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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**HYBRID MEETING**  
**April 28, 2022**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Avelino Robles, Property Owner, Patrick Davidson, Property Owner, Kate Throckmorton, Environmental Land Solutions, LLC, Tom Quinn, Peak Engineering, Buck Miller, Resident, Gregory Maroun, Miracle Farms Nursery, Peter Stern, Robert Grippando, Property Owner, Neel Parekh, Property Owner, Dell Rodrigues, Ginny Bloomquist

**ABSENT:** Theodora Pinou (not notified of intended absence)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Stow called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

**II. SHOW CAUSE HEARING**

**A. ROBLES – 114 Thunder Lake Road** – unauthorized removal of eighteen (18) trees and placement of a concrete pad without a permit

Mr. Conklin provided background on the violation. Mr. Robles explained the work he completed and noted he is working with a landscape architect to replace the trees in the best manner.

Mr. Lee MOVED to UPHOLD the Cease & Desist Order and require Mr. Robles to submit a corrective action permit application by noon on May 24, 2022, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

**B. ALLAM – 271 Cannon Road** – unauthorized placement of drainage pipe under driveway and earthwork in a wetland (Property Owner Requested to Appear for Show Cause Hearing on May 12, 2022)

Mr. Conklin explained Mr. Allam submitted a request to move the Show Cause Hearing to May 12, 2022.

Mr. Lee MOVED to RESCHEDULE the Show Cause Hearing for 271 Cannon Road to May 12, 2022, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 4-0-0 with all in favor.

### **III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **A. WET#2781(S) DAVIDSON/MUELLER – 425 Ridgefield Road – proposed construction of a single-family dwelling**

Ms. Sayegh joined the meeting. Mr. Davidson explained the proposed project and introduced his team members. Ms. Throckmorton explained the existing site conditions and reviewed the proposed landscape plan. Mr. Quinn explained the proposed site engineering plans.

Mr. Lee recommended the applicant consider using the previously approved project file as an alternative to this application. Mr. Quinn reviewed the alternative plan submitted as part of the application. Commissioners asked several questions which were fielded by Mr. Quinn and Ms. Throckmorton.

Buck Miller, neighbor, spoke in the public hearing. He stated his concern about the location of the proposed driveway in relationship to his property line. He asked if the driveway could be moved. Mr. Conklin advised Mr. Miller that the Commission focuses on matters that may affect wetlands and watercourses. Mr. Bigosinski explained to Mr. Miller that his concern would be something handled by Planning & Zoning.

The public hearing was held open to be continued on May 12, 2022.

### **IV. APPLICATIONS TO BE REVIEWED**

#### **A. WET#2787(I) KRESS – 142 Hurlbutt Street – proposed in-ground pool, spa, and removal of four dead trees**

Gregory Maroun of Miracle Farms Nursery AKA Stecks explained the proposal. A brief discussion about the site ensued between the Commission, Mr. Maroun and Mr. Conklin.

Ms. Koechl MOVED to APPROVE WET#2787 for Kress at 142 Hurlbutt Street with the normal Special Conditions, SECONDED by Ms. Sayegh and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

#### **B. WET#2788(I) GRIPPANDO – 35 Cavalry Hill Road – proposed addition with crawl space and patio for an in-home office**

Robert Grippando, Property Owner and Peter Stern, Contractor explained the project. Mr. Lee asked about the silt fencing and soil stock piles. Mr. Stern was amenable to working with staff to sketch the sediment and erosion controls on the plans if it was a special condition of an approval.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE WET#2788 for Grippando at 35 Cavalry Hill Road with normal Special Conditions and the additional Special Condition that the plan be revised to

include erosion control measures for approval by staff, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

Mr. Lee MOVED to SCRAMBLE the meeting agenda to move WET#2791 before WET#2789, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

**C. WET#2791(I) PAREKH – 453-455 Newtown Turnpike – proposed pool installation**

Neel Parekh, Property Owner, Dell Rodrigues, and Ginny Blomquist explained the pool construction project. They explained the pool construction, new stormwater drainage features and reviewed the sediment and erosion controls shown on the drainage plans.

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to APPROVE WET#2791 for Parekh at 453-455 Newtown Turnpike with the normal Special Conditions, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

**D. WET#2789(I) TOWN OF WILTON – Schenck’s Island (Assessor’s Map#72 Lot#14) – parking lot and electrical improvements**

Mr. Conklin reviewed the proposed plans for the parking lot and electrical improvements. He also reviewed the trees to be removed and new trees that are proposed to be planted. Mr. Bigosinski asked about the type of lighting that was proposed and the bollards proposed around the parking spaces.

Ms. Sayegh MOVED to APPROVE WET#2789 for Town of Wilton at Schenck’s Island with the normal Special Conditions and the additional Special Conditions that reflectors will be installed on the parking bollards and the proposed lighting will be Dark Sky compliant, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

**V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED - None**

**V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES**

- A. WET#2790(M) ELLIS – 213 New Canaan Road – proposed relocation of two LP tanks 10 ft. and trench for line**
- B. WET#2786(M) PILLAI – 38 Kingdom Ridge Road – regrading a portion of wetland buffer and installation of stormwater discharge pipes**

Mr. Conklin provided a brief description of the minor Applications approved by Staff.

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS – None**

## **VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **A. Meeting Minutes April 14, 2022**

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2022 as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Sayegh and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

## **IX. VIOLATIONS**

**A. KULKE – 860 Ridgefield Road** – unauthorized clearing and earthwork (Cease & Desist Upheld 1/13/22 – Corrective Action Application due 2/28/22 – Extension Granted 3/10/22 – New Due Date April 12, 2022 – Second Extension Granted 4/14/22 – New Due date May 10, 2022)

## **X. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

## **XI. ADJOURN**

Mr. Lee MOVED to ADJOURN at 9:40 pm, SECONDED by Ms. Koechl and CARRIED 5-0-0 with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mike Conklin  
Director of Environmental Affairs