

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

MINUTES: November 7, 2018

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

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Paul Côté

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

Vice Chairperson Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice Chair Phillips seated Alternate Cote for Commissioner James Macdonald.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: none

PERMIT EXTENSIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS: A copy of an article from the Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies Quarterly Newsletter entitled “A Wetland Buffer is Not a Setback” had been distributed to and briefly discussed by the Commission. The case study referenced in the article was Farmer v. Conservation Commission, 66 Conn. L. Rptr. 179 (2018).

The basis for the decision was that the inland wetlands agency does not regulate the upland review area. It regulates the activity within the upland review area that impact the wetlands.

BONDS: None

MINUTES: 10/3/18

The minutes of 10/3/18 were approved by consensus.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Jeff Folger stated that Bill Marshall and a group of volunteers from the Garden Club have been removing invasives from town owned property adjacent to the Town Hall. On Saturday, they will remove the remaining burning bush and start on the bittersweet. Folger is going to be there to put herbicide on the cut ends to help prevent the bittersweet from coming back.

WETLAND OFFICER: With the recent heavy rains, the Toll Brothers site did have some red water discharge from the site. Toll Brothers is working on e&s measures to prevent future issues.

PUBLIC HEARING: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Appl. #18-55W – Town of South Windsor, Edwin Rd – IWA/Conservation Commission application for construction of a stormwater outfall and associated utilities. The site is located westerly of Edwin Rd. Industrial (I) zone.

Town Engineer Jeff Doolittle and Project Engineer Bobb Grillo presented the application. The application is for the installation of a new outfall to handle the drainage from Edwin Road. There has been a drainage problem for several years in this area. The single catch basin will be replaced by a double catch basin. The existing underground pipe will be abandoned and a new 24 inch pipe will be installed to discharge to a different area on the site. The old pipe will be filled in and sealed off. It is believed the old pipe is deteriorated or damaged and leaking, which may be a cause of the drainage issue. There will be a small wetland disturbance at the interface of the watercourse and the slope. A drop manhole will be installed, along with riprap and a plunge pool. It is not feasible to try to repair the old metal pipe which is fifty years old. There are too many utility wires in the way to install the new pipe in the same area.

Motion to: approve Appl. #18-55W, standard conditions; contractor bond required

Was made by: Commissioner Blondin

Second by: Commissioner Warren

The motion carried.

The vote was unanimous.

Appl. 18-56P - Cumberland Farms Convenience Store and Service Station, 797 John Fitch Blvd - IWA/CC application for the construction of a gas station/convenience store, parking, and associated utilities on a portion of land east of John Fitch Blvd and north Mascolo Rd. General Commercial (GD) zone

Per the applicant's request, the application was tabled to the November 21, 2018 meeting to have time to address Town staff's concerns.

OLD BUSINESS: none

OTHER BUSINESS: 2019 Meeting Schedule approved by consensus.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: none

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to: adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

Was made by: Commissioner Blondin

Second by: Commissioner Warren

The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Thompson
Recording Secretary

Approved: November 21, 2018