

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

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ACTION MINUTES: April 19, 2023

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelly Barbara

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Durette Joe

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

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: None

Vice Chairperson Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Vice Chairperson Phillips 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 of 3-29-23 were approved by consensus.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: None

Jeff Folger mentioned they are currently working on a planting project consisting of 30 hybrid willows which are slated to be planted at the base of the sledding hill of Barber Hill Road. They are intended to create a visual buffer for the residence on bottom of the hill. The girl scouts are going to be assisting with the planting, probably the first weekend of May.

WETLAND OFFICER:

Jeff Folger mentioned regarding Pleasant Valley School the site is working well. They did go through a couple of rain storms but were able to follow the procedure, adding the flocculants to the detention basins, no issues with the pond in terms of sediment. Jeff explained there is some algae that is blooming a bit in the pond from the phosphorus that was released. The Environmental consultant that is developing a management plan for the pond, has taken water samples and benthic samples at the bottom of the pond to determine how much, if any, material has been deposited there. They examined the algae as well to determine if we have any blue green which fortunately we do not. They will modify some of the storm water systems to accommodate excessive ground water they found.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

Appl. 23-11P, Industrial Flex Space, 75 Connecticut Ave. – IWA/CC application for an Industrial Incubator facility and Cold Storage Units, parking, stormwater management and associated utilities, on property located easterly of Connecticut Ave. and westerly of Judy Lane. Industrial (I) zone.

Hearing opened with Peter M. DeMallie, President and Principal Design Professional presenting the application and introducing Glen Martin, DPI and James M. McManus, MS, CPSS, Certified Professional Soul Scientist.

Mr. James McManus discussed wetlands.

Mr. Glen Martin discussed the landscaping and water quality basin.

Vice-Chairperson Phillips open the hearing for public input, he reminded everyone we are limited on what we are allowed to consider to those items that are pertinent to Inland Wetlands watercourse which means items such as traffic, lighting and non-wetland dependent wildlife are not within the purview of the Commission.

Comments from the public were made from the following residents:

John Holowczak Cody Circle
Stephen Grech, Judy Lane
Robert Stoddard, Barbara Road
Paul LaPenta, 168 Edgewood Drive

Commissioner Reed read a letter that was received from the Hartford Audubon Society addressed to Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission.

Motion to: continue the hearing to May 3rd.

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Jennings

Motion carried.

Vote: unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

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Vice-Chairperson Phillips mentioned since we have continued the public hearing we will not have a discussion and action on Appl. 23-11P.

Appl. 23-13P, GDS Estimating, 470 Governors Hwy. – Determination of Public Hearing - IWA/CC application for the approval of a wetlands mitigation plan to compensate for current wetland disturbances on property located northerly of Governors Hwy. Industrial (I) zone.

Vice-Chairperson Phillips mentioned we were originally looking at a possibility of determination of public hearing however, Jeff Folger mentioned he is still waiting on a soil/environmental report and the notification that was submitted to the abutters was incomplete.

Motion to: table determination of public hearing on Appl. 23-13P to May 3rd.

Was Made By: Commissioner Phillips

Second by Commissioner Blondin

The motion carried.

The vote was unanimous

OLD BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to: adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Was made by: Commissioner Muller

Second by: Commissioner Jennings

The motion carried.

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Tersee Flores

Recording Secretary