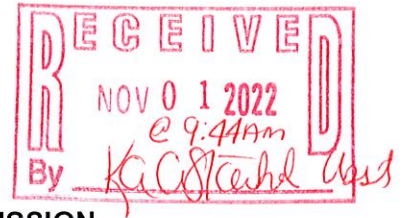


**TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR
INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY / CONSERVATION COMMISSION**



DRAFT MINUTES: October 19, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Kelly, Arthur Jennings, Adam Reed, John Phillips, Paul Cote, Jim Macdonald, Richard Muller, Daniel Katzbek

ALTERNATES PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Folger, Sr Environmental Planner
Lisa Giroux, Recording Secretary

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: None

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

Commissioner Philips motioned to add public input to the agenda as it was accidentally deleted. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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 September 7, 2022 were approved with corrections by consensus.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Senior Environmental Planner Jeff Folger commented on the story book trail outside of the Town Hall. Mr. Folger recently walked the trail and labeled some invasive species in effort to educate homeowners.

WETLAND OFFICER:

Jeff Folger commented on the Pleasant Valley School site and how it handled the last two storms. Mr. Folger noted that an environmental consultant has been hired to develop a plan to mitigate the sediment impacts to Spring Pond.

PUBLIC HEARING: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Appl. 22-36P, Prime Materials Recovery, 444 Nutmeg Rd North - IWA/CC application for a site plan to construct an additional materials storage building, parking, stormwater management and associated utilities, on property located northerly of Governors Highway and easterly of Nutmeg Road North. Industrial (I) zone.**

Suzanne Choate, Professional Engineer of Design Professionals reviewed the application and introduced team members.

Daniel Jameson, Professional Engineer and Project Manager at Design Professionals reviewed storm water and erosion control for the plan.

Glen Martin, Landscape Architect and Project Manager at Design Professionals reviewed landscaping plantings for the plan.

Jeff Folger agreed with the delineation of the wetlands on the property as well as the erosion and sediment controls. Mr. Folger commented on the berm area and recommended leaving the dense

area of evergreens. Mr. Folger inquired about the equipment on site as well as safety measures for the fuel-filling tank area on the site.

Justin Shilberg, General Manager at G&S Scrap Metal commented that no repairs are completed on the gravel and that most of the equipment stored on the gravel are purchased as scrap with no oils in them.

Mr. Folger inquired about pollution retention from the runoff from the paved area. Mr. Jameson further explained storm water management for the plan which includes expanding the size of the swale to provide additional storage for runoff from the parking lot.

The Commissioners discussed the plan and would like to see more clarification regarding the basin area as well as the containment around fuel tank. Peter DeMallie of Design Professionals stated that the applicant is amendable to addressing these items with an environmental engineer and adding said recommendations to the plan.

Commissioner Philip motioned to continue application to the next scheduled meeting on November 2, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jennings and passed unanimously.

2. Appl. 22-37P, NuWay Tobacco Co., 200 Sullivan Ave. – Conservation application for an expansion of the existing solar array, storm water management and associated utilities, on property located northerly of Sullivan Ave and easterly of Rye St. Industrial (I) zone.

Suzanne Choate of Design Professionals reviewed the proposal to add 7 rows of solar panels to the existing panels located on the 15 acre parcel. Ms. Choate noted that the purpose of the application is because of the area of disturbance. Daniel Jameson of Design Professionals reviewed the proposal which will change 1.03 acres from agricultural field to solar surface and 1.53 acres will change from agricultural field to grass. Mr. Jameson commented that grass will be planted on the entire disturbed area and that the design objectives for water quality are based on solar project guidelines published this year.

The Commissioners discussed the application and there were comments regarding the primary use of the detention basin being water quality more than to contain runoff.

Commissioner Muller questioned the purpose of additional panels. Daniel Renne of SolBid Inc. commented that NuWay Tobacco will utilize the energy produced on site, as they're a large consumer of electricity.

Motion to approve the application by Commissioner Phillips with standard terms and conditions and a bond in the amount of \$5,000 for erosion control. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. Vote unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review of the proposed Inland Wetland Regulation

The Commission discussed some of the changes to the regulations.

Folger handed out an opinion from the Town Attorney concerning proposed language for section 14.3.

Motion to set a public hearing for November 2, 2022 by Commissioner Philips

Second by Commissioner Cote. Vote, unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Quote for Seeder

Jeff Folger discussed a request to utilize Open Space funds to purchase a seeder for the Town Open space areas. There was a discussion regarding the bidding process. Commissioner Jennings motioned to approve the purchase. Commissioner Muller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

Appl. 22-38P, Prime Materials Recovery, 444 Nutmeg Road North & 410 Governor's Highway – request for site plan modification to add a 29,900 sf building, on property located at 444 Nutmeg Road North & 410 Governor's Highway, I zone.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to: adjourn at 8:47pm
Was made by: Commissioner Philips
Second by: Commissioner Jennings
The motion carried.
The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Lisa Giroux
Recording Secretary

