



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
ELECTRONIC MEETING
May 20, 2020

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary; Hank Anderson, Belden Hill Landscape Contractors; Antonio DiCamillo, Stantech; Charlie Taney, NRVT; Jay Fain, Jay Fain & Associates

ABSENT: Mike Whitted (not notified of intended absence)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Craig called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm. Mr. Conklin provided rules for the electronic meeting.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. WET#2616(S) MITCHELL – 146 Cedar Road – proposed filling of an abandoned pool

Mr. Anderson explained sequence of filling the abandoned pool. Commissioners asked questions to ensure the resource is protected during the activity.

With no questions from the public, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE WET#2616, with the normal Special Conditions, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 6-0-0.

B. WET#2617(S) FRIENDS OF NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL (NRVT) – Kent Road & Wolfpit Road – proposed approximately 4,200 ft. of stone dust trail, a gravel parking area, one culvert, and 152 ft. of boardwalks at Grist Mill Road/Old Belden Hill Road to Kent Road

Mr. DiCamillo reviewed the proposed route and alternatives. Mr. Fain answered Commissioner questions about the wetlands.

With no questions from the public, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to APPROVE WET#2617 with normal Special conditions, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 6-0-0.

III. APPLICATIONS TO BE REVIEWED

A. WET#2623(I) THOMPSON – 201 Rivergate Drive – “emergency” septic repair

B. WET#2624(I) BENGAL – 348 Belden Hill Road – “emergency” septic repair

Mike Conklin advised both the above “emergency” septic repairs have received temporary permits to proceed.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE WET#2623 and WET#2624, SECONDED by Mr. Stow and CARRIED 6-0-0.

IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

A. WET#2625(S) JAEHNIG – 17 Hidden Lake Ridge – “emergency” septic replacement

B. WET#2627(I) RUHNOW – 195 Sharp Hill Road – proposed removal of dead and compromised trees in a regulated area and removal of invasives including bamboo

C. WET#2628(I) HAWK – 8 Bossy Lane – “emergency” septic repair

Mr. Lee MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2625, WET#2627, WET#2628, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 6-0-0.

V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

A. WET#2626(M) TURK – 6 Boas Lane – “after-the-fact” generator, gas line and propane tanks within a regulated area

Mr. Conklin provided a brief review of the Application.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. WET#2314(S) BARBER – request for extension of Wetland Permit

Mr. Conklin briefly explained the permit and recommended that the Commission grant a 5-year extension.

Mr. Lee MOVED to EXTEND the permit for 5 years, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 6-0-0.

VII. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS - None

VIII. VIOLATIONS

1. LORIG – 269 Millstone Road – unauthorized site work including illegal fill deposited within a regulated area

Mr. Conklin advised the owner is working with a professional and will be submitting an application shortly.

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes March 12, 2020 & Special Meeting Minutes April 15, 2020

Ms. Avallone MOVED to APPROVE both Meeting Minutes, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED 5-0-1 with Ms. Mandel abstaining as she was not present for the March 12th Meeting.

X. ADJOURN

Mr. Fischer MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:22 pm, SECONDED by Mr. Stow and CARRIED 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs