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TOWN HALL 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

MEETING MINUTES HYBRID MEETING December 8, 2022

PRESENT: Rick Stow (Chair), Miriam Sayegh (Vice Chair), Jeremi Bigosinski, Penelope Koechl, Nick Lee, Frank Simone

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Christopher Rosado, Property Owner; Nick Vitiello, In2Blue Design

ABSENT: Theodora Pinou (notified of intended absence)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Stow called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

II. SHOW CAUSE HEARING

A. WET#2735(I) PHILLIPS – 326 Thayer Pond Road – failure to comply with Special Conditions of the Permit Resolution

Mr. Phillips was not in attendance. Mr. Conklin explained the situation. Commissioners discussed the situation and timeline. Staff will involve Town Counsel to obtain an injunction as there has been no communication relating to the violation and subsequent corrective action permit resolution; including special Conditions that were due in 2021.

Mr. Lee MOVED to UPHOLD the Cease & Desist Order, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to REFER the matter to Town Counsel for legal action, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

A. WET#2840(S) ROSADO - 138 Ridgefield Road - proposed in-ground pool and patio

Mr. Conklin explained the proposal for a pool in the rear yard in a current lawn area. There is wetland mitigation existing from the original development, such as boulder demarcation and plantings.

Mr. Rosado displayed the plans, confirmed the silt fence location, and answered questions from the Commissioners.

With no questions from the public, the Public Hearing was closed.

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to APPROVE WET#2840 with normal Special Conditions, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

IV. APPLICATIONS TO BE REVIEWED

A. WET#2841(I) TOWN OF WILTON – Arrowhead Road – bridge replacement (continued until January 12, 2023)

V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

A. WET#2845(S) STERNHEIM/GARDNER – 390 Ridgefield Road – proposed dam removal

Mr. Lee MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2845, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES - None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE - None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. WET#2794(S) KULKE – 860 Ridgefield Road – request for additional extension of planting deadline

Mr. Conklin noted Ms. Kulke has been trying to gain compliance with her plantings but is having issues with her septic installer. He recommended the Commission grant another extension as this is no fault of her own.

Mr. Lee MOVED to EXTEND the planting deadline to May 1, 2023, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes November 10, 2022

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2022 as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Sayegh and CARRIED 5-0-1 with Mr. Simone abstained as he was not present.

IX. VIOLATIONS

A. WET#2835(I) ROBLES – 114 Thunder Lake Road – lift Cease & Desist Order

Mr. Conklin confirmed he will work with Town Counsel on this issue as fines are still outstanding. No motions were made.

X. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Simone MOVED to KEEP the same Officers as 2022 with Mr. Stow as Chair, Ms. Sayegh As Vice Chair, and Ms. Koechl as Secretary, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

XI. 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

Ms. Koechl MOVED to APPROVE the 2023 Meeting Schedule as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Sayegh and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

XI. ADJOURN

Mr. Lee MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:04 pm, SECONDED by Mr. Bigosinski and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Liz Larkin Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs