



MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID MEETING
February 10, 2022

PRESENT: Miriam Sayegh (Vice Chair), Penelope Koechl, Jeremi Bigosinski, Nick Lee, Theodora Pinou

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Zen Herter, Environmental Analyst; Vikeneswan Balasubramaniam, Property Owner; Tracy Chalifoux, Tracy Chalifoux, LLC; Larry Stewart, iPark Norwalk II, LLC; Daniel Falta, Property Owner, Kate Throckmorton, Environmental Land Solutions, LLC

ABSENT: Rick Stow (notified of intended absence)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sayegh called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

II. SHOW CAUSE HEARING

A. WET#2513(S) BALASUBRAMANIAM – 29 Overidge Lane – Cease & Desist for Permit Violation

Mr. Herter explained the permit violation whereas soil and erosion controls have been routinely failing, and woody debris has been deposited within regulated area.

Mr. Balasubramaniam stated he is doing his best to comply with the permit and did not know he couldn't place the woody debris in that location. He confirmed he has seeded and hayed the site. He plans to add the haybales to back the silt fence within the next few days. He noted he is willing to remove the logs from the regulated area.

Mr. Lee MOVED to MODIFY the Cease & Desist to allow for removal of on-site debris piles and shore up soil and erosion controls by February 24, 2022, and if there is no compliance a \$500 fine will be imposed, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 5-0-0.

III. VIOLATION

A. WET#2735(I) PHILLIPS – 326 Thayer Pond Road – permit violation for missing Special Conditions deadline

Mr. Herter explained the permit and associated Special Conditions that were due to be completed on October 31, 2021 for a corrective action permit. He noted that the Agent from LandTech was contacted numerous times for assistance and had similar issues contacting the owner. The owner was urged to attend this meeting but did not appear.

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to ISSUE a \$500 fine if the Special Conditions, other than seeding, are not resolved by February 24, 2022 along with a referral to Town Counsel, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

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

Ms. Chalifoux explained the method proposed for dredging the pond. She noted the water column is unhealthy and a small pump in a pickup truck that suctions the muck will be utilized. The muck will be pulled into a geotextile tube where the water flows out and back into the pond. She also discussed the logistics of dredging and briefly described the impacts to aquatic life in the pond.

Mr. Bigosinski inquired whether bio-dredging would be appropriate in this case. He also asked that spoils not be more than 6 inches of soil as trees will die. Ms. Chalifoux noted this would be done in a way so water can drain away from the trees. Mr. Conklin added the owner was amenable to haul dredged materials off-site and he recommended constructing a forebay to easily clean out the area with a shovel once per year.

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

V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

A. WET#2769(M) iPARK – 1 Cannondale Way – “corrective action” permit for unauthorized removal of 15 trees, replanting 3 native canopy trees, and removing invasive vines

Mr. Stewart reviewed the plans to replant trees and remove invasive vines.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE the WET#2769, with normal Special Conditions and an additional Special Condition that plantings are installed by May 31, 2022, SECONDED by Ms. Sayegh and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

Mr. Lee MOVED to LIFT the Cease & Desist on the property, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

B. WET#2773(I) FALTA – 20 Cheese Spring Road – “corrective action” to address unauthorized removal of eight trees and understory

Ms. Throckmorton reviewed the proposed wetland restoration plan with 9 new trees and allowance for removal of vines. Mr. Conklin noted the stone wall was placed as a demarcation

for limit of disturbance when the property was developed. He added that the smaller area proposed to be meadow would be better served as shrub edge habitat.

Mr. Lee MOVED to MODIFY the Cease & Desist to allow for hand removal of invasive vines, SECONDED by Ms. Sayegh and CARRIED 5-0-0.

A revised plan with additional plantings was requested for the next meeting.

VI. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

A. WET#2775(I) SOUTHMAYD – 148 Westport Road – proposed removal of three standing dead trees, four live trees and invasives to replace rotting fence

B. WET#2777(I) WHITE – 12 Brandon Circle – proposed pool, spa, patio and associated site work

Mr. Lee MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2775, and WET#2777, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

VII. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES - None

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE - None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – None

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes January 27, 2022

Ms. Koechl noted that the correct wording for WET#2759 Moreno at 269 Millstone Road should be “non-grated” catch basin.

Ms. Sayegh asked that she be referred to as Vice Chair in the Heading of Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2022 as amended, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

XI. ADJOURN

Mr. Lee MOVED to ADJOURN at 9:55 pm, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs