

**TOWN of PLYMOUTH
INLAND WETLANDS & CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 3, 2023- 7:00 PM
Plymouth Town Hall, Assembly Room, Terryville, CT**

1. CALL TO ORDER /Attendance

The meeting was called to order by **Chairman Tony Roveto** at 7:03 p.m. on May 3, 2023, in the Assembly Room, 80 Main Street, Terryville, CT.

Members in attendance included: **Chairman Tony Roveto, Dean Ferrante, Mike Maffia, Corey Finke, Margus Laan**-Director of Planning & Economic Development, and **Pam Pelletier**-Recording Secretary.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Lead by the Chairman.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- April 26, 2023 – Special Meeting

MOTION: Corey Finke made a motion, which was seconded by **Dean Ferrante** to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 26, 2023, and the motion was voted on unanimously.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

5. OLD / Continuing Applications (Accepted at a previous meeting)

- a) **159 S. Main St., Terryville, CT – Applicant: Robert Vaughn, Owner: John Vaughn, 159 S. Main St., Terryville, CT –Assessor’s Map- 059-079-0100 - Dredge, remove silt, and increase size of existing pond. Double size of point for easier maintenance., increase wetlands 900sf, Application #A-012-2022. -Awaiting detailed drawing.**

The applicant, John Vaughn, is in attendance at the meeting and distributes a drawing detailing his proposal. He explains that he does not plan to start work until Spring and is hoping the drawing answers any questions that the Commission may have. **Chairman Roveto** advises that items discussed at the last meeting are not shown on the drawing. He wants to make sure that the pond will have sloped sides to ensure that animals drinking from the pond do not get trapped. There was also discussion regarding whether the materials dredged from the pond will be kept on site or removed from the property. Mr. Vaughn advises that he plans to store the material on site away from the pond. **Mike Maffia** recommends that he work with staff to determine a suitable location for the pile, he also will need to make sure erosion controls are in place around the pond and around the material pile.

Mr. Vaughn is agreeable to working with staff, he also plans to construct a concrete outlet and will taper and riprap the sloped sides of the pond with small stone.

MOTION: Corey Finke made a motion, which was seconded by **Mike Maffia** to approve application #A-012-2022 for property located at 159 S. Main St., Terryville, CT with the stipulation that the applicant work with staff and conform to all recommendations discussed. The motion is voted on unanimously.

- b) **421 Mount Tobe Rd., Plymouth, CT – Owner/Applicant: Joseph Carey Jr.,– Assessor’s Map #111-110-017-2B – Installation of Drainage Pipe (to tie into 419 Mt. Tobe Rd.) Application #A-019-2023 – Awaiting Engineer Report and 419 Resident confirmation.**

The applicant, Joseph Carey, Jr. is in attendance and provides an update to the Commission. He is still waiting for the engineer (Joe Green) to update the plan and provide the new drainage calculations for the relocation of the pipe. He received a telephone call from **Margus Laan** today and believes that there is confusion as to what information he was required to bring back to the Commission. He agreed to obtain a letter from Mr. Arsenault agreeing to the plan to straighten the pipe and allow installation onto his property. He in turn would pull the required permit. It was his understanding that because the pipe was being relocated and straightened that the engineer would need to update Mr. Arsenault's plan (419 Mt. Tobe Rd.) and check the drainage calculations to ensure that the pipe would handle the water volume. Deane Ferrante confirms that this was the discussion at a previous meeting and advises that we did agree that as long as the plan and drainage calculations were changed on the plan, we would not need anything other than the letter from Mr. Carey. Mr. Carey also says that he spoke with Mr. Eisenlohr last week and was advised that he had contacted Mr. Green, and all was understood.

There is additional general discussion, conditions of approval are discussed as follows:

- 1) A letter from Joseph Carey, Jr. (each of the properties 419 & 421 Mt. Tobe Rd) will be submitted. It will be a notarized statement indicating that both property owners agree to the relocation of the pipe and plan changes.
- 2) A letter from Michael Arsenault (each of the properties 419 & 421 Mt. Tobe Rd) will be submitted. It will be a notarized statement indicating that both property owners agree to the relocation of the pipe and plan changes.
- 3) An updated plan and calculations due to straightening of the pipe will be shown on the plan from Mr. Arsenault as agreed at the meeting on March 8, 2023.
- 4) All parties must be in agreement with relocation of the pipe prior to the beginning of any work and shown on an updated plan.

MOTION: Mike Maffia made a motion, which was seconded by **Corey Finke** to approve the application #A-019-2023 for property at 421 Mount Tobe Rd., Plymouth, CT with the four conditions discussed and with monitoring and oversight of the ZEO to ensure all conditions are met. The motion is voted on unanimously.

- c) **162 Todd Hollow Rd., Plymouth, CT - Owner Michael Martinez – Remodel – Assessor's Map#055-065-022A, Application #A-024-2023. -Awaiting A-2 Survey to determine distance of deck to pond.**

Staff explains that this is an after-the-fact application. Scott Eisenlohr had requested a survey be submitted from the applicant to determine the distance of a new deck from the pond. The applicant did contact staff to advise them that they had an emergency and would not be able to attend the meeting. **Margus Laan** advises that because the work was already done the Commission should concern itself with the landscaping and stabilization of the area, grading, etc. There is general discussion.

MOTION: Corey Finke made a motion, which was seconded by **Mike Maffia** to approve the application #A-024-2023 for property at 162 Todd Hollow Rd., Plymouth, CT with the stipulation that the applicant work with staff to come up with an acceptable plan for grading and landscaping of the property to ensure that there is no erosion or run-off into the pond. The motion is voted on unanimously.

6. **Public Comment Limit (3) minutes -(Except on Applications/Commissioners Only) -None.**

7. ENFORCEMENT REPORT / AGENT APPROVALS. – No reports

8. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS –

Commission Review -DEEP Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters-Fall Mountain Lake , All Habitat Services LLC, David Roach.

The Commission reviewed the DEEP permit application and had a general discussion, no need for action.

Identification Badges – Chairman Roveto advises that the Secretary has obtained permission for Commissioners to receive picture ID badges to use when conducting on-site inspections on our applications. He will be taking pictures for the badges tonight and they will be prepared and delivered hopefully by our next meeting.

9. ADJOURN

MOTION: **Mike Maffia** made a motion, which was seconded by **Dean Ferrante** to adjourn the meeting and the motion was voted on unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Pelletier
Recording Secretary