

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

MINUTES: December 15, 2021

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

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Folger, Sr. Environmental Planner
Gina Saccente, Recording Secretary

THE FOLLOWING ARE MOTIONS MADE DURING THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY/ CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

PERMIT EXTENSIONS: None

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS: None

BONDS: None

MINUTES: 10/10/21 and 11/03/21 were approved by consensus (with minor updates)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Jeff Folger

Mr. Folger spoke about the new bridge construction and already in use but still wants to improve the ramp for bicycles.

Mr. Folger stated that there are quite a few Eagle Scout projects right here on the Town Hall site. The Environmental Club at the High School is receiving a grant to plant trees, concentrating on area between Priest farm and Heritage drive, where previous vegetative buffer blew down and space is very open.

Commissioner Kelly wants to see a project or Town activity at the Wildlife Sanctuary at the base of the sledding hill, to increase the screening of the new houses at the base of the hill.

Mr. Folger suggested to bring it to the Town Council or Park & Recreation. Chairperson Kelly asked if anyone wants to make a motion to write the letter. Commissioner Phillips motions to write letter, Commissioner Blondin seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

WETLAND OFFICER: Jeff Folger

Mr. Folger received a call from someone interested in purchasing the 40 Sea Pave Road property. The person is interested on building a CNC machining training building.

He is aware of the violation on the property and he is willing to fix the violation. He has brought a soil scientist on site to evaluate it. Mr. Folger agreed that if he is willing to fix the violation then there is no objection to the property changing hands, but he informed him that they will not sign off on any building permits until the violation is fixed.

Folger reported on the difficulty in getting both Costco and Evergreen Walk LLC to follow through with the approved wetland mitigation prior to signing off on their Certificate of Occupancy.

Chairperson Kelly commented on requiring future mitigation to be completed before signing off on building permits.

Kelly commented on the importance in maintaining temporary grass cover during construction.

Chairperson Kelly reviewed IWA/CC meeting dates for 2022 year. Mr. Folger didn't find any conflicts with any Religious holidays, checked with HR. Commissioner Blondin made motion to accept the meeting dates, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Phillips. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business: Regulations revision subcommittee. Commissioner Phillips commented the Commission hasn't revised regulations in 15 years, but have been waiting for the DEEP to reproduce state model regulations for those 15 years. Chairperson Kelly added the IWA/CC Commission in Bolton had done work 5-6 years ago bringing things up to date from 2006-2015, and she shared a clean draft done with that update and made global change from Bolton to South Windsor with Mr. Folger, so that is a starting point for the group to review.

The Commission discussed educational information available for Commissioners.

Mr. Folger added there is consideration for a memorial bench for both Betty and Bob Warren, with an engraved plaque. The IWA budget cannot be used to fund the project, so they will be asking for donations from IWA, SWALPAC, and OSTF Commissioners.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm
Was made by: Commissioner Blondin
Second by: Commissioner Phillips
The motion carried.
The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted:

Gina Saccente, Recording Secretary