

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

ACTION MINUTES: January 4, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Blondin John, Cote Paul, Jennings Arthur, Katzbek Dan, Kelly Barbara, Macdonald James, Phillips John, and Reed Adam

MEMBERS ABSENT: Muller Richard

ALTERNATES PRESENT: None Present

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Folger, Sr. Environmental Planner
Tersee Flores, Recording Secretary

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Steven King Jr., Deputy Mayor

Commissioner Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Chairperson Kelly asked for public comment for items that were not on agenda. No public comment.

PERMIT EXTENSIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS: None

BONDS: None

MINUTES: The minutes from December 7, 2022 were approved by unanimous consensus.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Senior Environmental Planner Jeff Folger mentioned the Open Space Task Force is updating their open space plan, once completed it will go to the Council for approval and then available to the public.

Chairperson Kelly mentioned the next Open Space Task Force meeting is on January 9th and she will be out of the office if any Commissioner is interested in attending to advise Jeff Folger.

WETLAND OFFICER:

Mr. Folger reviewed update for Pleasant Valley School mentioning they appointed a full-time site manager.

Commissioners and Council Liaison Steven King Jr. asked, and made questions.

Commissioner Reed read the legal notice as posted in the Journal Inquirer

PUBLIC HEARING:

Appl. #22-44W – Town of South Windsor – Pleasant Valley Road Bridge Reconstruction – IWA/Conservation
Commission application for the re-construction of the bridge crossing of the Podunk River at Pleasant Valley Road, including grading, and associated utilities. The area is located adjacent to Veterans Memorial Park.

Jeffrey Doolittle Town of South Windsor Engineer, Assistant Director of Public Works reviewed the application and introduced Keegan Elder P.E., Project Manager of WMC Consulting Engineers.

On behalf of the application Mr. Keegan reviewed the application highlighting the importance of proper erosion and sedimentation controls being installed and maintained throughout the duration of the project and not increasing turbidity levels. In addition any unconfined instream work within the Podunk River should be restricted to the period from June 1st to September 30th, inclusive.

Commissioner Blondin, Phillips, Cote, Reed and Chairperson Kelly asked, and made questions.

Motion to: close the public hearing on Appl. #22-44W

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Jennings

Motion carried.

Vote: unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

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Commissioner Phillips discussed the temporary call coffer dams, and maintaining the existing flow if it's not done properly it will have a temporary significant impact on the river.

Motion to: move a finding of no significant impact

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Jennings

Motion carried.

Vote: unanimous

Motion to: approve Appl. #22-44W Town of South Windsor standard terms and conditions no bond.

Commissioner Phillips mentioned they are doing a good job minimizing impact of existing conditions while improving the roadway and the hydraulic aspects of the bridge.

Chairperson Kelly commented on the hydraulics but also removes the constriction points on the river itself which is going to be an improvement in addition to the scheduling as presented and the timing of the work.

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Jennings

Motion carried.

Vote: unanimous

OLD BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS: Review of the By-Laws

Discussion, review of the final draft of the revised By-Laws

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to: adjourn at 7:59 pm

Was made by: Commissioner Blondin

Second by: Commissioner Jennings

The motion carried.

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Tersee Flores

Recording Secretary