



MEETING MINUTES
ELECTRONIC ZOOM MEETING
June 25, 2020

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Pete Romano, LandTech; Mariya Polyuk, Property Owner; Casey Healy, Gregory & Adams, Megan Miller, B&B Engineering; Kate Throckmorton, Environmental Land Solutions; Josh Wooldridge, Glengate Companies; Ryan Johnson and Jessica Goldman, Property Owners

ABSENT: Kathie Mandel (notified of intended absence)

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

A. FAB FIVE, LLC – 141 Danbury Road – removal of eleven (11) trees and deposition of wood chips within 100 ft. of a wetland/watercourse

Mr. Conklin provided the background and the timeline of the violation. He also reviewed the process and procedure for this ZOOM Meeting.

Mr. Romano explained the tree removal and how they plan to replant the area with 6 new trees. Ms. Craig noted more understory trees would be needed for the Corrective Action Plan.

Ms. Avallone MOVED to UPHOLD the Cease & Desist Order and require a Corrective Action Application to be submitted by July 8, 2020, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 6-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor, Mr. Whitted in favor, and Mr. Lee in favor.

B. POLYUK – 45 Heather Lane – numerous debris piles, soil piles, and a trench dug for the installation of a drainage system within 100 ft. of a wetland/watercourse

Mr. Conklin provided the background and the timeline of the violation. Mrs. Polyuk confirmed she is working with a professional.

Mr. Whitted MOVED to UPHOLD the Cease & Desist Order and require a Corrective Action Application to be submitted to staff by July 22, 2020, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 5-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor, Mr. Whitted in favor, and Mr. Lee was experiencing audio issues and was not available to vote on this Motion.

The property owner was instructed to install silt fence by Tuesday, June 30th to avoid soil erosion issues.

III. 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. Healy provided background on the proposal and noted there were some minor revisions based on the comments from the last public hearing. Ms. Miller reviewed the revisions and answered questions from the Commission.

Discussions ensued relating to the size of the driveway, the owner of the existing front parking spaces along Route 7, and the stockpile size and location.

Mr. Stow MOVED to APPROVE WET#2619 with the normal Special Conditions and the additional Special Conditions that field stone will be utilized near the river, willow whips will be installed and the stockpile size shall be reduced, SECONDED by Mr. Whitted and CARRIED 6-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor, Mr. Whitted in favor, and Mr. Lee in favor.

B. WET#2625(S) JAEHNIG – 17 Hidden Lake Ridge – “emergency” septic replacement within a regulated area

Mr. Conklin advised this was an “emergency” septic replacement that received their temporary permit and the work has been completed.

Ms. Avallone MOVED to APPROVE WET#2625, SECONDED by Mr. Stow and CARRIED 6-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor, Mr. Whitted in favor, and Mr. Lee in favor.

IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

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. Wooldridge explained the proposal, the wetlands on the site, and the planting plan. He reviewed the construction sequence and alternatives considered.

Ms. Avallone MOVED to APPROVE WET#2632 with normal Special Conditions, SECONDED

by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 6-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor, Mr. Whitted in favor, and Mr. Lee in favor.

V. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED - None

VI. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES -None

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. LORIG – 269 Millstone Road – permit level discussion

Mr. Conklin recommended this is scratched from the Agenda.

Ms. Craig MOVED to SCRATCH this item from the Agenda, SECONDED by Mr. Whitted and CARRIED 6-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor, Mr. Whitted in favor, and Mr. Lee in favor.

B. PAPADOPOULOS – 21 Lee Allen Lane – request for permit extension

Mr. Conklin noted he received an email request for a 5-year extension on this permit.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to GRANT a FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 6-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor, Mr. Whitted in favor, and Mr. Lee in favor.

VIII. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS - None

IX. VIOLATIONS - None

X. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes June 11, 2020

Mr. Fischer MOVED to APPROVE the June 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes as drafted, SECONDED by Mr. Stow and CARRIED with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor, Mr. Whitted in favor, and Mr. Lee in favor.

XI. ADJOURN

Mr. Whitted MOVED to ADJOURN at 9:07, SECONDED by Mr. Fischer and CARRIED 6-0-0 with Ms. Craig in favor, Mr. Fischer in favor, Mr. Stow in favor, Ms. Avallone in favor, Mr. Whitted in favor, and Mr. Lee in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs