



## MINUTES

January 9, 2020

**PRESENT:** Elizabeth Craig (Chair), Kathie Mandel, Nick Lee, Michael Whitted, Claudia Avallone, Scott Fischer

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mike Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs; Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary; Casey Healy, Gregory & Adams, P.C.; Patrick Downend; Steven Sullivan, CCA, LLC; Eric & Suzanne Schaefer, Neighbors; Michael Hoffman, Neighbor; Lisa Stewart, Resident; Dylan Murray, Agent

**ABSENT:** Rick Stow (notified of intended absence)

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. WET#2605(S) 144 HUCKLEBERRY HILL ROAD, LLC – 144 Huckleberry Hill Road –**  
proposed pond restoration and expansion of shoreline

Mr. Conklin confirmed the Applicant requested a continuance of the Public Hearing until the next meeting on January 23, 2020.

The Public Hearing was continued until January 23, 2020.

**B. WET#2607(S) 200 DANBURY ROAD, LLC – 198 & 200 Danbury Road –** proposed  
construction of a Mixed Use Development

Mr. Healy provided revised plans and responses to questions and comments from the last hearing. With the new plans, he confirmed the impervious surfaces and disturbance have been reduced. Mr. Healy advised the current site conditions do not include any stormwater management facilities.

Mr. Conklin asked that the hearing remain open at the request of the Town Engineer to review the proposed drainage.

Suzanne Schaefer, of Sharp Hill Road, asked that they preserve as much of the buffer as  
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possible.

Eric Schaefer, neighbor, commented that every bit of the buffer counts. He does not want this project to affect their well water.

Mr. Sullivan stated the stormwater management system is designed to retain and recharge the wetlands. He noted the proposal has no impact to wells in the area.

Ms. Stewart stated there are invasives on all trails and it is up to this Commission to protect residential properties. She stated Sunrise across the street has enormous structures which are chipping away at water quality. She asked for smaller buildings for this site.

Mr. Hoffman, neighbor, stated he has similar concerns as the Schaeffers.

With no further questions or comments, the Public Hearing was continued.

**C. WET#2612(S) SULLIVAN – 356 Nod Hill Road – “corrective action” to address excavation of a wetland and grading in the front yard**

Mr. Conklin provided background on the violation. He noted that staff received comments from South Norwalk Electric & Water.

Mr. Murray explained the owner was attempting to create a larger and flatter lawn area.

Upon review of a past Inland Wetland Permit for this property for a garage/barn structure, it was noted that most, if not all, of the mitigation plantings are no longer present. The Commission urged the Agent to provide a planting plan for the mitigation of this violation mirroring the previous permit plantings. In addition, the grade should be brought back to the original grade.

With no further questions or comments, the Public Hearing was continued.

**III. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED**

**A. WET#2611(I) WEISMAN – 58 Scarlet Oak Drive – “emergency” septic repair**

Mr. Conklin advised this owner received a temporary permit for the septic repair and the work has been completed.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE WET#2611, SECONDED by Mr. Whitted and CARRIED 6-0-0.

**IV. APPLICATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED - None**

**V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES - None**

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**VII. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS - None**

**VIII. VIOLATIONS**

**A. WET#2600(I) TURTLEHEAD ASSOCIATION, INC – Dark Pond Trail (Assessor’s Map#66 Lot#22) – permit violation**

Mr. Conklin advised that he met with members of the association at the site. There was some discrepancies about what was dumped and where. The debris piles have been flagged and he asked that the Commission approve an extension to complete the “corrective action” until April 1, 2020.

Mr. Fischer MOVED to GRANT an extension for all debris to be removed as delineated by April 1, 2020, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 6-0-0.

**IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes & Site Walk Minutes for January 6, 2020**

**Correction for December 12, 2019 Meeting:** Mr. Whitted’s name in the “PRESENT” section was misspelled.

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2019 as amended, and the Site Walk Minutes for January 6, 2020 as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Mandel and CARRIED 6-0-0.

**X. ADJOURN**

Mr. Fischer MOVED to ADJOURN at 9:17 pm, SECONDED by Ms. Avallone and CARRIED 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Liz Larkin  
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs