



MEETING MINUTES
ELECTRONIC ZOOM MEETING
October 8, 2020

PRESENT: Elizabeth Craig (Chair), Nick Lee, Kathie Mandel, Rick Stow, Claudia Avallone

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Nancy King, Seventy Acres Landscape Architecture; Steven & Meredith Lorig, Property Owners; Steve DiNapoli, Big East Environmental; Anna Rycenga, Westport Conservation Staff; Pat Sullivan, Cohen & Wolf

ABSENT: Scott Fischer & Mike Whitted (notified of intended absences)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Craig called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Mr. Conklin reviewed the rules of the Meeting.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

A. 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 (cont.)

Ms. King provided highlights of the planting plan requested at the last hearing.

Mr. Stow MOVED to APPROVE WET#2646 with normal Special Conditions, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Lee in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Ms. Mandel in favor, and Ms. Avallone in favor.

B. WET#2643(I) LORIG – 269 Millstone Road – “corrective action” to address unpermitted filling in a regulated area (cont.)

Nick Lee recused himself from this application.

Mr. DiNapoli explained the Black Cherry was not undermined by fill and confirmed the plan to remove the fill back to original grade. Once the fill is removed, top soil will be added and the area will be seeded.

The Commissioners discussed demarcation and plantings. The shrubs shall be 3 – 4 ft. tall and trees 2 ½ in caliper and two-man boulders 15 ft. on center.

Ms. Avallone MOVED to APPROVE WET#2643 with normal Conditions, normal Special Conditions, and the additional Special Conditions as follows: a revised planting plan be submitted for staff approval that includes five (5) pin oak trees at 2.5” caliper, five (5) cranberry bushes, or grey dogwood shrubs, at 3’-4’ in size and 2-man boulders installed 15’ on center along the wetland boundary line, and all of the restoration work and planting plan shall be installed no later than October 31, 2020. The motion was SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 4-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor, Ms. Mandel in favor and Mr. Stow in favor.

Mr. Lee was re-seated.

V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED - None

VI. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

A. WET#2655(M) RECCHIA – 26 Appletree Lane – proposed extension to existing shed within a regulated area

Mr. Conklin provided a brief description of the above Minor Permit that was issued by Staff.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. WET#2613(M) DIAO – 319 Mountain Road - request to remove an additional tree within a regulated area

Mr. Lee testified that he visited the site and the tree was very dead. The Commissioners agreed that the tree should be removed for safety reasons.

VIII. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS - None

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –Meeting Minutes September 24, 2020

Ms. Mandel MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2020 as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Mr. Lee in favor, Ms. Mandel in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, and Ms. Avallone in favor.

X. ADJOURN

Mr. Lee MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:19pm, SECONDED by Mr. Stow and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Lee in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor, Ms. Mandel in favor and Mr. Stow in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs

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***Minutes have not been reviewed by this Board and may be subject to revision in future minutes**