

**TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY / CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MINUTES: February 21, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Warren, Audrey Delnicki, John Blondin, Barbara Kelly, Richard Muller, Adam Reed, Jack Phillips, Art Jennings

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Jim Macdonald

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Folger, Sr. Environmental Officer/Conservation Officer
Donna Thompson, Recording Secretary

THE FOLLOWING ARE MOTIONS MADE DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY/ CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MADDEN ROOM

Chairperson Warren called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

PERMIT EXTENSIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS: none

BONDS: None

MINUTES: 12/20/17

The minutes of 12/20/17 were approved by consensus.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Mr. Folger reported that the town crews have taken out all the invasives on the sledding hill on Nevers Road. The watercourse is now clear of vegetation and unstable areas in the streambank are visible. The streambanks need to be stabilized. A project plan will be put together coordinated with Park and Recreation to stabilize the banks utilizing coir logs and willow plantings. This would take approximately two years to accomplish. Mr. Folger is considering having a high school science class be involved in the planting. Summer and late fall would be a good time for armoring with coir logs and plantings. Park and Recreation will have to do maintenance in the way of spraying numerous applications of herbicides to keep the invasives from coming back. Then, eventually, planting tall grasses or berry and nut bushes. Mr. Folger will present a plan to the commission for a jurisdictional ruling at some point. Crossings of the brook in the way of culverts for vehicle access will be considered in the long term due to funding constraints. Additional footbridges can be constructed.

The tree line on the Barton property will continue to be filled in with more birches in addition to the 200-300 planted last year.

The meadow area on Clark Street was mowed a few weeks ago by a contractor hired to do the job. Public Works did not have operational equipment capable of doing it.

There is an Eagle Scout project to place up to 500 tick tubes along the trail at Donnelly. He will use toilet paper tubes, dryer lint and Premethen (an insecticide), along with writing the safety procedures.

Mr. Folger will send a memo to Public Works regarding the planting of trees at the base of the hill of the wildlife sanctuary. He will recommend a mixture of fast growing evergreens and Poplars be planted along with a berm created at the base of the hill to protect the plantings.

WETLAND OFFICER:

The violation on 55 Glendale Road has been resolved. The owner of the property was not aware of what the tenant had done and responded quickly upon receipt of Mr. Folger's letter.

The snow shelf on Avery Street was left open throughout most of the winter. The contractor had put topsoil on it then walked away. The result was that over the last couple of weeks some material starting coming from the snow shelf over the curb onto the road into the catchbasins and then into the stream. Engineering notified the contractor that we needed erosion controls there and the contractor said they couldn't do it because they laid off all their people. The contractor will be out next week to take care of it. The State required us to use this contractor as they were the low bidder. There is no bond as it is a town project. Mr. Folger suggested that on the next town project maybe the contractor should have to post a bond. Engineering said they are going to start having end dates placed on projects and punitive damages will be put in place.

PUBLIC HEARING: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Appl. #18-02W – Town of South Windsor – 1540 Sullivan Ave – Determination of Public Hearing - Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission application for approval of the reconstruction of a water treatment plant outfall project located on Vibert Rd at the Town Boat Launch.

Mr. Folger briefly reviewed the project for the commission.

Motion to: set public hearing on Appl. #18-02W for March 7, 2018 due to significant impact to a watercourse and public interest

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Kelly

The motion carried and the vote was unanimous

OTHER BUSINESS: Election of Officers

Commissioner Warren nominated Barbara Kelly as Chairperson, seconded by Commissioner Delnicki. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed. Secretary cast one ballot. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Warren nominated Jack Phillips as Vice Chairperson, seconded by Commissioner Kelly. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed. Secretary cast one ballot. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Phillips nominated Adam Reed as Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Blondin. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed. Secretary cast one ballot. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Folger presented a request to the Conservation Commission from the Town regarding the purchase of an upgraded GPS recorder that Engineering, Planning and Pollution Control will be able to utilize. A Trimble unit capable of horizontal as well as vertical measurements on GPS would cost approximately \$14,000. This is a handheld unit that syncs to your phone and is capable of centimeter accuracy. Engineering would contribute \$6,000; Planning would contribute \$1,000; Pollution Control would contribute \$4,000; and the Conservation Commission is being asked to authorize \$3,000 from the Open Space Maintenance Fund. Commissioners felt that it would be worth the money for the overall benefits received.

Motion to: approve spending \$3000 as part of the group effort to purchase a Trimble GPS unit
Was made by: Commissioner Blondin
Second by: Commission Phillips
The motion carried and the vote was unanimous

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

Appl. #18-05P – AMF Realty 150 Sullivan LLC – 150 Sullivan Ave – Inland
Wetlands/Conservation Commission application for approval of a commercial site plan, parking, stormwater management and associated utilities on property located north of Sullivan Avenue and west of Rye Street. General Commercial (GC) Zone.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to: adjourn at 7:42 p.m.
Was made by: Commissioner Delnicki
Second by: Commissioner Phillips
The motion carried and the vote was unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Thompson
Recording Secretary

Approved: April 4, 2018