

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

**MINUTES:**                      **October 4, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**        Elizabeth Warren, Jack Phillips, Barbara Kelly, John Blondin, Audrey Delnicki,  
Adam Reed, Arthur Jennings

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:**    Jim MacDonald

**STAFF PRESENT:**            Jeff Folger, Sr. 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 7:02 p.m.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

**PERMIT EXTENSIONS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:**

Chairman Warren stated her resignation as liaison to SWALPAC and replacement by Barbara Kelly has been delayed until the political aspects are worked out by the Town Council.

Jeff Folger reported on Open Space Task Force (OSTF) which is looking at their membership list to whittle it down to the organizations that will attend meetings. There have been three meetings which have not had quorums. Public Works and the Chamber of Commerce are in question. Public Works now has no direct say in operations of OSTF. The Chamber has not sent a representative in five or six years. The Chamber's elimination will reduce the number for a quorum by one. The OSTF ordinance is in process of being reviewed.

CT Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc.'s (CACIWC) 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Environmental Conference is scheduled for November 18, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell. The schedule of workshops will be distributed to commissioners by email. The cost for commissioners to attend is covered in the budget.

**BONDS:** None

**MINUTES:** 7/19/17 approved by consensus

Chairman Warren noted the minutes include her resignation and replacement by Barbara Kelly to SWALPAC, which is still pending and will be updated with the minutes of this meeting. With that statement, the minutes of 7/19/17 were approved by consensus.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:**

Mr. Folger stated that the first Wapping Fair at the Brookfield Fairgrounds was held in September. The fairgrounds does not have an official name as of yet. Warren stated it should have the name Fairgrounds in it. Mr. Reed recalled the name 'Fairgrounds at Rye St Park'. Mr. Folger stated there were no reported problems

other than the grass being trampled and locations of temporary electrical poles and trenches installed. Red cedars were planted on the berm and seedlings will be planted along the perimeter in the Spring. The wildflower pollinator plantings on the berm were a success and could become a template for future projects. Mr. MacDonald asked about the purpose of the berm. Folger stated the main reason is to block buildings and parking areas from the street. On some sites berms are used to store contaminated soils on site which cannot be taken off site.

An eagle scout project to clean up debris from the boardwalk installation at Donnelly has started as well as beginning to prep the Priest House windows so plywood over the windows can be painted by a group in Manchester.

#### **WETLAND OFFICER:**

Mr. Folger stated a few big sites are open: Toll Brothers on Graham Road and Berry Patch on Oakland Road. There have not been any real issues in the past two months in part due to the lack of rain. Rain is expected so the sites will be inspected to determine the need for any tweaking of erosion and sedimentation control measures for stabilization of the construction areas.

The Town is in process of doing an emergency sewer repair on McGrath Road. The water travels through an intermittent watercourse before it goes to the Scantic River. Fortunately, there has been a lack of rain water recently. They've repaired the existing pipe and are adding additional pipe so it does not have as far to go to.

Chair Warren stated that Eversource is installing new poles and has laid down timber matts in her neighborhood. It was commented the timber matts work well to protect the land. Mr. Blondin said they are also installed on Main Street and near the river. Ms. Kelly noted that the Eversource work is being done by helicopter. This seems to be a costly operation. Dry Brook is involved in this project.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appl. 17-38P – Evergreen Crossing, 151 Buckland Road – Determination of Public Hearing - Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission** application for approval of a 130 unit senior independent living facility, parking lot, and associated utilities on 18 acres on property located west of Buckland Road, Buckland Road Gateway Development zone

Motion: to set public hearing for Appl. 17-38P at scheduled meeting on 10/18/2017, due to public interest and significant impact to wetlands/watercourses

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips  
Second by: Commissioner Kelly

The next meeting that the public hearing could be held would be October 18, 2017.

The stormwater management report and wetland report had been distributed.

The motion carried and the vote was unanimous

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Jeff Folger reported about two Minimal Impact approvals for Appl. 17-31W, Woldemariam for an in-ground pool at 111 Bourbon Street and Appl. 17-33W, AM King Construction Co., LLC, 295 Rye Street, which was for a water tower at Aldi's.

Commissioners would like the letters of approval for minimal impacts to be emailed to them in the future.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:**

**Appl. 17-38P – Evergreen Crossing, 151 Buckland Road** – Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission application for approval of a 130 unit senior independent living facility, parking lot, and associated utilities on 18 acres on property located west of Buckland Road, Buckland Road Gateway Development zone

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to: adjourn at 7:40 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: October 18, 2017**