



MINUTES

November 14, 2019

PRESENT: Elizabeth Craig (Chair), Kathie Mandel, Nick Lee, Rick Stow, Michael Witted

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary; Liz Suchy, Carmody, Torrence, Sandak & Hennessey; Deborah Brancato, Carmody, Torrence, Sandak & Hennessey; Tom Quinn, Peak Engineers, LLC; Beth Evans, Evans & Associates; Alan Pilch, ALP Engineering; Joe Polito, Polito Builders
Pete Romano, LandTech; Chris Allen, LandTech; Gene Nazzaro; Nazzaro, Inc.; Kate Throckmorton, Environmental Land Solutions, LLC; Gary Foster, Neighbor; Jacob Inthapannha, Neighbor; Lawson McWhorter, Neighbor; Amy McWhorter, Neighbor; Roxane Witke, Neighbor; Adele Socci; Neighbor; James Spielman, Neighbor

ABSENT: Scott Fischer & Claudia Avallone (notified of intended absences)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Craig called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm and welcomed the new Commissioner, Michael Witted.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. WET#2586(S) CANNONWOODS, LLC – Cannon Road (Assessor's Map#21 Lot#13) – proposed 5-lot subdivision (cont.)

The Applicant's Agent provided an overview of the proposal and confirmed all requests from the Third Party Peer Review have been addressed. Commissioners asked questions and received responses from the Applicant's Team and the Peer Reviewers.

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

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE WET#2586, and Direct Staff to provide a DRAFT Resolution for the next meeting, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 4-0-1 with Mr. Whitted abstaining as he was not a Commissioner when the hearing began.

B. WET#2605(S) 144 HUCKLEBERRY HILL ROAD, LLC – 144 Huckleberry Hill Road – proposed pond restoration and expansion of shoreline

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Mr. Romano explained the proposal to dredge the 8-acre pond including the construction sequence and timeframe. The Commissioners asked questions about the process, the timing and the science behind this type of project.

Neighbors Gary Foster, Jacob Inthapannha, Lawson McWhorter, Amy McWhorter, Roxane Witke, Adele Socci, and James Spielman all had questions and comments for the Applicant's Experts.

With no further questions, the Public Hearing was continued until December 12, 2019.

III. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

- A. WET#2604(I) MASSARO – 21 Wolfpit Lane** – “corrective action” to address unauthorized removal of 10 trees in a regulated area

Ms. Throckmorton reviewed her revised plan which removes the sitting area in proximity to the wetland. The revised proposal is for mitigation plantings only.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE WET#2604, with the normal Special Conditions and the additional Special Condition that all mitigation plantings are installed not later than December 1, 2019, SECONDED by Mr. Stow and CARRIED 4-0-1 with Mr. Witted abstaining as he was not present at the first meeting.

IV. APPLICATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED

- A. WET#2606(I) FRANK – 111 Chestnut Hill Road** – “corrective action” for landscape work adjacent to wetlands and clearing a 6’ – 8’ wide path through wetlands
- B. WET#2607(S) 200 DANBURY ROAD, LLC – 198 & 200 Danbury Road** – proposed construction of a Mixed Use Development
- C. WET#2608(I) VAGNER – 26 Rocky Brook Road** – “corrective action” for tree removal, and adding boulder wall and recreational area

Mr. Lee MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2606, WET#2607, and WET#2608, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 5-0-0.

V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES - None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. SULLIVAN – 356 Nod Hill Road** – request for extension of due date for corrective action application

Ms. Mandel MOVED to APPROVE an extension of the deadline until the December 12, 2019 Meeting, SECONDED by Mr. Stow and CARRIED 5-0-0.

VII. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS - None

VIII. VIOLATIONS

- 1. MONTANARO – Wampum Hill Road (Assessor’s Map#9 Lot#6) – Cease & Desist –** needs bond and plan with trees that were removed
- 2. BEMA GROUP, LLC – 338 Westport Road –** email explains not going to meet requirements of permits. Staff working with Town Counsel to gain compliance.
- 3. BIVONA – 115 Pine Ridge Road –** staff is working to gain compliance
- 4. SULLIVAN – 356 Nod Hill Road –** unauthorized excavation of a wetland and grading in the front yard

Mr. Conklin stated he is trying to gain compliance with Montanaro, BEMA and Bivona.

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Mandel MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2019 as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Craig and CARRIED 2-0-3 with Mr. Lee, Mr. Stow and Mr. Witted abstaining as they were not present.

X. ADJOURN

Ms. Mandel MOVED to ADJOURN at 9:09 pm, SECONDED by Mr. Whitted and CARRIED 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs