



MINUTES

May 23, 2019

PRESENT: Elizabeth Craig (Chair), Nick Lee, Claudia Avallone, Kathie Mandel, Scott Fischer

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director Environmental Affairs; Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary; Steven Vasale Sr. & Steven Vasale Jr., Property Owners

ABSENT: Rick Stow (notified of intended absence)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Craig called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. WET#2569 (S) YE – 101 Glen Hill Road – “emergency” septic replacement in a regulated area

Mr. Conklin and Ms. Craig indicated that they visited the site.

Mr. Conklin advised that this application was submitted for an emergency replacement as the septic was breaking out and flowing into the wetland. He confirmed the most suitable soils were located in the proposed area of the system so a temporary permit was issued.

Mr. Conklin stated that there was a special condition on the temporary permit to remove the pump and drain line from the wetland. He also noted the SNEW commented on the Application and asked that there is a ditch installed to prevent overflow. Mr. Conklin confirmed the old system was in the wetlands and has been abandoned. The new system is already in place 62 ft. from wetlands.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to CLOSE the Public Hearing, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 4-0-0.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to APPROVE WET#2569, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 4-0-0.

B. WET#2570(S) GALLO – 50 Liberty Street – “emergency” septic replacement in a

regulated area

Mr. Conklin confirmed he visited the site. He advised that the proposed septic location was the only viable location for the replacement system. He also indicated he met with the Soil Scientist, Otto Theall, at the site to confirm the flagged wetland locations. The property owner was forced to pump the system out weekly prior to the new system being installed in the front yard.

Ms. Avallone MOVED to CLOSE WET#2570, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 4-0-0.

Ms. Mandel MOVED to APPROVE WET#2570, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 4-0-0.

V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

A. WET#2573 (I) VASALE – 1 & 25 Pimpewaug Road – “corrective action” to address unauthorized filling in a regulated area

AND

B. WET#2574 (I) KLANCKO – 53 Pimpewaug Road – “corrective action” to address unauthorized filling in a regulated area

Mr. Conklin advised the new property owners for the Saw Mill came to the office to advise that wood chips were deposited by the previous owner within a wetland, and onto the adjoining property at 53 Pimpewaug Road.

Mr. Lee arrived at the meeting at 7:45pm.

Ms. Craig asked how much fill was deposited in the regulated area. Mr. Vasale Jr. did not know how much was there but said it is all on a slope that goes down the Klancko property. He added that he is paying for both applications and is hoping to gain permission to remove the chips back down to grade. Mr. Conklin added that the material will be loaded onto a truck and moved off site. The project is expected to take five days to complete. Mr. Conklin asked that the two large export containers be removed, install silt fence and over-seed for stabilization.

Ms. Avallone MOVED to APPROVE WET#2573 & WET#2574, with the Special Conditions that the removal of chips and over-seed of the area be completed by July 31, 2019, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 5-0-0.

C. WET#2553 (S) BEMA GROUP, LLC – 338 Westport Road – Cease & Desist Order

Mr. Conklin advised there is an outstanding Cease & Desist on this property and noted the permit was issued.

Ms. Mandel MOVED to RELEASE the Cease & Desist Order placed on this property, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 5-0-0.

VI. APPLICATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED - None

VII. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

A. WET#2572(M) TURCIOS – 359 Mountain Road – install above ground 12 x 24 pool

B. WET#2576(M) CALI – 33 Seir Hill Road – removal of bamboo in a regulated area

C. WET#2577(M) VASILE – 25 Seir Hill Road – removal of bamboo in a regulated area

D. WET#2575(M) GUTIERREZ – 17 Skunk Lane – removal of trees, installation of four new Dogwood trees, replace patio, and install a fire pit in a regulated area

Mr. Conklin provided a brief overview of the Minor Level Permits issued by staff since the last meeting.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

A. WET#2565(I) O’HALLORAN – 262 Hyland Road – request for extension to install corrective action plantings

Mr. Conklin advised Mrs. O’Halloran has submitted a letter requesting an extension on the deadline to install her “corrective action” plantings. The Commission noted she was only looking to get a few more weeks to complete the activities.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to EXTEND the deadline for Corrective Action plantings until June 21, 2019, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED 5-0-0.

III. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS – None

IV. VIOLATIONS

A. WET#2567(S) BIVONA – 115 Pine Ridge Road – Mr. Conklin advised that a neighbor submitted a letter stating there is still work taking place at the site which is still under a Cease & Desist Order. He confirmed that the Town’s Legal Counsel is sending correspondence to the owner to this effect.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Mandel MOVED to APPROVE the May 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes as drafted, SECONDED by Mr. Lee, and CARRIED 4-0-1 with Mr. Fischer abstaining as he was absent for the meeting.

VI. ADJOURN

Mr. Fischer MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:11 pm, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs