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TOWN HALL
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MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID MEETING
May 11, 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Harry Rocheville, McChord Engineering Associates; Kate Throckmorton, Environmental Land Solutions, LLC; Kyle Pustola, Pustola & Associates; Edward Montoya, J.A.M. Landscaping; Jesse & Emily Casinelli, Property Owners

ABSENT: Penelope Koechl (notified of intended absence)

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. WET#2869(S) RIVERBROOK REGIONAL YMCA – 404 Danbury Road – proposed bridge replacement (cont.)

Mr. Rocheville stated he has been communicating with the Department of Public Works to address open issues from the last hearing. Mr. Conklin confirmed all outstanding questions have been addressed.

Ms. Throckmorton stated the revised planting plan includes better spacing for the larger shade trees and confirmed the proposed lighting is dark sky compliant.

With no further questions or concerns, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Bigosinski MOVED to APPROVE WET#2869 with normal special Conditions and additional special Conditions that the town engineers' memo is followed, and the lighting fixtures have a low blue cutoff if available by the manufacturer, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

B. WET#2863(S) 144 HUCKLEBERRY HILL ROAD, LLC – 144 Huckleberry Hill Road – proposed replacement of water pump chamber box, install a 12” bypass culvert below

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existing weir, and deepen adjoining areas of Parting Brook (cont.)

Ms. Throckmorton reminded the Commission that the Hearing was left open for Conservation Commission review. There were no conservation related comments.

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

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE WET#2863 with normal special Conditions, SECONDED by Ms. Sayegh and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

III. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

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 (cont.)

Mr. Pustola confirmed most questions have been addressed with the Town Engineer however, they have not finalized the revised stormwater report.

Mr. Bigosinski asked questions about lighting specifications. Mr. Pustola noted he would confirm with the architect and report back.

With no further questions or comments, the Application was continued.

B. WET#2874(I) FRANK – 111 Chestnut Hill Road – proposed tiered patio to include barbeque, dining, and lounging areas

Mr. Montoya explained the proposed tiered patio. Mr. Conklin confirmed the plantings would not be required to be bonded. The Applicant should submit a plan that includes soil & erosion controls.

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to APPROVE WET#2874 with normal special conditions and additional special condition to submit a sediment and erosion control plan to be approved by Staff, SECONDED by Mr. Bigosinski and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

C. WET#2875(I) CASINELLI – 44 Forest Lane – proposed additions and alterations to single-family residence

Mr. Casinelli explained the additions they propose to their single-family home which is slab on grade with soil and erosion measures in place. The Commissioners asked questions about the septic system and B100a and mitigation planting requirements.

Mr. Simone MOVED to APPROVE WET#2875 with normal special Conditions, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

VII. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED - None

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes Discussion and Approval

Mr. Simone MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2023, SECONDED by Mr. Bigosinski and CARRIED 4-0-1 with Mr. Lee abstained as he was not present.

Commissioners discussed the process for revisions to minutes. Mr. Stow asked that revised verbiage be reviewed by the members prior to the next meeting. Ms. Sayegh asked that her two sentences she emailed to the Commission are added to the motion for the April 13th Meeting. Mr. Simone stated the revised text should be included. Mr. Bigosinski stated he and Mr. Koechl received a revised verbiage email from Ms. Larkin.

Mr. Conklin reviewed the process by which revisions to the posted minutes are proposed by Commissioners. Commissioners are to email language for proposed revisions to Liz Larkin. Ms. Larkin will copy and paste the proposed changes in the following meeting's minutes.

Mr. Conklin reviewed town counsel's directive that the Commissioners should not be engaging in group emails and should direct all questions and concerns to staff. Any questions or concerns should be discussed in a public meeting forum and not in an email.

Ms. Sayegh asked that proposed changes are sent to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. Mr. Simone asked that the changes are "tracked" for ease of use.

Ms. Sayegh asked that her two revisions are incorporated into the vote for the April 13th Meeting Minutes:

*[Ms. Sayegh] request to move the motion in 2 votes since there were 2 parts to it; namely,
1 - the farming exemption; and 2- the filing of a formal notice on the land records.*

And

[Ms. Sayegh] indicated that she was for the farming exemption but did not think the Commission had the authority for the filing.

The vote for the April 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes will take place at the May 25th Meeting of the Commission.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

XI. ADJOURN

Mr. Lee MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:32 pm, SECONDED by Mr. Bigosinski and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs