



MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID MEETING
February 9, 2023

PRESENT: Rick Stow (Chair), Penelope Koechl, Jeremi Bigosinski, Frank Simone

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Megan Palladino, Palladino Septic; Ralph Palladino, Palladino Septic; Stefan & Ewa Gavura, Property Owners

ABSENT: Nick Lee and Miriam Sayegh (notified of intended absences)

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING

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

Mr. Conklin confirmed that SNEW comments were received for this Application and the statutory timeframe for the application is at an end.

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

Commissioners agreed this is a wetland enhancement. A spill response plan is recommended as a Condition per SNEW's request.

Ms. Koechl MOVED to APPROVE WET#2845 with normal Special Conditions and additional Special Conditions that a spill response plan and spill containment materials remain on site, staff shall supervise the location of buffer plantings, and proper soil and erosion controls shall be installed prior to construction and remain in place until vegetation is re-established, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

III. APPLICATIONS TO BE REVIEWED

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

Mr. Palladino stated the system is on the verge of failing and the owner would like to voluntarily

replace it in the same area as the existing system. The 75' well radius cannot contain a septic system so the back yard is not conducive.

Ms. Koechl MOVED to APPROVE WET#2848 with normal Special Conditions, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

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

Mr. Conklin confirmed the owners have been responsive to the notice of violation. He suggested placing due dates for plantings and debris to be removed.

Mr. Gavura stated the debris has been removed. They agreed to plant prior to the end of May 2023.

Ms. Koechl MOVED to LIFT the Cease & Desist Order on 220 Wolfpit Road and APPROVE WET#2850 with Normal Conditions and additional Special Conditions to remove woody debris and install plantings by May 31, 2023, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 4-0-0.

IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

A. WET#2851(I) XIE – 105 Nod Hill Road – proposed pool installation

B. WET#2852(I) ALDAIA/HICKMAN – 81 McFadden Drive – proposed addition and B100a

C. WET#2853(S) FASANO – 104 Kellogg Drive – proposed addition, new septic tank, stormwater management system, and B100a

D. WET#2855(S) THE GROSSMAN COMPANIES, INC. – 372, 378, and 380 Danbury Road – proposed redevelopment of parcels to include razing existing buildings, creation of new parking lot with stormwater management

Ms. Koechl MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2851, WET#2852, WET#2853 and WET#2855, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

A. WET#2849(M) POIRIER – 40 Twin Oak Lane – bury electrical line, two additions, add steps to front porch, bluestone patio, and B100a

Mr. Conklin provided a brief explanation of the Minor Permit issued by Staff.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE - None

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes January 26, 2023

Mr. Simone MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2023 as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 3-0-1 with Ms. Koechl abstained as she was not present.

IX. VIOLATIONS

A. VALENTIN – 573 Nod Hill Road – unauthorized removal of nine trees (Cease & Desist Upheld January 26, 2023; Corrective Action Application due February 21, 2023)

Mr. Conklin stated the Owner claimed he did not receive notice of the Show Cause Hearing so the Commission agreed to have another hearing on March 9, 2023.

B. KRUT – 134 Deforest Road – unauthorized removal of sixteen trees (Cease & Desist Upheld January 26, 2023; Corrective Action Application due February 21, 2023)

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

XI. ADJOURN

Mr. Bigosinski MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:07 pm, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs