



MEETING MINUTES
ELECTRONIC ZOOM MEETING
September 10, 2020

PRESENT: Elizabeth Craig (Chair), Scott Fischer, Nick Lee, Mike Whitted

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Nick Bamonte, Berchem Moses, P.C.; Edward Montoya, JAM Landscaping; Dean Pushlar, Landscape Architect; Marc Gueron, Property Owner; Lynn & Peter Dey, Property Owners; Tom Quinn, Peak Engineers; Chris Montanaro, Property Owner

ABSENT: Ms. Mandel, Ms. Avallone and Mr. Stow (notified of intended absences)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Craig called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. Mr. Conklin advised Nick Bamonte of Town Counsel is in attendance for the meeting.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

The Agenda was scrambled to allow time for Mr. Gueron to arrive on-line.

A. WET#2642(I) CAPUANO – 129 Ruscoe Road – “corrective action” for proposed removal of trees and grading for expansion of lawn

Mr. Montoya explained the violation and stated he has hired a landscape architect to create a mitigation planting plan for approval. Mr. Pushlar agreed that the plantings can be installed prior to October 15, 2020.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to APPROVE WET#2642 with normal Conditions, Normal Special Conditions, and the additional Special Condition that the planting plan will be installed and inspected by staff on or before October 15, 2020, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED 4-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Lee in favor and Mr. Whitted in favor.

B. WET#2637(M) MNG PROPERTIES, LLC – 24-34 Cannon Road – “corrective action” to address unauthorized removal of trees in a regulated area (cont.)

Ms. Craig stated the planting plan submitted is not robust enough. Mr. Lee noted the removed trees were very weak and planting new trees would not block the river view from the restaurant as testified by Mr. Gueron.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE WET#2637 with normal Conditions, Normal Special Conditions, and additional Special Conditions that three (3) trees 1 ¾ - 2-inch caliper replanted with the location of the third tree to be located with Staff assistance, and all mitigation plantings must be installed no later than May 31, 2021, SECONDED by Mr. Whitted and CARRIED 4-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Whitted and Mr. Lee in favor.

C. WET#2644(I) DEY – 71 Chicken Street – proposed additions and alterations to single-family home within a regulated area

Mrs. Dey explained the proposal and wetlands on the site. She noted that there are some dead trees she would like to get permission to remove.

Ms. Fischer MOVED to APPROVE WET#2644, with normal Conditions, normal Special Conditions and the additional Special Conditions that the Applicant include the B100a and the removal of five (5) dead trees around a vernal pool in their permit, SECONDED by Mr. Whitted and CARRIED 4-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Whitted, and Mr. Lee in favor.

D. WET#2645(I) GIRALDO – 38 Bittersweet Trail – proposed excavation of slope and construction of retaining wall and patio within a regulated area

Mr. Quinn explained the proposal and the engineering on the site.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE WET#2645, with normal Conditions, normal Special Conditions and the additional Special Condition that one (1) additional shadblow bush be planted at 3 - 4 ft. in height, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 4-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Whitted, and Mr. Lee in favor.

E. WET#2646(I) KANNRY/DENEGA – 166 Millstone Road – proposed reset of existing terrace, relocate existing sheds, remove solid front walk and add stepping stone walk, add firepit and council ring, realign parking area, and future pool and terrace

With no presenter in attendance, the hearing was continued.

V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

- A. WET#2643(I) LORIG – 269 Millstone Road** – “corrective action” to address unpermitted filling in a regulated area
- B. WET#2652(I) GUEST/RICCA – 23 Coley Road** – regrade portion of rear yard and construct retaining wall
- C. WET#2653(M) TOMAS – 6 Appletree Lane** - proposed new single-family residence and associated improvements within a regulated area

Mr. Lee MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2643, WET#2652, WET#2653, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 4-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Whitted, and Mr. Lee in favor.

VI. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

- A. WET#2647(M) BOOK – 13 Valeview Road** – proposed clearing of declining trees and invasive underbrush within a regulated area
- B. WET#2613(M) DIAO – 319 Mountain Road** – proposed tree removal in a regulated area
- C. WET#2648(M) MURPHY – 222 Mountain Road** – proposed shed within a regulated area
- D. WET#2649(M) BAER – 28 Surrey Glen** – proposed generator and 3 120-gallon propane tanks within a regulated area

Mr. Conklin provided a brief background of the above permits that were issued by Staff.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. WET#2280 (S) MONTANARO – Wampum Hill Road (Assessor's Map#9, Lot#6)** – request to run overhead electric lines in lieu of underground lines

Mr. Montanaro explained the neighborhood has above-ground utilities and he would like to continue with this amendment to his existing permit. He argued that it will ensure less disturbance to the wetland. Mr. Lee stated the Land Trust should be invited to look at this request as abutting neighbors.

Mr. Conklin will check with Town Counsel to decide if a new Public Hearing is warranted.

VIII. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS - None

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Special Meeting Minutes August 27, 2020

Mr. Fischer MOVED to APPROVE the Special Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2020 as drafted, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED 4-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Lee in favor, and Mr. Whitted in favor.

X. ADJOURN

Mr. Whitted MOVED to ADJOURN at 9:34pm, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED 4-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Lee in favor, and Mr. Whitted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs