



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
ELECTRONIC ZOOM MEETING
August 27, 2020

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

ALSO PRESENT: Zen Herter, Environmental Analyst; Kate Throckmorton, Environmental Land Solutions, LLC; Tom Quinn, Peak Engineers; Marc Gueron, Property Owner; Ethan Charas, Property Owner; Tom Nelson, McChord Engineering Associates, Inc.; Wang and Jason Diao, Property Owners

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Herter called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

A. WET#2636(I) POLYUK – 45 Heather Lane – “corrective action” to address unauthorized site work (cont.)

Ms. Throckmorton explained the wetlands on the site. Mr. Quinn reviewed the Engineering Plan and the Alternative Plan. Mr. Fischer asked that the silt fence is repaired from recent storms. Ms. Craig asked that the lawn is pulled in closer to the house.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE WET#2636 with the normal and general conditions, normal Special Conditions and the additional Special Condition that the limit of disturbance and boulders be moved to the other side of trees closer to the house with a plan to be approved by staff, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Lee in favor, Ms. Mandel in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, and Mr. Stow in favor.

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

Mr. Gueron explained there was a life-threatening emergency situation when the restaurant was set to open on a Saturday with four dead trees hanging over the patio of the Schoolhouse Restaurant. Mr. Herter confirmed the violation and conversation started on Friday so Mr. Gueron’s timeline was off. Mr. Herter also noted two of the four the trees did have leaves on them against Mr. Gueron’s testimony. The trees were felled in the watercourse. Mr. Gueron

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does not wish to replant any trees as there are “hundreds” on the site. The Commissioners agreed that the owner must pay the Minor Violation Application fee of \$360 and provide a planting plan for the next meeting.

C. WET#2638(I) CHARAS – 19 Fullin Lane - proposed new single-family residence and associated improvements within a regulated area

Mr. Nelson explained the proposal and the history of the site. The structure is not being proposed within the regulated area and will require very little disturbance with no tree removal.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to APPROVE WET#2638 with normal general Conditions and normal Special Conditions, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Ms. Mandel in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Stow in favor and Mr. Lee in favor.

D. WET#2613(M) DIAO – 319 Mountain Road – proposed tree removal in a regulated area

Ms. Wang explained the permit calls for removal of 4 trees; 2 of which are a hazard to the property as attested by an arborist. The Owners then asked if it would be okay to remove the two dead trees and simply prune the other trees to save money. Mr. Lee advised that they would get their approval today for four trees and they can amend the Permit later. The trees would need to be bonded.

The owner then asked for 4 small native trees that they can plant themselves.

Ms. Mandel MOVED to APPROVE WET#2613, with normal general Conditions, normal Special Conditions and an additional Special Condition that the owner plant four 1 – 1.5 diameter understory native canopy trees, with Site Approval by Staff, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Lee in favor, Ms. Mandel in favor, and Mr. Stow in favor.

V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Lee MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2642, WET#2644, WET#2645 and WET#2646, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Lee in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Ms. Mandel in favor and Mr. Stow in favor.

Mr. Lee noted that WET#2643 was not Accepted as it is not complete without the Significant Level Permit and payment of the fee.

VI. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

- A. WET#2639(M) KOHL – 179 Cheese Spring Road** – proposed extension of existing deck within a regulated area
- B. WET#2640(M) BECKER – 97 Old Boston Road** – installation of a generator and LP tank
- C. WET#2641(M) CAMPBELL – 2 Lennon Lane** – proposed garage addition within a regulated area

Mr. Herter provided a brief overview of the above approved applications 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

This item was tabled as no one was in attendance.

- B. WET#2405(S) TOWN OF WILTON – Wilton Train Station** – request for 5-year extension of existing permit to build pedestrian walkway over the Norwalk River

Mr. Herter advised the grant was recently issued, and the Town is asking for a 5-year extension of the Inland Wetlands Permit.

Mr. Stow MOVED to APPROVE a 5-Year Extension on the Town's Pedestrian Bridge Permit, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Lee in favor and Ms. Mandel in favor.

VIII. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS - None

IX. VIOLATIONS - None

X. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes July 23, 2020

Ms. Mandel requested the following revision:

- WET#2636 (Polyuk) section, in the last paragraph regarding the motion, it reads Mr. Craig instead of Ms. Craig.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to APPROVE the July 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes as amended, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, and Mr. Lee in favor, and Ms. Mandel in favor.

XI. ADJOURN

Mr. Fischer MOVED to ADJOURN at 9:25pm, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Ms. Mandel in favor, and Mr. Lee in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs