



MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID MEETING
January 13, 2022

PRESENT: Rick Stow, Chair, Penelope Koechl, Jeremi Bigosinski, Miriam Sayegh, Nick Lee

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Zen Herter, Environmental Analyst; Deanne Kulke, Property Owner; Jim Murphy, Gregory & Adams; Tom Ryder, LandTech; Tom Nelson, McChord Engineering; Kate Throckmorton, Environmental Land Solutions; Tom Quinn, Peak Engineers

ABSENT: Theodora Pinou (notified of intended absence)

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. SHOW CAUSE HEARING

A. KULKE – 860 Ridgefield Road – unauthorized clearing and earthwork within a wetland

Mr. Conklin provided an overview of the Cease & Desist placed on the site. He confirmed some clearing work was done and large boulders were being relocated within a wetland.

Ms. Kulke explained that she was trying to move boulders to rent the property. She stated she did not know about wetland regulations.

Mr. Lee MOVED to UPHOLD the Cease & Desist Order and require a Significant Inland Wetlands Application be submitted by February 28, 2022, SECONDED by Ms. Sayegh and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. WET#2736(S) ROY – 55 Hickory Hill Road – proposed single-family residence and associated site improvements (cont.)

Mr. Lee and Ms. Sayegh recused themselves for this hearing.

Mr. Murphy noted the plans have evolved through the hearing and reviewed the timing of the

application.

Mr. Ryder summarized the proposal and confirmed the wetlands were more extensive than originally understood. He reiterated there were no vernal pools or any threatened or endangered species on the site.

Mr. Nelson reviewed the evolution of the stormwater management features proposed on the site. He noted the Town Engineer is asking for a narrow berm which they can accommodate, as well as creating a driveway high point. He also confirmed there will be no stone work in the town's right-of-way.

Ms. Throckmorton confirmed her mitigation planting plan creates a buffer to protect the wetlands. She noted the latest proposal consolidates the activities on the site to prevent detrimental effects to the wetland.

Mr. Bigosinski asked for the rationale of the pool location with its proximity to the wetlands. Mr. Ryder noted the pool was reduced in size from the original submission and the buffer was increased in this area including a smaller lawn area to accommodate the pool.

Mr. Murphy confirmed the easement on the site does not require the owner to do anything, or prohibit them from doing anything per Mr. Conklin's inquiry.

Ms. Koechl asked about the number of bedrooms as the house plans originally stated six bedrooms and now shows 4 bedrooms. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Nelson responded by explaining the bedroom count of six is based on the Health Department and Septic System.

Ms. Koechl MOVED to CLOSE the Public Hearing and direct Staff to Draft a Resolution for the next meeting, SECONDED by Mr. Bigosinski and CARRIED 3-0-2 with Mr. Lee and Ms. Sayegh abstained.

B. WET#2759(S) MORENO – 269 Millstone Road – proposed addition, pool, patio, outdoor kitchen and shower, pervious pavement and plantings within an upland review area

Ms. Sayegh was re-seated at 8:41pm. Mr. Lee recused himself for this application.

Mr. Conklin noted the Conservation Commission will be holding a Special Meeting to discuss the Application so the Hearing will be held over for the next meeting.

Ms. Throckmorton reviewed the plans and the timing of the proposed activities. The planting plan includes ceasing of mowing in the area of the plantings. The addition is not within the upland review area.

Mr. Quinn stated he spoke to SNEW and they were amenable to the plan. He noted he was hired to design drainage due to some present issues with water. He reviewed the pre-treatment and water quality structures proposed.

Mr. Bigosinski asked if there was any data for a 100-year storm. Mr. Quinn confirmed he only looked at the 25-year storm for his planning.

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

Mr. Lee was re-seated at 9:11 pm.

V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED - None

VI. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

A. WET#2764(S) KELLY – 20 Deepwood Road – proposed pond dredging

B. WET#2765(I) DILETTUSO – 11 Millstone Road – “emergency” septic replacement

Ms. Koechl MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2764 and WET#2765, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

VII. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

A. WET#2753(M) GATLING – 247 Whipstick Road – proposed tree removal, vine and stump removal, removal of invasives and install generator and propane tank 80 ft. from wetlands

B. WET#2757(M) LEE – 15 Walnut Place – proposed generator and LP tank 45 ft. from a pond

C. WET#2761(M) PENNIMAN – 30 Liberty Street – proposed driveway widening, regrading, and removal of three trees 30 ft. from a watercourse

D. WET#2763(M) JSB REALTY, LLC – 25 Liberty Street – “after-the-fact” deck existing since 1985 40 ft. from a watercourse

E. WET#2755(M) TURCIOS – 359 Mountain Road – proposed deck 25 ft. from a wetland

F. WET#2760(M) HORMEL – 221 Millstone Road – proposed removal of three trees

G. WET#2762(M) SIEKE – 77 Pheasant Run Road – proposed installation of outdoor kitchen 59 ft. from a wetland

H. WET#2756(M) ERICKSON – 280 Mountain Road – proposed pool and patio 95 ft. from a wetland

I. WET#2766(M) YOVINE – 140 Catalpa Road – proposed underground propane tank and trenching 40 ft. from a watercourse

J. WET#2767(M) DELOIA – 84 Pine Ridge Road – proposed removal of 15 dead ash trees and remove felled trees to outside the regulated area

K. WET#2768(M) HERSCOVITCH – 451 Thayer Pond Road – “corrective action” to

address unauthorized gravel path 100 ft. from wetlands

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

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE - None

IX. NEW BUSINESS – None

X. VIOLATIONS

- A. FALTA – 20 Cheese Spring Road** – removal of eight trees and understory (Cease & Desist Issued 9/29/21 – Owner Waived Show Cause Hearing – Corrective Action Application due 11/9/21 – Letter sent with possible fines on 12/13/21 – Due Date 1/25/22)

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes December 9, 2021

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2021 as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 4-0-1 with Mr. Lee abstained as he was not present.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XIII. ADJOURN

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to ADJOURN at 9:18 pm, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs