



MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID MEETING
January 26, 2023

PRESENT: Rick Stow (Chair), Miriam Sayegh (Vice Chair), Jeremi Bigosinski, Frank Simone

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Zen Herter, Environmental Analyst; Feliks & Iryna Krut, Property Owners; Sam Gardner, Property Owner; Gerald Berrafati, Trout Unlimited; Kate Throckmorton, Environmental Land Solutions, LLC; Allan Broadbent; Broadbent Design Studio

ABSENT: Nick Lee and Penelope Koechl (notified of intended absences)

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

A. VALENTIN – 573 Nod Hill Road – unauthorized removal of nine trees

Mr. Herter explained the violation and timeframe. No owner or agent appeared at the meeting.

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to UPHOLD the Cease & Desist and require the Owner to submit a “Corrective Action” Application by 12 noon on February 21, 2023, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 4-0-0.

B. KRUT – 134 Deforest Road – unauthorized removal of sixteen trees

Mr. Herter explained the violation and timeframe.

Mr. Krut stated the trees were dead and they were concerned about falling branches on the property, risking life and structures. He advised that he called the Town to ask for the procedure but never received a call back. Mr. Conklin responded that he was not contacted by the property owners at any time.

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to UPHOLD the Cease & Desist and require the Owners to submit a “Corrective Action” Application by 12 noon on February 21, 2023, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 4-0-0.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

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

Mr. Stow noted SNEW has requested more time to review the Application as a Third-Party Consultant has been hired for this purpose.

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

IV. APPLICATIONS TO BE REVIEWED

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

Ms. Throckmorton described the project and mitigation proposed. The B100a was explained. Mr. Bigosinski asked questions about the pump system which were addressed.

Mr. Bigosinski MOVED to APPROVE WET#2847 with normal Special Conditions, SECONDED by Ms. Sayegh and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

A. WET#2848(I) CROMWELL – 23 Nod Hill Road – proposed septic replacement

B. WET#2850(M) GAVURA – 220 Wolfpit Road – “corrective action” to address unauthorized clearing and debris within a wetland

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2848, and WET#2850, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES - None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE - None

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes January 12, 2023

Mr. Simone MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2023 as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Sayegh and CARRIED 3-0-1 with Mr. Stow abstained as he was not present.

IX. VIOLATIONS - None

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

XI. ADJOURN

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:13 pm, SECONDED by Mr. Bigosinski and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs