

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

MINUTES: June 5, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Kelly, John Blondin, Elizabeth Warren, Jack Phillips, James Macdonald, Richard Muller, Art Jennings

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Paul Cotè

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Folger, Sr. Environmental Planner
Donna Thompson, Recording Secretary

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

Chairperson Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chair Kelly seated Alternate Cotè for Commissioner Reed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

PERMIT EXTENSIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS: None

BONDS: None

MINUTES: The minutes of 5/1/2019 were approved by consensus.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Folger reported that a Girl Scout Troop planted 200 seedlings along Plum Gulley Brook by Porter's Hill (formerly known as Collins Sledding Hill).

Folger stated that we have goats temporarily on Town Hall property to help with the elimination of invasives. The goats are a more natural alternative to pesticide spraying, which is harmful to humans, wildlife and other vegetation as well. If this pilot program does well, the goats could be used repeatedly. The goats are expected to eat large quantities of the invasive species of plants we have been trying to remove manually. This solution has met with positive response from employees and the public.

WETLAND OFFICER:

Folger stated that there is nothing much to report due to recent, and welcome, quiet weather. The Toll Brothers site seems to be under control with seeding and Gabion baskets.

PUBLIC HEARING: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Appl. #19-28P – 360 Ellington Rd Distribution Center, Scannell Properties – 360 Ellington Rd – **Determination of Public Hearing** – IWA/Conservation Commission application for the construction of an industrial distribution center, parking and storage areas, stormwater structures and associated utilities on property located westerly of Ellington Rd. I-291 Corridor Development (CD) Zone.

Folger reviewed the application for the commission. The applicant is proposing a 400,000sf distribution facility, which will entail eliminating the pond in its current location and recreating it near the storage facility on Ellington Road. The new pond will not be used for stormwater runoff as it is now. This is one of their mitigation measures – the impaired water quality of the pond currently will be eliminated. There are no other wetlands on the property. To satisfy DEEP due to the endangered mussels in the Podunk River there, there is no stormwater discharge from this site. All stormwater will be infiltrated into the site. The impervious coverage is 61%. There will be surface and sub-surface infiltration.

Motion to: hold a public hearing on Appl. #19-28P based on the possibility of significant impact on wetland or watercourse

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Warren

The motion carried.

The vote was unanimous.

The public hearing will be scheduled for the next meeting, June 19, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

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Appl. #19-29W – Electro Methods Drainage Swale Excavation – 519 Nutmeg Rd – IWA/Conservation Commission application for the excavation of contaminated soil from an existing watercourse on property located westerly of Nutmeg Rd. Industrial (I) Zone.

Folger reviewed the application for the commission. There is an area along the brook that has contaminated soils, which need to be remediated. The proposal is to remove about 2,000sf of disturbance within the channel itself - 12 cubic yards will be removed and replaced with non-contaminated soil. This would be done during the dry period if possible. The commission is requested to determine if a public hearing is needed. In most years, the channel is an intermittent watercourse, without water in the dry periods. Folger has identified this channel as one of three tributaries of Stoughton Brook.

In addition to this activity, the applicant has submitted a change order for a previous IWA/CC permit issued to allow an addition to an existing building. Originally, the linear stone swale proposed adjacent to the parking lot was going to be a level spreader spilling into the brook. Instead of the level spreader, they are proposing three leak-offs. These will not disturb the tree

roots along the bank. They are going to put hay mulch on the disturbed soil until the stone swale is complete.

Most of the water in the brook comes from drainage from varying locations. Public interest is not expected from abutters as they own two of the properties. It is not meant to be a permanent alteration and is actually a conservation/improvement to the watercourse.

The commission determined that a public hearing is not needed and the application will be heard at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to: adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

Was made by: Commissioner Warren

Second by: Commissioner Phillips

The motion carried.

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Thompson
Recording Secretary

Approved: June 19, 2019