



MEETING MINUTES
ELECTRONIC ZOOM MEETING
June 11, 2020

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Aran Weiner, Landform Partners; Steve Lorig, Property Owner; Stephen DiNapoli, Big East Environmental

ABSENT: Kathie Mandel (notified of intended absence), Mike Whitted (not notified of intended absence)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Craig called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Mr. Conklin provided rules for the electronic meeting.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. WET#2619(S) DARBANDI – 516 Danbury Road – improvement of an existing parking area and access driveway, installation of pedestrian walkway, and B100a within an upland review area (cont.)

Mr. Conklin advised the Applicant requested a continuation for the Public Hearing.

III. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

A. 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

Mr. Weiner reviewed the proposal where eleven trees are in danger and many invasives such as a large stand of bamboo needs to be removed. Remove and replace invasives with seed and hay.

Mr. Stow MOVED to APPROVE WET#2627, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED with Lee in favor, Craig in favor, Stow in favor, Avallone in favor, Fischer in favor.

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

Mr. Conklin advised this Applicant received a temporary permit and the work is completed.

C. WET#2630(I) HIATRIDES – 39 Grumman Avenue - “emergency” septic replacement

Mr. Conklin advised this Applicant received a temporary permit and the work is completed.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE WET#2628 and WET#2630, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED with Lee in favor, Craig in favor, Stow in favor, Avallone in favor, Fischer in favor.

IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

A. WET#2632(I) JOHNSON/GOLDMAN – 90 Cannon Road – proposed grading and planting in an upland review area for a pool project outside the regulated area

Mr. Lee MOVED to ACCEPT WET#2632, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED with Lee in favor, Craig in favor, Stow in favor, Avallone in favor, Fischer in favor.

B. WET#2633(S) LORIG – 269 Millstone Road – “corrective action” to address unpermitted filling of a wetland

Mr. Conklin advised the fee has not been not received to Accept the WET#2633. Mr. Lorig explained the trucks that came in and out of the site and his financial situation. Ms. Craig witnessed fill flowing into the stream in March during a rain storm. Mr. Lee observed the fill being delivered to the property. The Commission directed Mr. Lorig to conduct a delineation of the fill material and report back at the June 25, 2020 Meeting.

V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

A. WET#2629(M) MILLSTONE PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC – 201 Millstone Road - “after-the-fact” HVAC installation

B. WET#2631(M) FRACCAROLI – 143 Heather Lane – “after-the-fact” enclosed porch beneath existing deck, patio, and shed

Mr. Conklin provided a brief description of the Minor Permits issued by Staff.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE - None

VII. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS - None

VIII. VIOLATIONS - None

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes May 28, 2020

Mr. Fischer MOVED to APPROVE Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2020, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED with Lee in favor, Craig in favor, Stow in favor, Fischer in favor, and Avallone abstaining as she was not present.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to ADD 269 Millstone Road to the Agenda to discuss, SECONDED by Mr. Lee and CARRIED with Lee in favor, Craig in favor, Stow in favor, Avallone in favor, Fischer in favor.

The Commission discussed the situation and agreed they need to maintain consistency in wetland regulations enforcement.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to DECLARE the activity at 269 Millstone Road a Significant Regulated Activity due to wetlands being filled and direct staff to draft a letter stating fill delineation and boring holes are not required and application fee is due no later than July 9, 2020, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED with Lee in favor, Craig in favor, Stow in favor, Avallone in favor, Fischer in favor.

IV. ADJOURN

Ms. Avallone MOVED to ADJOURN at 9:10pm, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED with Lee in favor, Craig in favor, Stow in favor, Fischer in favor, and Avallone in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs