

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

MINUTES: March 4, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Blondin, Barbara Kelly, Adam Reed, James Macdonald, Jack Phillips, Paul Cote, Art Jennings

ALTERNATES PRESENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Folger, Sr Environmental Planner
Donna Thompson, Recording Secretary

THE FOLLOWING ARE MOTIONS MADE DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY/ CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MADDEN ROOM

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

PERMIT EXTENSIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS: None

BONDS: None

MINUTES: 2/19/2020

The minutes of 2/19/2020 were approved by consensus.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Folger met with the high school science club on February 20th. He talked about open space, wetlands, what he does in his job, etc. They are looking for projects; for their science fair and a high level program that involves college bound students. In a follow-up yesterday, Folger suggested vector management; between deer ticks and mosquitoes. There has been some previous success with a scout project involving the placement of tick tubes along trails. Folger will suggest the club could place tick tubes along trails at Nevers Park and Major Michael Donnelly. At the same time they could place larvicide in a couple of the vernal pools in Nevers Road to try to control mosquitoes. The project would entail taking larva samples before and after application of the larvicide to see its effectiveness.

Folger will order seedlings for them to plant in certain locations also.

WETLAND OFFICER: Folger distributed copies of a violation letter he sent to a property owner on North King Street. He was notified by a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission that fill material was being brought onto the property. It was not a large amount of fill nor in a wetland, but it is in the 100 year floodplain. Folger will require them to do a minimal impact permit and to have the soil tested for contaminants. The fill came from an industrial site in town. The next step would be a cease and restore order if he does not receive cooperation from the property owner.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Appl. #20-09W – Town of South Windsor - Nevers Road Reconstruction – IWA/Conservation Commission application for road re-construction of a portion of Nevers Road, including drainage and the stormwater management system, and associated utilities. The area is located from Sand Hill Road, north to the Community Center. **(con't from 2/19/2020)**

Jeff Doolittle and Joe Perna reviewed the information presented at the previous meeting, along with additional information regarding the staging area to be created. The staging area has been highlighted on the plans and will be restored upon project completion. The Town would like to use that area for parking once the road reconstruction project is complete. Included In the contract issued for this project, is a performance bond and a labor/material bond. Erosion and sediment controls are specifically stated as well as the hydro-mulching to be done along the roadsides during construction, and seeding with coverage after construction.

Motion to: close public hearing on Appl. #20-09W

Was made by: Commissioner Blondin

Second by: Commissioner Phillips

The motion carried.

The vote was unanimous.

Motion to: move for a finding of no prudent and feasible alternatives based on the evidence presented during the public hearing

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Seconded by: Commissioner Blondin

Motion: carried

Vote: unanimous

Motion to: approve Appl. #19-09W, with the 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 permit is valid for five years and shall expire on March 4, 2025. 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.
3. Work performed by contractors other than the Town of South Windsor shall be bonded to ensure proper erosion and sediment controls.
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 Jennings

Commissioner Phillips stated that the Town has done a good job of protecting the stream, if not improving the protection of the stream and the adjacent wetlands. Overall, it should be a net benefit. Commissioner Kelly agreed with Commissioner Phillips and added that she is very pleased about the inclusion as a pay item of ongoing stabilization.

The motion carried.

The vote was unanimous

Appl. #20-10W – Town of South Windsor – Avery St Reconstruction – IWA/Conservation Commission application for road re-construction of a portion of Avery Street, including drainage and the stormwater management system, and associated utilities. The area is located from Hitchcock Way, north to Dart Hill Road. (con't from 2/19/2020)

Jeff Doolittle and Joe Perna reviewed the information presented at the previous meeting and added that after discussion with their consultant they decided to add a headwall instead of a flared end to the catch basin near the stream crossing. This will make the slope behind the catch basin more manageable. It will not impact the wetlands any more. There will be a guiderail placed there. There will be some cleanup of woody growth and old rip rap. New rip rap will be added. Included In the contract issued for

this project, is a performance bond and a labor/material bond. Erosion and sediment controls are specifically stated as well as the hydro-mulching to be done along the roadsides during construction, and seeding with coverage after construction.

Motion to: close public hearing on Appl. #20-10W

Was made by: Commissioner Blondin

Second by: Commissioner Phillips

The motion carried.

The vote was unanimous.

Motion to: move for a finding of no prudent and feasible alternatives based on the evidence presented at the public hearing

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Seconded by: Commissioner Jennings

Motion: carried

Vote: unanimous

Motion to: approve Appl. #19-10W, with the 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.
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5. A contact person shall be identified on the plans.

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Blondin

Commissioner Phillips stated that the re-alignment of the outfall in conjunction with the re-alignment of the road not only improves the road but should improve the water flow and reduce the potential for problems at that outfall. Commissioner Kelly stated that the new management system with the stabilization on-going should be a net benefit.

The motion carried.

The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

OTHER BUSINESS: Evergreen Walk – Jurisdictional ruling for the construction of the walking trail proposed for Evergreen Walk

Folger stated that he had expected a representative to be at the meeting tonight. It was not known why no one was present. Folger reviewed the basics of the proposed trail system. Commissioners agreed that they need more information from the applicant before they can issue a ruling. There was a question about a maintenance plan and concern about the proposed woodchips on parts of the trails.

Motion to: add election of officers to agenda

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Blondin

The motion carried.

The vote was unanimous.

Election of Officers

Commissioner Phillips nominated Barbara Kelly as Chairperson, seconded by Commissioner Cote. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Blondin nominated Jack Phillips as Vice Chairperson, seconded by Commissioner Jennings. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Blondin nominated Adam Reed as Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Phillips. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed. The vote was unanimous.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to: adjourn at 7:37 p.m.
Was made by: Commissioner Blondin
Second by: Commissioner Jennings
The motion carried.
The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Thompson
Recording Secretary