



MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID MEETING
March 23, 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Harry Rocheville, McChord Engineering Associates; Janet Brooks, Attorney; Dan Valentine & Makiko Kishida, Property Owners

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to SWITCH the Agenda to review WET#2864(I) XIE – 105 Nod Hill Road as the first order of business for the evening, SECONDED by Mr. Bigosinski and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

II. APPLICATIONS TO BE REVIEWED

A. WET#2864(I) XIE – 105 Nod Hill Road – proposed pool installation

Mr. Conklin explained the permit was approved at a previous meeting but was deemed incomplete as the water company was not notified as required.

Mr. Lee noted he was at the site today and they have started work. He noted there were some issues with the silt fence failing.

Without confirmation from the water company, the review was held open.

Mr. Lee MOVED to SWITCH the Agenda, moving through the Agenda and hearing Valentine/Kishida 95 Cheese Spring Road as the last order of business, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

III. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS

A. WET#2859(I) KRUT – 134 Deforest Road – modify permit approval to include due date for planting installation

Mr. Conklin noted the approval was granted at the last meeting but no due date for plantings was included.

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to MODIFY the Wetland Permit approval for WET#2859 Krut to require the restoration planting plan be installed no later than June 1, 2023, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

- A. WET#2865(I) iPARK NORWALK II, LLC – 1 Cannondale Way** – proposed installation of bioretention stormwater systems and repaving over existing pavement for proposed hotel construction
- B. WET#2867(I) ULEHLA – 17 Azalea Lane** – proposed hot tub, patio expansion, and B100a
- C. WET#2868(I) WIELGOSZEWSKI – 27 Woodland Place** – proposed plunge pool with associated deck and propane tank installation
- D. WET#2869(S) RIVERBROOK REGIONAL YMCA – 404 Danbury Road** – proposed bridge replacement

Mr. Lee MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2865, WET#2867, WET#2868, and WET#2869, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes March 9, 2023

Ms. Koechl asked that the March 9th Minutes be amended with the following:

For Valentin Show Cause Hearing at 573 Nod Hill Road - *Instead of Mr. Lee **confirmed** the pines were not potentially hazardous and not in any danger to fall." Instead, can we say: "It was his professional opinion that...?"*

Ms. Koechl MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2023 with the amendment as read into the record by Mr. Bigosinski, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED 5-0-1 with Ms. Sayegh abstained as she was not present.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. VALENTINE/KISHIDA – 95 Cheese Spring Road – determination of farming exemption

Ms. Brooks explained the exemption criteria and the role of the Commission for this request.

Mr. Valentine expressed his request to have a hobby farm on the site. He confirmed they are not proposing any work within the wetlands.

Mr. Conklin communicated the advice he received by Town Counsel, Peter Gelderman, that this would fall under the criteria as a farming exemption.

Ms. Koechl asked questions about the layout and safety of the animals held in the barn as an equestrian since childhood. Mr. Bigosinski read requirements from the Regulations.

Commissioners agreed that Mr. Gelderman should be present to answer questions they have that are outstanding prior to making a ruling.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

XI. ADJOURN

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:46 pm, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 6-0-0 with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs