

MINUTES

CONSERVATION COMMISSION/ INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY WATERTOWN, CT REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008
WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY CENTER

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

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

Alternates Present: Ms. Martha Sturgis – In at 7:22PM, seated for Mr. Murphy

Alternates Absent: Ms. Denise Russ
Mr. Michael Brown

Others Present: Mr. Moosa Rafey, Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Zawadzki, Chairman, Called the Regular Meeting to Order at about 7:45PM (8:05PM)

2. Roll Call

Mr. Zawadzki, Chairman, executed the Roll Call.
Ms. Sturgis sitting in for Mr. Murphy

3. Public Participation

None

4. Election of Officers

Motion was made by Mr. Zawadzki to appoint Mr. Ed Undercuffler as Chairman on the Conservation Commission Inland/Wetland Agency and seconded by Mr. Duplissie.

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

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MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

Motion was made by Mr. Polletta to appoint Mr. Donato Orsini as Vice Chairman on the Conservation Commission Inland/Wetland Agency and seconded by Mr. Duplissie.

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

Motion was made by Mr. Polletta to appoint Mr. Thomas Murphy as Secretary on the Conservation Commission Inland/Wetland Agency and seconded by Mr. Orsini.

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

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5. Action on Minutes

- A. Continuation of the Public Hearing December 20, 2007 App. #605 Walnut Grove Farm, LLC
- B. Continuation of the Public Hearing December 20, 2007 App. #608 Watertown Renewable Power, LLC
- C. Public Hearing December 20, 2007 App. #621 Henlopen Manufacturing, LLC
- D. Special Meeting December 20, 2007
- E. Continuation of the Public Hearing January 10, 2008 App. #605 Walnut Grove Farm, LLC
- F. Continuation of the Public Hearing January 10, 2008 App. #608 Watertown Renewable Power, LLC
- G. Regular Meeting January 10, 2008

Motion was made by Mr. Duplissie to approve minutes 5A through 5F and table 5G and seconded by Mr. Zawadzki.

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

6. 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 February 14, 2008 then a decision is required by March 20, 2008.

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Motion was made by Mr. Polletta to table application #623 and seconded by Mr. Duplissie.

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

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7. New Applications

A. 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.

Rich Palidino, Matty's Paving and Construction

Mr. Palidino was at the meeting on behalf of Matty's Paving and Construction. They plan on rip rapping a bank that they propose to be 8 feet wide by 105 feet long. It's eroding underneath as of now so what he proposes to do is put a 1:1 slope from the edge of the river to the property and put some intermediate rip-rap which is 12 to 15-inch rock all along the bank about 105 feet to prevent this erosion from happening. Mr. Moosa informed the applicant that in Watertown they don't allow any slopes steeper than 2:1. Mr. Zawadzki asked for a set of drawings for the proposal so they can be looked at and the town engineer can review it. This un-named brook flows to Steel Brook. Mr. Rafey suggested going to see the site.

Motion was made by Mr. Duplissie to schedule a site walk on March 28, 2008 for application #628 and seconded by Ms. Sturgis.

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

Motion was made by Mr. Duplissie to table application #628 and seconded by Ms. Sturgis.

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

B. Application #629 of Kenneth Demirs for a two-lot subdivision located on Davis Street and Evelyn Street, Oakville, CT.

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

Ken Demirs, 310 Oak Drive Watertown, CT

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Mr. Demirs referred to the soil report that the commission received. Mr. Rafey explained that there are no wetlands on this site. He said Ms. Mulcahy had explained based on the state statutes that every time there is an application for a subdivision even if there are no wetlands on the property, the applicant has to come to the wetland commission and that the CCIWA commission will determine that there is no wetland activity and it can be approved. According to the soil report there is no wetland on the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Polletta that there are no wetlands on the property so no action will be taken by the Conservation Commission Inland/Wetland Agency for application #629 and seconded by Mr. Duplissie.

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

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8. Old Business

None

9. New Business

- A. Application to amend the Conservation Commission/ Inland Wetland Agency Permit #522 to permit installation of additional monitoring wells on Henlopen Manufacturing Property located at 401 Park Road, Watertown, CT.

Jason Fernap, Environmental Resource Management

Mr. Fernap was representing the Henlopen Manufacturing Company. This was a modification from the 2005 application for installing wells. They would like to add 3 new wells and carry on with their environmental activities. One of the wells is to be in the wetland and one in the buffer. Mr. Fernap explained that everything will be re-seeded as proposed in there previous permit.

Motion was made by Mr. Duplissie to approve the application to amend the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetland Agency permit #522 and seconded by Mr. Zawadzki.

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

- B. Review of the Conservation Commission Inland Wetland Agency Budget 2008 – 2009

Motion was made by Mr. Duplissie to add coffee and cookies to the regular meetings and all special meetings and seconded by Mr. Polletta.

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

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Motion was made by Mr. Duplissie to approve the Conservation Commission Inland/ Wetland Agency Budget 2008-2009 and seconded by Mr. Orsini.

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY – NO FURTHER DISCUSSION

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

Motion was made by Mr. Duplissie to table the Conservation Commission/ Inland Wetland By-Laws and seconded Ms. Sturgis.

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

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10. Communications and Bills

- A. The Habitat Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissioners, Inc. Vol. XIX No. 4 Fall 2007
- B. State of Connecticut DEP Notice of Tentative Determination Stream Channel Encroachment Steele Brook
- C. State of Connecticut Siting Council Hearing Notice concerning construction of a telecommunication facility Old Baird Road, Watertown, CT.
- D. State of Connecticut DEP Memorandum concerning Aquatic Pesticide Permit Applications.

Motion was made by Mr. Orsini to accept for filing items 10A through 10D and seconded Mr. Duplissie.

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

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11. Reports from Officers and Committees

None

12. Reports from Staff

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None

13. Public Participation

None

14. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. Duplissie to accept adjourn the regular meeting at 8:37 PM and seconded Mr. Orsini.

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

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Attest,

Edwin Undercuffler, Chairman
Conservation Commission
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Jennifer Guerrero, Minutes Secretary