



MINUTES

December 12, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary; Casey Healy, Gregory & Adams, P.C.; Patrick Downend; Steven Sullivan, CCA, LLC; Kate Throckmorton, Environmental Land Solutions, LLC; Eric & Suzanne Schaefer, Neighbors; Michael & Maureen Deacy, Neighbors; Louise Washer, NRWA; Jolley Frank, Property Owner; Robert Doerflinger, Hoffman Landscapes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Craig called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Mr. Conklin confirmed the Applicant requested a continuance of the Public Hearing until the next meeting on January 9, 2020.

The Public Hearing was continued until January 9, 2020.

B. WET#2607(S) 200 DANBURY ROAD, LLC – 198 & 200 Danbury Road – proposed
construction of a Mixed Use Development

Mr. Healy explained the project and displayed a rendering of the proposal and layout noting the Raymond-Moorehouse House is being preserved and relocated on the site. Mr. Sullivan explained the engineering plans and the stormwater maintenance plans. Ms. Throckmorton explained the wetland functions and the mitigation plan.

The Schaefer's raised concern about the runoff and flooding on their property as well as the potential impact to their well.

The Deacy's also raised concern about their well and the traffic being added to the site.

Ms. Washer of the Norwalk River Watershed Association raised concerns about the buffer of the wetland and the impervious surface being added to the site.

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

III. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

- 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

Ms. Throckmorton explained the violation and the recent approval for an addition. The Commissioners asked that the debris pile be removed from the vicinity.

Ms. Avallone MOVED to APPROVE WET#2606, with the normal Special Conditions and the additional Special Condition that the debris pile is removed from the property within 30 days, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 7-0-0

Ms. Mandel MOVED to LIFT the Cease & Desist Order, SECONDED by Mr. Stow and CARRIED 7-0-0.

- B. WET#2608(I) VAGNER – 26 Rocky Brook Road** – “corrective action” for tree removal, and adding a boulder wall and recreational area

Mr. Doerflinger provided 2 options for the remediation of this violation which consists of three phases of mitigation. The Commissioners asked that all phases of the proposal be completed no later than October 31, 2020.

Mr. Stow MOVED to APPROVE WET#2608 with the normal Special Conditions and the additional Special Condition that phase one be implemented by May 31, 2020 and all three phases of the project be completed by October 31, 2020, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 6-0-1 with Mr. Lee abstaining.

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

Mr. Conklin provided a DRAFT of the Resolution for the Commissioner’s review.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE the Draft Resolution for WET#2586, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 5-0-2 with Mr. Stow abstaining and Mr. Whitted recused from the application.

IV. APPLICATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED

Mr. Lee MOVED to ADD Acceptance of WET#2611 to the Agenda and ACCEPT WET#2611 and WET#2612 and schedule for the next available meeting, SECONDED by Mr. Stow and CARRIED 7-0-0.

- A. WET#2611(I) WEISMAN – 58 Scarlet Oak Drive** – “emergency” septic repair

- B. WET#2612(S) SULLIVAN – 356 Nod Hill Road** – “corrective action” to address excavation of a wetland and grading in the front yard

V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

- A. WET#2610(M) SCOLNICK – 108 Seir Hill Road** – proposed installation of 3-120 gallon LP tanks and generator 37 ft. from a pond

Mr. Conklin provided a brief review of the above Minor Permit issued.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE - None

VII. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS

A. 2020 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE the 2020 Meeting Schedule as drafted, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 7-0-0.

B. 2020 Election of Officers

Ms. Mandel MOVED to KEEP the current slate of officers: Ms. Craig for Chairperson, Mr. Lee for Vice Chairperson and Mr. Stow for Secretary, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 7-0-0.

VIII. VIOLATIONS - None

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Whitted MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2019 as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 5-0-2 with Ms. Avallone and Mr. Fischer abstaining as they were not present.

X. ADJOURN

Mr. Stow MOVED to ADJOURN at 9:16 pm, SECONDED by Mr. Whitted and CARRIED 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs