

MINUTES

CONSERVATION COMMISSION/ INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

WATERTOWN, CT

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008

WATERTOWN HIGHSCHOOL TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Members Present: Mr. Ed Undercuffler, Chairman
Mr. Donato Orsini, Vice Chairman
Mr. Jim Zawadzki
Mr. Joe Polletta
Mr. Glen Dupliese
Mr. Tony DiBona

Members Absent: Mr. Tom Murphy, Secretary

Alternates Present: Ms. Martha Sturgis
Ms. Denise Russ (seated for Tom Murphy)

Alternates Absent: Mr. Michael Brown

Others Present: Mr. Moosa Rafey, Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer
Mr. Sean Hayden, Northwest Conservation District

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Undercuffler, Chairman, Called the Regular Meeting to Order at about 7:30PM (7:47 PM)

2. Roll Call

Mr. Undercuffler, Chairman, executed the Roll Call.

3. Public Participation

Motion was made by Mr. Dupliese to add New Application #634 of Timothy Boucher to New Business item 6A and seconded by Ms. Russ.

Discussion: None Vote: 6 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

Motion was made by Mr. Dupliese to add New Application #635 of James Mulvehill to New Business item 6B and seconded by Ms. Russ.

Discussion: None Vote: 6 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

4. Action on Minutes

- A. Special Meeting February 4, 2008
- B. Special Meeting February 20, 2008
- C. Regular Meeting January 10, 2008
- D. Public Hearing February 14, 2008 App. #623 Cherry Avenue, LLC
- E. Regular Meeting February 14, 2008
- F. Continuation of the Public Hearing March 13, 2008 App. 623 Cherry Avenue, LLC
- G. Regular Meeting March 13, 2008

Motion was made by Mr. Dupliese to approve minutes 4A and 4C and table minutes 4B, 4D, 4E, 4F, and 4G and seconded by Ms. Russ.

Discussion: None Vote: 6 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

5. Pending Applications

- A. Application #623 of Cherry Avenue, LLC for construction of 3-Lot residential subdivision on Cherry Avenue, Watertown, CT.

If the public hearing is closed on April 10, 2008 then a decision is required by May 15, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Dupliese to table application #623 and seconded by Ms. Russ.

Discussion: None Vote: 6 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

- B. Application #628 of Joseph Wasilauskas for restoration of bank of a watercourse located on 52 Park Avenue, Oakville, CT.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by April 20, 2008.

Scott Meyers, Meyers Associates, 60 Linden Street Waterbury, CT

Mr. Meyers was there to represent Mr. Wasilauskas. The information he received from Mr. Berger was that that the Mason Avenue culvert was replaced in 1995. He is designing a bank restoration plan. They would like to continue the gabions, retain the slope on the

bottom matching the existing grade in that water course and then put gabion mattresses up the slope. He continued to explain how bank was going to be restored.

Motion was made by Ms. Russ to table application #628 and seconded by Mr. Zawadzki.

Discussion: None Vote: 6 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

6. New Applications

- A. Application #632 of the Taft School for construction of addition and renovation to an existing building at 110 Woodbury Road, Watertown, CT.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by May 17, 2008.

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Lou Caricate of Taft School

Mr. Caricate gave a brief overview of Taft School and explains how they are going to build the new dining hall and where.

Phil Forzley, Fuss & O'Neil

Mr. Forzley explained the impacts to the site. They will be moving the building away from the pond. In the new addition the loading area is going to be out in front. It will have a vortex unit attached to it before the drainage heads off around the school. So it's lengthening the travel path and the loading dock is farther away from the pond. All the new existing drainage components will have sumps which they don't now. The loop road will be eliminated and there will not be vehicle access there except for emergency access. They will be reducing impervious area even with the addition of the dining hall. Mr. Rafey explained that there was no direct impact into the pond it is just the 50 foot upland review area. Mr. Polletta felt the proposed changes will improve the quality of the water

going into the pond. They also discussed where the kids would be dining in the mean time.

Motion was made by Mr. Zawadzki that application #632 of Taft School is not a significant activity and seconded by Mr. Polletta.

Discussion: None Vote: 6 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

Motion was made by Mr. Zawadzki to table application #632 of Taft School and seconded by Ms. Russ.

Discussion: None Vote: 6 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

B. Application #632 of Watertown Water and Sewer Authority for installation of a water main from Ledge Road to Echo Lake Road, Watertown, Connecticut.

If a public hearing is not held then a decision is required by May 17, 2008.

Vinnie Caterino, Water and Sewer Authority

Mr. Caterino stated this project would consist of running a water main from Sylvan Lake Road and will connect to Echo Lake Road. The area of wetlands disturbance would be in the area of Ledge Road. No wetlands will be filled. The plans are preliminary and will have silt fences and hay bails. The area of disturbance should be minimal. This will have brand new piping. They will go through DiNunzio Road. Mr. Undercuffler questioned if that was the only wetlands. Mr. Caterino explained in the middle there is about a 15 foot wide path that is raised up about 4 feet. It's an old travel way. The soils report reflects that and explains the wetlands. It was one big wetland at one time.

Mr. Caterino explained that it will be the 50 foot buffer that they will be in. It is all disturbed soil to begin with and the type of soil is all udorthents. Mr. Polletta commented

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this is their only option and that they have to do it in the right of way but the only thing he suggested was that whoever does the work that they do not interfere into the wetland and stay away as much as possible.

Motion was made by Mr. Polletta that application #633 of Watertown Water and Sewer Authority is not a significant activity and seconded by Ms. Sturgis.

Discussion: None Vote: 6 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

Motion was made by Mr. Polletta to table application #633 of Watertown Water and Sewer Authority and seconded by Ms. Russ.

Discussion: None Vote: 6 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

7. Old Business

A. Review of the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetland Agency By-Laws

Motion was made by Mr. Zawadzki to approve as amended on April 14, 2005 the Conservation Commission Inland/Wetland Agency By-Laws and seconded by Mr. Orsini.

Discussion: None Vote: 6 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

8. New Business

- A. Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in Crest Brook Golf Course Pond Northfield Road, Watertown.
- B. Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in Echo Lake Ice House Road, Watertown
- C. Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in Lake Winnemaug
- D. Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in Sylvan Lake

Motion was made by Ms. Russ to approve items 8A through 8D and seconded Mr. Zawadzki.

Discussion: None Vote: 6 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

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9. Communications and Bills

- A. State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Notice of Violation issued to the Bailie Company, LLC concerning property at 0 Frost Bridge Road, Watertown

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- B. State of Connecticut DEP 2008 Municipal Inland Wetland Commissioners Training Program
- C. Council of Government of Central Naugatuck Valley presentation on Map Reading for Site Plan Review
- D. State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Stream Channel Encroachment Permit issued to John Daddona for construction of two buildings and associated parking within Steel Brook stream channel encroachment area.

Motion was made by Mr. Polletta to accept and file items 9A through 9D and seconded by Mr. Zawadzki.

Discussion: None Vote: 6 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

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10. Reports from Officers and Committees

None

11. Reports from Staff

None

12. Public Participation

None

13. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Zawadzki to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35 PM and seconded Ms. Russ.

Discussion: None Vote: 6 in favor Abstained: 0 Opposed: 0

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

Attest,

Edwin Undercuffler, Chairman
Conservation Commission
Inland/Wetland Agency Chairman

Approved: Jennifer Guerrero, Minutes Secretary