



MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID MEETING
January 12, 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Jeff Yates, Trout Unlimited; Sam Gardner & Marci Sternheim, Property Owners; Gerald Berrafati, Trout Unlimited; Frank Smeriglio, Dept. of Public Works; Marc Byrnes, CT DOT; Scott Young, CHA Consulting; Tom Sawtelle, CHA Consulting; Mark Sorosiak, LaurelRock

ABSENT: Rick Stow (notified of intended absence)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sayegh called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

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

Mr. Yates advised that Trout Unlimited is working with the property owners to remove the existing dam to allow for fish passage which will improve ecosystem health. This removal would be an example for other properties that have dams upstream. He addressed comments from the Department of Public Works and the Conservation Commission.

Ms. Sternheim and Mr. Gardner expressed their willingness to create features within the stream while increasing the health of the stream.

Mr. Bigosinski asked questions about the process and documentation of the habitat which Mr. Yates addressed.

With no questions from the public, the Public Hearing was kept open for SNEW comments.

III. APPLICATIONS TO BE REVIEWED

A. WET#2841(I) TOWN OF WILTON – Arrowhead Road – bridge replacement

Mr. Smeriglio confirmed this bridge was regularly inspected by the State and needs to be replaced.

Mr. Young explained the details of the structure, the associated wetlands, and the bridge replacement plan.

Mr. Bigosinski asked questions of the Agents such as timing and age of the bridge, which were addressed.

Ms. Koechl MOVED to APPROVE WET#2841 with normal Special Conditions and an additional Special Condition that Town Staff will oversee the field location of mitigation plants, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

- A. WET#2847(I) SMITH – 52 Grey Rocks Road** – proposed pool with site work 90 ft. from wetlands, driveway reconfiguration 85 ft. from wetlands and B100a

Mr. Lee MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2847, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

- A. WET#2837(M) CYPRESS ENTERPRISES – 115 Pine Ridge Road** – replace two existing condensers and add a third 40 ft. from a wetland
- B. WET#2842(M) MORELLO – 31 Carriage Road** – proposed removal of non-native invasive plants with a one-to-one replacement of native plants
- C. WET#2843(M) SMITH – 52 Grey Rocks Road** – proposed installation of in-ground swimming pool outside regulated area with patio 92 ft. from a wetland
- D. WET#2844(M) CHRISTIANSON – 51 Cherry Lane** – “after-the-fact” two A/C condensers 32 ft. from a wetland
- E. WET#2846(M) CUTLER – 7 Rockhouse Road** – proposed generator 25 ft. from a wetland

Mr. Conklin provided a brief description of the Minor activities approved by Staff.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. KISHIDA/VALENTINE – 95 Cheese Spring Road** – jurisdictional determination for farming exemption

Mr. Conklin noted this request was withdrawn by the Owner.

B. WET#2802(I) AMADEO – 101 Silver Spring Road – proposed permit amendment for modification of the driveway layout

Mr. Conklin explained the Owner wishes to change the driveway location.

Mr. Sorosiak described the new location which will move the driveway farther from the resource.

Mr. Lee MOVED to MODIFY WET#2802 and incorporate the newly submitted plans as the final plans, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes December 8, 2022

Ms. Koechl MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2022 as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Sayegh and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

IX. VIOLATIONS

A. GAVURA – 220 Wolfpit Road – unauthorized clearing and debris within a regulated area (Cease & Correct Order issued January 6, 2023 with Minor Corrective Action Application due by January 24, 2023 as owner waived Show Cause Hearing)

Mr. Conklin explained the violation and noted a Minor Permit Application is due prior to the next meeting.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

XI. ADJOURN

Mr. Lee MOVED to ADJOURN at 9:00 pm, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs