

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

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July 20, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Warren, Barbara Kelly, John Blondin, Jack Phillips, Richard Muller, Audrey Delnicki, Adam Reed, Art Jennings

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Steve Wagner, sitting for Daniel Seypura

STAFF PRESENT: Jeffrey Folger, Sr Environmental Planner/Conservation Officer
Donna Thompson, Recording Secretary

Chairperson Warren called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: none

PERMIT EXTENSIONS: Appl. #11-26P – Carter Mario site plan. Construction has not yet begun on site.

Motion: to approve permit extension – 5 yrs to 7/20/2021 for Appl #11-26P, with original conditions:

1. The final approved copy of the entire set of plans and this letter reproduced thereon must be submitted to the Planning Department. This must be completed within 65 days of approval prior to any construction activity on the site. Plans submitted to Planning & Zoning Commission shall be considered having met this requirement.
2. The application shall indemnify and hold harmless the Town of South Windsor against any liability, which might result from the proposed operation or use.
3. The permit is valid for five years and shall expire on July 20, 2021. It is the landowner(s)/applicant(s) responsibility to track expiration dates and notify the Commission of a renewal request at least 65 days prior to expiration.
4. Bonds shall be collected in the amounts of \$5,000 to ensure proper placement and maintenance of erosion and sediment controls, and \$5,000 for construction of stormwater system.
5. All approvals required must be obtained and submitted prior to any activity on the site.
6. A contact person shall be identified on the plans.

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Delnicki

The motion carried and the vote was unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS: none

BONDS: none

MINUTES: July 6, 2016 minutes approved by consensus

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: The RFP for grading and seeding the Barton property is out, with proposals to be returned by July 29, 2016.

WETLAND OFFICER: Due to the very dry conditions, there have not been any issues at work sites. The brewery site is being prepped to begin their project. The Scott Leonard site on Buckland Road has brought in a large quantity of fill and constructed the retaining wall. There

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was a minor issue with the wall that has been resolved. The site is holding up well. In regard to Phase I of the Avery Street project, the crossing over the brook has been stabilized.

Joe Perna stated that the contractor for Phase I of the Avery Street project is pretty much on schedule, working on the last leg of the storm drainage – the large 36 inch pipe that is picking up the flow from the upper dam north of Beelzebub. Has about 200 feet of pipe to put in but will be slow going through the ledge in the area. The contractor will then continue work on the Beelzebub Road section of the reconstruction. Paving will be a step process due to traffic considerations and the need to phase in sections at a time. Looking at end of October/ November for completion of Phase I part of the project. They are on schedule.

PUBLIC HEARING: 7:10 pm

Commissioner Phillips read the legal notice as published in the Journal Inquirer into the record.

Appl. #16-34W – Town of South Windsor – 1540 Sullivan Ave – Inland
Wetlands/Conservation Commission application for approval of a road re-construction project located on Avery Street from Gray Rd to Orchard Hill Drive.

Presentation was made by Town Engineer, Jeff Doolittle and Joseph Perna, Project Engineer for Phase II of the Avery Street reconstruction. No wetlands along the stretch from Gray to Orchard Hill, Avery Brook runs behind the houses. There is an unnamed intermittent brook that crosses Avery St and picks up runoff from the neighborhood. It is dry at this time, runs a little when it rains then dries out. The culvert is going to be extended on the west side of the road for sidewalks. The road will be reconstructed to a uniform 28 feet wide, with new stormwater drainage, new sidewalks on the west side (to connect existing sidewalk networks) and have some minor vertical curves straightened out.

Mr. Perna stated that the east side of the road will be widen to lessen the impact on the small area of wetlands near this location. Grading will be within the Town right of way near the existing apple orchard and the Community Gardens because of the proposed sidewalk on the west side. The elevation of Avery Street at the Orchard Hill intersection will be raised slightly to improve drainage. A grass swale is proposed for the area behind the sidewalk due to it being lower than the sidewalk and roadway to pick up any runoff and direct it toward the existing stream. The project also consists of replacing catch basin tops for basins in good condition; a new section of drainage that will tie into an existing 3 x 6 culver (pipes are in poor condition and must be replaced); a new section of drainage near the Community Gardens that will tie into an existing drainage outfall. Within the regulated area, the endwall will be replaced with a manhole - minimal disturbance due to the excavation. The activity associated with this application is the 10 foot extension of the existing 3 x 6 culvert at the intermittent stream and the proposed grass swales. There will be a temporary coffer dam constructed to control the flow in case of rain. The natural streambed material will be saved and restored to its natural state upon completion of the work in that area.

Prudent and feasible alternatives were considered – could the sidewalk be redirected and leave the existing culvert in place? There would not be enough room on the east side of the road due to nearness of the existing culvert due to the widening of the road on the east side. Putting the sidewalk on the east side would entail a lot of grading and fill. Also, the utility poles on the east side would be in the way. Placing the sidewalk on the west side allows the tie in to the existing network of sidewalks in that neighborhood.

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Mr. Folger had previously flagged the wetlands in the vicinity of the road crossing. The stream meets the definition of an intermittent watercourse. It has wetland vegetation and wetland soils. It is generally dry except during storm events or when water table is high. There is a larger forested area to the west that is completely surrounded by residential development which has some isolated wildlife habitat. The proposed activity will not affect the area to the west at all – very limited impact to wetlands resources on this site.

Mr. Perna stated that there will be a sedimentation chamber in lowest part of the pipe from Avery Street to Avery Brook. The catch basins will have 4 foot sumps.

Commissioners Warren, Kelly, Phillips and Wagner visited the site.

Motion: to close public hearing for Appl #16-34W, at 7:35 pm

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Kelly

The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appl. #16-34W – Town of South Windsor – 1540 Sullivan Ave – Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission application for approval of a road re-construction project located on Avery Street from Gray Rd to Orchard Hill Drive.

Commissioners were satisfied with the information presented for the application and proceeded with a motion.

Motion: based on the evidence presented as a whole at the public hearing, move for a finding of no prudent and feasible alternatives for Appl #16-34W

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Wagner

The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

Motion: to approve Appl #16-34W, with following conditions:

1. The final approved copy of the entire set of plans and this letter reproduced thereon must be submitted to the Planning Department. This must be completed within 65 days of approval prior to any construction activity on the site. Plans submitted to Planning & Zoning Commission shall be considered having met this requirement.
2. The applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Town of South Windsor against any liability, which might result from the proposed operation or use.
3. The permit is valid for five years and shall expire on July 20, 2021. It is the landowner(s)/applicant(s) responsibility to track expiration dates and notify the Commission of a renewal request at least 65 days prior to expiration.
4. All approvals required must be obtained and submitted prior to any activity on the site.
5. A contact person shall be identified on the plans.

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Kelly

The motion carried and the vote was unanimous

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Appl. #16-32P – GDS Estimating – 470 Governors Hwy – Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission application for approval of a 1-lot subdivision and grading and associated improvements on property located north of Governors highway, Industrial (I) zone.

Chair Warren stated there was a concern about the posting of the application pending sign for this application. Chair Warren, Commissioner Wagner and Jeff Folger had found no evidence of the sign having been posted in the area. Commissioner Delnicki questioned if it could have been blown away during Monday's severe weather. Chair Warren read a letter from the applicant into record that the sign was up for 14 days. Commissioner Phillips read the regulations regarding the posting of signs into the record.

By consensus, the Commission agreed to hear the application due to the fact that the public was made aware of the pending application by abutter notices, legal notices and the PZC application pending signs being posted on the property. It was stated that a good faith effort seemed to have been made and that there is no evidence to the contrary that an attempt was not made. Also, the weather may have been a factor.

Frank Borawski, PDS Engineering, presented the application. The disturbance would be in the upland review area only for grading of the gravel access drive leading to the addition which is being proposed to Planning and Zoning. Cars will be parked on the paved area.

Jeff Folger stated that the area is completely flat; the proposed perimeter controls should be effective; the water table is shallow. The wetlands are basically for infiltration (sandy soil) and there should be no significant impact to the functionality of the wetlands.

Motion: to approve Appl #16-32P, with the following conditions:

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2. The applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Town of South Windsor against any liability, which might result from the proposed operation or use.
3. The permit is valid for five years and shall expire on July 20, 2021. It is the landowner(s)/applicant(s) responsibility to track expiration dates and notify the Commission of a renewal request at least 65 days prior to expiration.
4. A bond shall be collected in the amount of \$2,000.00 to ensure proper placement and maintenance of erosion and sediment controls.
5. All approvals required must be obtained and submitted prior to any activity on the site.
6. A contact person shall be identified on the plans.

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips
Second by: Commissioner Delnicki
The motion carried and the vote was unanimous

OLD BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

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Appl. #16-39W – G&S Scrap Metal – 444 Nutmeg Road – Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission application for approval of a soil remediation project on property located north of Governors highway and east of Nutmeg Road, Industrial (I) zone.

Appl. #16-42W - Town of South Windsor - Rye Street Park Pond Dredging, Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission application for approval of a site plan for pond dredging at Rye Street Park located at R013 Rye Street, RR zone.

Motion: to set public hearing for Appl #16-42W, on September 7, 2016, due to potential for public interest and possibility of significant impact to a watercourse

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips
Second by: Commissioner Kelly
The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to: adjourn at 8:10 pm
Was made by: Commissioner Phillips
Second by: Commissioner Delnicki
The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Thompson
Recording Secretary

Approved: September 7, 2016