



MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID MEETING
September 9, 2021

PRESENT: Nick Lee (Chair), Scott Fischer, Penelope Koechl, Theodora Pinou

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Peter Gelderman, Berchem, Moses; Alan Pilch, ALP Engineering; Lisa Feinberg, Carmody Law; Erik Lindquist, Tighe & Bond; Kate Throckmorton, Environmental Land Solutions; Adam Henry, GZA Geoenvironmental; Samuel Fuller, Property Owner; William Kenny, William Kenny & Associates; Thomas Syrstad, Property Owner, Tim Geitz, Property Owner

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

II. COMMISSION ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES

Mr. Gelderman reviewed the Commissioner roles and responsibilities based on State Statutes and Town Regulations.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. WET#2714(S) FDSPIN 141 DR, LLC – 141 Danbury Road – proposed apartment complex with 173 units within a regulated area (cont.)

Mr. Conklin noted the start of the Public Hearing was in July, and this is the continuation of that hearing. He confirmed the Commission hired a Third-Party for Engineering project review.

Ms. Feinberg reminded the Commission about existing and proposed features.

Mr. Lindquist reviewed the Staff, Fire Marshal, and Third-Party Engineer comments. Mr. Pilch requested information about the porous pavement maintenance procedures.

Ms. Throckmorton reviewed the planting plan and wetland functions. Her plan includes bird houses, a bat house, and pollinator friendly plantings.

Mr. Henry described the testing they completed on the site and noted the criteria used to test for volatile compounds. The minor area where they found petroleum will be remediated during construction.

Ms. Feinberg noted they would provide a letter to the Commission for extension time and welcomes any other written comments as noted by Dr. Pinou.

With no further questions the Public Hearing was continued.

B. WET#2718(S) GALANTE – 93 West Meadow Road – “emergency” septic repair

Mr. Conklin noted the work started that day under a temporary permit.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to CLOSE the Public Hearing, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl, and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

Ms. Koechl MOVED to APPROVE WET#2718, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

C. WET#2723(S) ROSENBERG – 29 Crofoot Road – proposed addition and B100a in an upland review area

Ms. Throckmorton reviewed the plans for the addition over the existing driveway and reserve septic location. She noted the deck was built over a patio and there is no request to extend the lawn area.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to CLOSE the Public Hearing, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to APPROVE WET#2723 with normal Special Conditions, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

D. WET#2724(S) CT HUMANE SOCIETY – 863-875 Danbury Road – redevelopment of premises to include demo of existing on-site structures and construction of new single-story commercial building, parking, driveways, walkways, and associated improvements

Mr. Lee noted the Applicant requested a continuation of the Public Hearing to open on September 23, 2021.

IV. SHOW CAUSE HEARING

A. MITRIONE – 49 Rivergate Drive – removal of trees and understory and dumping of debris

Mr. Mitrione, on behalf of his parents, stated they did not realize the creek was protected land. They are willing to replant the area and remove the debris.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to MODIFY the CEASE & DESIST order to allow the owner to remove

the debris, seed the disturbed areas, and submit a “Corrective Action” Application by October 12, 2021 at 12 noon, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

- A. WET#2726(I) MCSPORRAN/SYRSTAD – 132 Range Road** – proposed construction of a barn and associated site improvements and plantings

Mr. Kenny reviewed the Application and noted grading is the only activity in the regulated area.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to APPROVE WET#2726, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

- A. WET#2729(S) JONAN/KALLCIU – 21 Grumman Hill Road** – proposed pond dredging
- B. WET#2722(I) BIGGS – 1078 Ridgefield Road** – “emergency” septic replacement
- C. WET#2735(I) PHILLIPS – 326 Thayer Pond Road** – “corrective action” to address unpermitted clearing, filling and grading being conducted within a regulated area
- D. WET#2736(S) ROY – 55 Hickory Hill Road** – proposed single-family residence and site improvements

Mr. Fischer MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2729, WET#2722, WET#2735, and WET#2736, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

VI. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

- A. WET#2728(M) FENNESSEY – 226 Nod Hill Road** – “after-the-fact” outdoor kitchen set on gravel bed 84 ft. from a watercourse
- B. WET#2730(M) HORMEL – 221 Millstone Road** – proposed 1,000-gallon LP tank, new condensers and piping 32 ft. from a watercourse
- C. WET#2731(M) VAZQUEZ – 96 Kent Road** – proposed removal of four trees within 4 ft. of an intermittent watercourse
- D. WET#2733(M) DZIK – 30 Mayapple Road** – “after-the-fact” removal of four trees 76 ft. from a watercourse

Mr. Conklin provided a brief review of the Minor Applications approved by Staff.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. WET#2696(I) GEITZ – 8 Seeley Road** – request to extend “Corrective Action” planting deadline from September 15, 2021 to October 15, 2021

Mr. Geitz noted that he is having issues purchasing materials from for his planting plan. He is now asking for an extension until November 1, 2021.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to EXTEND Planting Deadline to November 1, 2021, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. VIOLATIONS - None

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes July 22, 2021

Dr. Pinou MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2021, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XI. ADJOURN

Ms. Koechl MOVED to ADJOURN at 10:18 pm, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs