorporated into the plans. Mr. Jones also advised the Commission that the plans have been designed to the 2002 DEP Sedimentation and Erosion Control Guidelines and the 2004 DEP Storm Water Management. Mr. Jones reviewed the revised site plans with the Commission. Mr. Jones noted that there are, 3 storm water renovation areas being proposed. Mr. Jones explained how they have implemented low impact development for this site. Mr. Jones advised the Commission that there is 46.3% of undisturbed area on the site. Mr. Jones also advised the Commission that there will be proposed a 6% mitigation area.

James Cowen a Soil Scientist from Environmental Planning Services was present and submitted a report dated 10/09/08. Mr. Cowen reviewed his report with the Commission. Mr. Cowen reviewed the mitigation measures planned for this project.

Mr. Jones submitted into the record revised plans. Mr. Jones reviewed the revised plans with the Commission.

Mr. Polletta expressed concerns that the revised plan had not been reviewed by Town Staff.

Mr. Rafey had questions regarding the hydrology on the detention ponds A & B. Mr. Rafey expressed his concerns about the locations of the detention ponds being able to support the wet bottoms being proposed.

Mr. Baker advised the Commission that hydrology gets established not only by the existing water table but by the storm water that is introduced into the detention ponds. Mr. Baker advised Commission that sometimes when a seep or a spring is hit. Mr. Bakers also noted that he has seen various conditions that were unanticipated but he is relativity certain that the hydrology will be adequate but will be surprised on an occasion.

Mr. Cowen noted that there maybe wet bottoms and this is why he is recommending aquatic plantings.

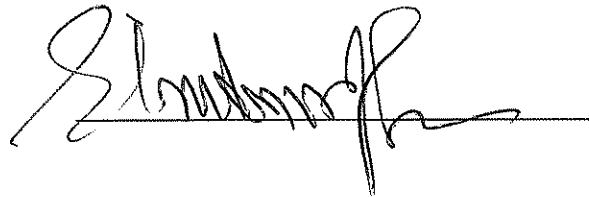
Mr. Hayden confirmed the need for plantings for cleaning the containments. Mr. Hayden also noted that underground infiltration can cause problems when not maintained.

Discussion:

Vote: Favor: Abstained: Opposed:

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Attest:



Ed Undercuffler, Chairman
Conservation Commission
Inland/Wetland Agency

Approved by: Chuck Bezio, Land Use Secretary