



MEETING MINUTES
ELECTRONIC ZOOM MEETING
March 11, 2021

PRESENT: Rick Stow (Acting Chair), Claudia Avallone, Scott Fischer, Mike Whitted, Dora Pinou

ALSO PRESENT: Zen Herter, Environmental Analyst; Kate Throckmorton, Environmental Land Solutions, LLC; Casey Cordes, South Norwalk Electric & Water

ABSENT: Nick Lee (notified of intended absence)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Stow called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. WET#2654(S) BEHRENS – 220 Nod Hill Road – “corrective action” to address the unpermitted clearing of trees within a regulated area

Ms. Throckmorton noted all application information has been submitted and questions have been addressed. She advised they are working on a resolution with South Norwalk and will file final plans for approval with this Commission once they are authorized.

With no further questions or discussion, the Public Hearing was continued.

V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED - None

IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED - None

VI. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

A. WET#2681(M) DOOLITTLE/JONES – 8 Glen Hill Lane – proposed generator and three propane tanks including 35 ft. of hand-dug trenching

B. WET#2682(M) GIBBONEY – 183 Range Road – proposed shed 70 ft. from wetlands

C. WET#2680(M) ROSADO – 138 Ridgefield Road – proposed generator and LP tanks

within a regulated area

Mr. Herter provided a brief overview of the minor permits approved by staff since the last meeting.

I. VIOLATIONS

- A. IKEGAME – 16 Rivergate Woods** – unpermitted pond dredging (Cease & Desist Upheld 11/12/2020 – see below request – original Application due date 12/9/2020)
- B. O’NEILL – 48 Sharp Hill Road** – removal of 8 trees, wood piles, and a trench without a permit (Cease & Desist Upheld 12/10/2020 – see below request – original Application due date 1/13/2021)
- C. GRIFFIN – 67 Borglum Road** – removal of ten trees, and wood chips deposited within a regulated area (Cease & Desist Upheld 1/28/2021 – Application due date March 10, 2021)
- D. ATTANASIO – 47 Mollbrook Drive** – removal of understory vegetation (Cease & Desist Upheld 1/28/2021 – Application due date March 10, 2021)
- E. SMITH – 230 Ridgefield Road** – clearing trees, understory and excavation of soil (Cease & Desist Upheld 2/11/2021 – Application due date March 23, 2021)
- F. BRINA – 455 Thayer Pond Road** – six trees removed within a regulated area (Show Cause Hearing Scheduled for March 25, 2021 – see below request)

Commissioners reviewed each Violation and their timeframes. Mr. Herter noted Ikegame at 16 Rivergate Woods has contacted Staff since a Municipal Citation was issued.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. O’NEILL – 48 Sharp Hill Road #2** – request to extend deadline for Corrective Action Permit Application

Mr. Fischer MOVED to APPROVE an extension for Corrective Action Permit Applications for O’Neill at 48 Sharp Hill Road #2, Griffin at 67 Borglum Road, Attanasio at 47 Mollbrook Drive, and Smith at 230 Ridgefield Road to April 7, 2021, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

- B. IKEGAME – 16 Rivergate Woods** – request to extend deadline for Corrective Action Permit Application

Ms. Avallone MOVED to APPROVE an extension for Ikegame at 16 Rivergate Woods for the next meeting deadline which is March 24th, SECONDED by Mr. Whitted and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

- C. BRINA – 455 Thayer Pond Road** – request to dig test holes outside regulated area under a Cease & Desist Order

Mr. Herter advised no discussions or motions should take place on this item until the Show Cause Hearing takes place on March 25, 2021.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes February 25, 2021

Mr. Fischer MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2021 as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 3-0-2 with Mr. Stow and Mr. Whitted abstained as they were not present.

II. ADJOURN

Mr. Fischer MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:05 pm, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs