

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
SEYMOUR INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014
NORMA DRUMMER ROOM, SEYMOUR TOWN HALL

Members in Attendance: Steve Plotkin, John Conroy, Lisa Andrzejewski
Member Absent: Kevin Stanis
Also Present: Peter Jezierny, Wetlands Enforcement Officer

Chairman Plotkin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

53 Mountain Road

Mrs. Andrzejewski stated that she walked the property with Mr. Conroy. They looked at the area that they want to improve. She stated that there is a conservation easement for a large area of land which is appropriately marked. It was her opinion that developing that parcel which was a small area where there are some wetlands by adding some grass would be consistent with the use of the land. It would not adversely impact the wetlands. She stated that they would need to get permission from Planning and Zoning because of the conservation easement. She stated that they could go to Planning and Zoning and explain what they want to do and also state that it is a consistent use. Planning and Zoning could simply issue a letter and then they can come back to this Commission. Mr. Conroy agrees that it would not have a direct impact to the wetlands.

MOTION: J. Conroy/L. Andrzejewski to recommend to the land use board to approve this and then have the applicants come back to the Commission for approval.
Motion Carried 3-0.

Katherine Garlin-Kane and Ron Kane, 53 Mountain Road stated that they will pursue this but not until early next year and will not do anything over the summer. Mrs. Andrzejewski stated that they can continue with the process and come back to this Commission when they are ready to do the work.

Extension of Wetlands Permit, Hull Farm Subdivision

Robert Rich, 9 North Benham Road stated that he this was granted in 2007 and extended for two years in 2012. The approval will expire on August 27, 2014 and he is requesting another extension. Ms. Andrzejewski asked if there were any changes to the wetlands area. Mr. Rich stated that there are no changes and everything is ready to go through Planning and Zoning. Mr. Rich stated that according to State statute it could be further extended for four years and he is requesting a four year extension.

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Mrs. Andrzejewski stated that the town regulations state that a permit could be extended for a total of 10 years and she would recommend that it be a three year extension.

MOTION: L. Andrzejewski/J. Conroy to grant a permit extension for three years to 8/27/2017.
Motion Carried 3-0.

James Brenan, 124 Bungay Road

Mr Brenan was present and stated that he is concerned with the preservation of the watercourse at this property and the adjacent subdivision. He felt that there is a conflict between the application and the map that was submitted. He presented copies of the maps and minutes from the 11/25/13 meeting when the application was approved. He stated that a soil scientist report was submitted but the report and plan indicate where the brook is located. He stated that he could not find any permits and he felt that this is a regulated activity with no permits issued. He stated that at the time this was approved they asked for a waiver because there was minimal activity but he felt that changes have been made from the original plans and the slope increased. He also presented pictures of the site showing how it looked before it was developed. He also stated that Nafis and Young looked at the site and their report dated 5/2/14 indicates that no further disturbance will be allowed. He asked the Commission to look at this because he is very concerned about the brook and feels that there is significant impact and changes to the elevations and slopes. He also stated that he feels it is not a complete application.

Mrs. Andrzejewski stated that she looked at the site with Mr. Conroy and also reviewed the minutes and listened to the tapes from the meeting. She had some questions for the town engineers and they compared the grading on the plans and what was done and it is relatively consistent. She stated that there are haybales behind the silt fence. As far as the tree removal, only one tree was removed and CL&P removed some and no issue was taken with what was removed. She stated that there is a reference on the map regarding the location of the brook and the map that it is shown on.

Mr. Brenan asked about the wetland markers not put in place. Jim Baldwin stated that he put in as many markers as were available to buy and is just waiting for the additional markers to be delivered. He stated that they are on order and he expects to receive them soon and will put them in. Mrs. Andrzejewski stated that she felt that the area has been flagged and they have made a good faith effort to get the rest of the markets and there are no violations. The only outstanding issue is the location of the brook.

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Amendment to Bamboo Law

The State of Connecticut has a law which deals with the planning and selling of bamboo. An amendment to the law has been passed this year and copies were presented to the members. The Town of Seymour had decided that the State DEEP would be responsible for enforcing the law regarding bamboo. Mrs. Andrzejewski noted that the amendment changes the buffer from 100 feet to 40 feet for the bamboo planting. This plant is not on the invasive list but will probably be added; at this time it is declared a nuisance.

Mr. Plotkin stated that he felt that the storm water management should be taken out of the control of Inland Wetlands and be the responsibility of Planning and Zoning. Mrs. Andrzejewski stated that the town ordinance does not give the Inland Wetlands the management of storm water and she felt that it was better suited to be handled by zoning. Mr. Jezierny recommended that Mrs. Andrzejewski draft a letter regarding this matter that he can present to the First Selectman. Jim Baldwin stated that he felt it should be part of the zoning regulations and subdivision regulations and taken out of an ordinance.

Mrs. Andrzejewski asked to have materials submitted with applications or for items on the agenda forwarded to the members prior to the meeting so that they can review them in advance of the meeting.

Agent's Report

Mr. Jezierny presented his report for the first and second quarters for review

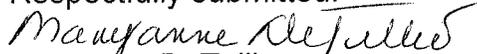
Minutes, Regular Meeting, April 28, 2014

MOTION: J. Conroy/L. Andrzejewski to approve the minutes of the 04/28/14 regular meeting.
Motion Carried 3-0.

MOTION: L. Andrzejewski/ J. Conroy to adjourn the meeting.
Motion Carried: 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Maryanne DeTullio