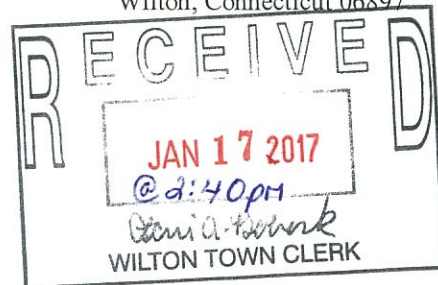




TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, Connecticut 06897



MINUTES

January 12, 2017

PRESENT: Liz Craig (Acting Chair), Nick Lee, Rick Stow, Mark Andrews

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary; Phil Piers, Cohen & Wolf

ABSENT: John Hall & Tom Burgess (notified of intended absences)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Craig called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

Mr. Lee MOVED to ENTER into EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION and INVITE Attorney Piers into the EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED by Mr. Andrews and CARRIED 4-0-0.

Mr. Lee MOVED to EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:48pm, SECONDED by Mr. Andrews and CARRIED 4-0-0.

III. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

A. WET#2430(I) CROSS – 105 Old Belden Hill Road – “corrective action” to perform no corrective action

B. WET#2431(I) MITCHELL – 152 Hurlbutt Street – “corrective action” to address filling and dumping of debris in a regulated area

C. WET#2432(S) QUANTICAL, LLC – 57 Borglum Road – construction of a proposed single-family home, driveway, septic system, stormwater management system, site grading and erosion controls

Mr. Lee MOVED to ACCEPT the above applications, SECONDED by Mr. Stow and CARRIED 6-0-0.

- IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**
- V. APPLICATIONS TO BE REVIEWED - None**
- VI. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES - None**
- VII. CORRESPONDENCE –**

A. WET#1847(S) DESOLA – 21 Edith Lane – request for extension of permit

Mr. Conklin explained that a letter was received from the owner requesting an extension of the permit that was issued in 2008. He explained the state statute changed to allow the original five years of the permit be automatically extended until 2017. As the owner has not completed the activities approved in the permit, they are requesting an additional five years to bring the permit to 14 years total which is the maximum allowed by statute.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE an additional five years to complete the permit, SECONDED by Mr. Andrews and CARRIED 4-0-0.

VIII. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS

A. Discussion RE: Permit Violations at 54 Warncke & 658 Danbury Road

Mr. Conklin explained that he inspected two properties working under a wetland permit where the limit of disturbance went beyond what was allowed. He noted trees were cleared past the septic area and dumped off the hill at 54 Warncke Road. He confirmed the contractor was receptive to orders to fix sediment and erosion controls during a recent rain event.

Mr. Conklin stated the construction at 658 Danbury Road went beyond the limits of clearing approved by the commission. He confirmed there was an area on the slope to the north of the remediation area that was cleared.

The commission discussed remaining fair and consistent and decided that Notice of Permit Violations should be sent for each of the violations with a request for a corrective action application to address the unauthorized clearing.

B. Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Andrews MOVED to APPROVE the minutes, SECONDED by Mr. Lee, and CARRIED 4-0-0.

C. Schenck's Island - America the Beautiful Grant

Mr. Conklin stated he is applying for a grant to assist the town with removing dead and declining ash trees and replanting native species for a healthy riparian buffer. The work falls under the wetland permit recently obtained for this work and invasive species removal at Schenck's Island. He confirmed the trees will be cut, not grubbed but there is a request from Trout Unlimited to

obtain 15 trees with the roots attached for an in-stream project. Mr. Lee confirmed the Tree Committee is meeting to inventory the ash trees for this purpose. Mr. Conklin stated that Trout Unlimited and the Norwalk River Watershed Association will donate funds for this project. He also noted the project will need to be fully completed by June of 2018. He stated all the work will be completed at one time and confirmed the trees will be chipped and dispersed on site. Mr. Conklin asked the commissioners to be prepared for residents to question this much disturbance at one time, but stated the replanting will create a healthy forest habitat for the future.

IX. ADJOURN

Mr. Andrews MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:17 pm, SECONDED by Mr. Stow and CARRIED 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs

