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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, October 13, 2011
Place: **Watertown High School Lecture Hall**
324 French Street
Watertown, Connecticut

1. Call Hearing to Order (7:07 P.M.)

Chairman Ed Undercuffler called the public hearing to order at 7:07 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Carol Allen, Administrative Assistant executed the roll call.

Members Present: Ed Undercuffler, Chairman
Michael Genovese
Joe Polletta
Martha Sturgis

Members Absent: Don Orsini, Vice Chairman
Tom Murphy, Secretary
Richard Sarandrea
Todd Robinson
Dorita Habib

Others Present: Moosa Rafey, Wetlands Enforcement Officer
Chuck Berger, Town Engineer
Carol Allen, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Ed Undercuffler read the public hearing procedures into the record.

GROUND RULES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION INLAND/WETLAND 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 Chairman 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 themselves.
10. The Conservation Commission/Inland Wetland Agency has thirty-five days from the date when the Public Hearing is closed to render its decision.

Ms. Sturgis Is it a full basement? What is the height of the basement?

Mr. Leonard It will be a full basement.

Mr. Polletta Is the basement going to be torn into the ground? Will there be a walk out?

Mr. Leonard Yes, there will be a walk out.

Ms. Sturgis What does this mean for the wetlands? I believed there was some reason why it was going to be slab on grade?

Mr. Rafey For the wetlands it does not make any difference because the foot print is not changing. There might be more grading in the back. How wide is the area between the are you walk out and the wetlands?

Mr. Berger There is about a 5' level area before it slopes to a 2:1 slope. There will be a narrow flat area for a walking area.

Mr. Polletta Where is the walk out going to be? Is it on the back or side of the house?

Mr. Leonard It will be on the back.

Mr. Polletta The water level goes very high. How are you going to prevent the water from getting into the house? I am concerned with the walkout being in the back and the water level rising and flooding the basement. If you have the walk out on the side it may protect the basement more. There is no room in the back.

Mr. Leonard Ok.

Mr. Polletta What kind of fence are you proposing at the wetland limits?

Mr. Leonard That is still a silt fence.

Mr. Polletta During the field trip I subjected that a permanent fence be installed. At the edge of the water, between the water and the house a permanent fence should be installed.

Mr. Leonard Ok. We will definitely install a fence. We have discussed a spit rail fence or smoothing heavier like pressure treated fencing.

Mr. Polletta I am concerned for safety and to protect the wetlands. 12x12 pressure treated. Is the driveway going to be gravel?

Mr. Leonard Yes, it will be gravel.

Mr. Polletta Have you seen the town engineer memo?

Mr. Leonard Yes, we are going to do the curbing.

Mr. Polletta Do you agree with the three recommendations that the town Engineer has made?

Mr. Berger I spoke with the applicant's engineer this after and we reviewed these comments. I have been advised that the applicant has no problems incorporate my recommendations onto the plan.

Mr. Rafey We have reviewed this application and have help public hearings and had two site walks. The location that the house is proposed is the only location.

Public: None.

Motion: J. Polletta moved to close the public hearing.

Second: M. Sturgis seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Rafey For the record I have put a notice in the newspaper for a public hearing for 25 Woodruff Avenue. There was a mistake on the date of the meeting, in error it was published for 10/15/11. I have told the applicant that we cannot hold the meeting and I need to put a new legal notice in the newspaper and reschedule the public hearing for our next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday November 17, 2011.

Attest:

Tom Murphy, Secretary
Conservation Commission
Inland/Wetland Agency