

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

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JUNE 21, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Warren, John Phillips, John Blondin, Richard Muller, Audrey Delnicki, Adam Reed

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Folger, Senior Environmental Officer/Conservation Officer
Lauren Zarambo, Recording Secretary

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

Chairman Warren called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

PERMIT EXTENSIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:

Chairman Warren reported that she had visited Recording Secretary Donna Thompson who has been hospitalized for the last few weeks. She is looking well and in good spirits but still undergoing testing.

BONDS: None

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Mr. Folger reported on his own battle with gypsy moths in his area which have stripped oak trees and have now started on the Japanese maples. The USDA has a program for property owners of forest lots to receive assistance to cut down oak trees before they are decimated so that the roots can survive to support new growth. The fungus which can control the gypsy moths develops in moist conditions and is taking time to kick in this year.

WETLAND OFFICER:

Mr. Folger stated most sites have come through the rain storms pretty well.

Commissioner Blondin asked if Lowes fixed the blow out in their retaining wall. Mr. Folger stated it was fixed within a week.

Commissioner Delnicki asked about the clearing taking place on Oakland Road for the new development at Berry Patch. Commissioner Reed stated they were only to take down the diseased trees but almost every tree has come down. Mr. Folger indicated the trees were removed after the arborist looked at the hemlocks and found them all diseased and a hazard. They will be submitting a new landscaping plan which will include weeping willow trees to work in the wetlands area.

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PUBLIC HEARING: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Appl. 17-23P – Evergreen Run, 70 Buckland Road – *Determination of Public Hearing* - Inland Wetlands Agency /Conservation Commission application for approval of a parking lot expansion, and associated utilities on property located east of Buckland Road and north of the Lowes' access drive. Gateway Development (GDC) zone

Mr. Folger gave a synopsis of the request to expand the parking area. The plan was approved in 2005 as a modification to the original site plan which included interconnections between abutting parcels. Wetlands were filled in as mitigation increased and the site plan approval expired before the parking area could be built. This application has a difference in grade from 12 feet increased to 14 feet. The Town Engineer will be submitting comments. Commissioners discussed the plan and determined there are direct wetland impacts on the highly visible site which would justify a public hearing.

Motion: Set public hearing for Appl. #17-23P at scheduled meeting on 7/5/2017, due to public interest and impact to wetlands/watercourses

Was made by: Commissioner Blondin

Second by: Commissioner Phillips

The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to: Adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Was made by: Commissioner Delnicki

Second by: Commissioner Phillips

The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Zarambo

Recording Secretary