



MEETING MINUTES
HYBRID MEETING
August 10, 2023

PRESENT: Rick Stow (Chair), Jeremi Bigosinski, Nick Lee, Frank Simone

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Tracy Chalifoux, Tracy Chalifoux, LLC; Steven Trinkaus, Trinkaus Engineering; Tom Quinn, Peak Engineers

ABSENT: Miriam Sayegh & Penelope Koechl (notified of intended absences)

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. WET#2885(S) CRUZ – 5 Wilton Woods Road – proposed in-ground pool and associated activities, expansion of gravel drive, new curb cut, relocation of shed, and remove invasive vegetation

Ms. Chalifoux explained the proposal for the pool, pool equipment, extended gravel driveway, and their relation to the wetlands. Invasive species removal is proposed including replanting four (4) native trees, 21 native shrubs, and 65 perennials to prohibit invasives from growing back. The buffer enhancement area is 2,500 sq. ft. in area which enhances the ecological functions of the wetland.

Mr. Trinkaus noted he was involved with the original septic installation in the 1990s. He confirmed there are two (2) yard drains in the driveway that currently send runoff to a Cultec system. The new patio area runoff will permeate through the lawn prior to going into the Silvermine River.

Sharon Maharg, of 911 Ridgefield Road, asked questions on the timeline of the construction. Ms. Chalifoux stated it would take three to four months to complete. Ms. Maharg asked about traffic and noise during construction. Mr. Simone stated it was important for the construction vehicles to adhere to the one-way driving on Wilton Woods Road.

Mr. Lee suggested the construction sequence be revised for the driveway to be extended first, and then install the pool which would alleviate parking issues and allow for material delivery.

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

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE WET#2885 with normal Special Conditions and the additional special Condition that the plan be altered to indicate the sequence of construction for the driveway to be extended prior to pool installation, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

III. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

- A. WET2888(I) ULLMAN – 427 Thayer Pond Road** – removal of then (10) healthy trees and one dead birch tree within a regulated area

The Applicant requested a continuation until the September 14th Meeting of the Commission.

IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

- A. WET#2894(S) ASML US, LLC – 77 Danbury Road** – proposed additions, reconfigure existing driveway, new truck loading area, expansion of site area, reconfigure existing stormwater basin, new flood plain compensatory storage, new stormwater treatments, and mitigation plantings

- B. WET#2895(S) WALKER – 354 Thayer Pond Road** – proposed construction of a single-family residence serviced with septic system and well within an upland review area

Mr. Lee MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2894 and WET#2895, and schedule for the next available meeting, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

- A. WET#2889(M) SHEEHY – 58 Branch Brook Road** – proposed removal of invasives within a regulated area

Mr. Herter reviewed the above Minor Application approved since the last meeting.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE - None

VII. VIOLATIONS

- A. WET#2781(S) A-E CUSTOM BUILDERS – 425 Ridgefield Road** – review Cease & Desist Order, requirements from last meeting, new remediation plan, sediment and erosion control plans, and neighbor letter

Mr. Herter reported that Mike Conklin visited the site and confirmed the soil and erosion measures have been satisfactorily resolved.

Mr. Quinn explained he drew the plans for the original approval for the new residence but was not involved in the clearing activities. He confirmed he has visited the site after a large rainfall

and the silt fence was in good shape. The additional row of silt fence was installed in lieu of hay bales which were not readily available. Mr. Quinn asked permission to install waddles across the watercourse every 35 ft. starting at the low end of the property to avoid transport of sediment, and sand bags will be added to keep the waddles down to avoid any erosion in the watercourse.

Mr. Bigosinski MOVED to LIFT the Cease & Desist Order for A-E Custom Builders/Alex Etemadfar at 425 Ridgefield Road with the conditions that a planting plan will be submitted and reviewed by staff for approval, approve the installation of waddles in the watercourse with sand bags, a weekly site monitor will be hired, erosion measures are to be maintained, and owner must follow the original approved plan going forward, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Special Site Walk Meeting Minutes July 25, 2023

Mr. Simone MOVED to APPROVE the Special Site Walk Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2023 as drafted, SECONDED by Mr. Stow and CARRIED 2-0-2 with Mr. Lee and Mr. Bigosinski abstained as they were not present.

B. Meeting Minutes July 27, 2023

Mr. Simone MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2023 as drafted, SECONDED by Mr. Bigosinski and CARRIED 3-0-1 with Mr. Lee abstaining as he was not present.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

VIII. ADJOURN

Mr. Lee MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:25 pm, SECONDED by Mr. Simone and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs