

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

**MINUTES:** December 20, 2023

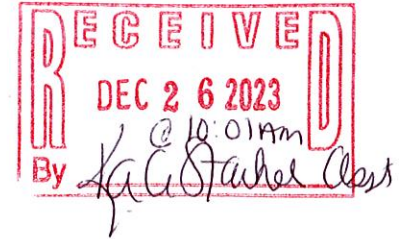
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Barbara Kelly – Chairperson, John Phillips – Vice Chairperson, James McDonald, Paul Cote

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Blondin, Arthur Jennings, Dan Katzbek, Richard Muller, Adam Reed

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Steven Cordeiro

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jeff Folger, Sr. Environmental Planner  
Nicole Kowalik, Recording Secretary

**COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:** None



Chairperson Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:21PM.  
She seated Alternate Cordeiro for Commissioner Jennings

**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:** Minutes from Regular Meeting on 11-01-2023: Page 2, Paragraph 3 "replace lap with map" Minutes were approved by consensus with correction.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:** Jeff Folger and Commissioner Philips have investigated putting a foot bridge at Wapping Park across Plum Gully Brook. The site was visited to see what would be needed to span the two channels that are there. Jeff Folger mentioned that he will be going back to the site with a GPS unit to shoot an elevation.

**WETLAND OFFICER:** Jeff Folger commented that most sites came through well regardless of all the rain recently. There was an update on the owner of 375 Rye St. There was a planting plan that was submitted for restoration. There will be a farm plan that will be presented to the commission.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Appl. 23-51W, Town of South Windsor – 372 Rye St – Determination of a public hearing, IWA/CC application for the removal of an existing culvert and improvements to a watercourse located easterly of Rye St and northerly of Troy Rd. Rural Residential (RR) Zone.

Jeff Folger presented the aerial view plan of Rye St and Troy Rd. Jeff Folger commented that the plan is to take out both of the twin 48-inch culverts and taper back in the burn to restabilize the channel. The headwalls will be taken out. There is a well development erosion settlement control plan. They will be putting in pipes and plunge pools to protect the stream over time. There is a lot of necessary maintenances and improvements are

needed to be made to the area. There will be about 150 linear feet of disturbance within the stream channel and 35,000 sq ft of disturbance within the wetland review area. All will be temporary disturbance.

Chairperson Kelly commented how there will be an intensive amount of work within the water course.

Commissioner Cordeiro asked when the roads were redone in the 50's, what was the reason to leave it as it was and not open it back up. Jeff Folger answered there was an attempt to close the area off and create a pond, but that plan was later abandoned.

Vice Chairperson Phillips commented that for a long time the area was stable. In the last year, some blocks of concrete have shifted.

**Motion to:** hold a public hearing to **Appl. 23-51W, Town of South Windsor – 372 Rye St – IWA/CC** application for the removal of an existing culvert and improvements to a watercourse located easterly of Rye St and northerly of Troy Rd. Rural Residential (RR) Zone. Due to the potential of significant impact.

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Cote

Motion - carried.

Vote - unanimous.

Chairperson Kelly commented that she agrees with Vice Chairperson Phillips and based on the regulations it has one of the three conditions to conduct a public hearing.

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**OTHER BUSINESS: None**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:** Jeff Folger discussed how there was a plan submitted to build a synthetic field where the current tennis courts are located on Ayers Rd. The tennis courts, will be replaced moved to Nevers Rd. It is unlikely that they will have a significant wetland impact.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion to:** adjourn at 7:37PM

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Cordeiro

Motion - carried.

Vote - unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Kowalik,  
Recording Secretary