

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

**MINUTES:** January 4, 2023

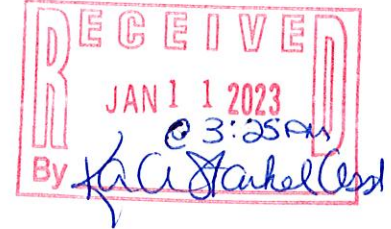
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Blondin John, Cote Paul, Jennings Arthur, Katzbek Dan, Kelly Barbara, Macdonald James, Phillips John, and Reed Adam

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Muller Richard

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** None Present

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jeff Folger, Sr. Environmental Planner  
Tersee Flores, Recording Secretary

**COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT:** Steven King Jr., Deputy Mayor



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

**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 December 7, 2022 were approved by unanimous consensus.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:**

Senior Environmental Planner Jeff Folger mentioned the Open Space Task Force is updating their open space plan, once completed it will go to the Council for approval and then available to the public.

Chairperson Kelly mentioned the next Open Space Task Force meeting is on January 9<sup>th</sup> and she will be out of the office if any Commissioner is interested in attending to advise Jeff Folger.

**WETLAND OFFICER:**

Mr. Folger reviewed an update for Pleasant Valley School mentioning they appointed a full-time site manager. The site manager immediately started portioning the site up and dividing it into smaller sediment capture areas. Mr. Folger mentioned they did get the formulation back for the flocculants, started applying it to the temporary basin and it's actually pumping clean water out of the basin. They have deepen all the basins and are better prepared for any future storms.

Chairperson Kelly mentioned all of these items are very basic, and in the E&S manual and should be properly instituted and maintained.

Commissioner Jennings talked about the items Mr. Folger mentioned that should have been done. He mentioned in the future shouldn't there be some push back and discussion with Mr. King council liaison regarding additional cost.

Mr. King commented it would be good to have the conversation on the record in case additional issues do come up in the future.

Chairperson Kelly suggested probably someone from the council might sit with the Wetland agent look at the plans look at the reference to the guidelines for soil erosion and sediment control take note of a number of mistakes.

Commissioner Reed read the legal notice as posted in the Journal Inquirer

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Appl. #22-44W – Town of South Windsor – Pleasant Valley Road Bridge Reconstruction – IWA/Conservation**  
Commission application for the re-construction of the bridge crossing of the Podunk River at Pleasant Valley Road, including grading, and associated utilities. The area is located adjacent to Veterans Memorial Park.

Jeffrey Doolittle Town of South Windsor Engineer, Assistant Director of Public Works reviewed the application and introduced Keegan Elder P.E., Project Manager of WMC Consulting Engineers.

On behalf of the application Mr. Doolittle reported this bridge is one of the last major bridges we need to replace in the Town of South Windsor. Records show it was constructed originally in 1929 and reconstructed in 1988. It was 26 ft. long and 22 ft. wide. In 2020 it was inspected by CT DOT which is inspected every two years and it was determined to be needing a full replacement. It was rated fair under the inspection guidelines because of the conditions, hydraulic and traffic capacity of the bridge.

Mr. Keegan, Project Manager reviewed the application highlighting the importance of proper erosion and sedimentation controls being installed and maintained throughout the duration of the project and not increasing turbidity levels. In addition any unconfined instream work within the Podunk River should be restricted to the period from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, inclusive. Mr. Keegan discussed the existing bridge is going to be replaced with a new precast concrete bridge system which is called "Next beam type precast system" this will speed up or accelerate the construction, and reduce road closure time. The bridge will be slightly wider from a traveling perspective to include sidewalks and shoulders. This will minimize the disturbance to the river channel. He provided an existing plan survey for the commissioner's review.

Commissioner Blondin asked about the Town pump station and whether there is going to be any impact?

Mr. Keegan replied with yes. The pump station currently has plans to do some work but not yet finalized. Mr. Keegan mentioned they will provide a temporary relocation of gas main, currently the gas main runs underneath the road. During construction they are going to install the gas main right over temporary coffer dam and tie back to the existing to maintain gas services. That will impact some of the driveway access right at the gas station. In addition, he mentioned the gate location will probably have to be relocated.

Commissioner's Phillips, Cote, Reed and Chairperson Kelly asked, and made questions regarding time frame, Eversource, guidelines and the shutdown of Veterans Memorial Park.

**Motion to:** close the public hearing on Appl. #22-44W

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Jennings

Motion carried.

Vote: unanimous

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

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Commissioner Phillips discussed the temporary coffer dams, and maintaining the existing flow if it's not done properly it will have a temporary impact on the river.

**Motion to:** move a finding of no significant impact

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Jennings

Motion carried.

Vote: unanimous

**Motion to:** approve Appl. #22-44W Town of South Windsor standard terms and conditions no bond.

Commissioner Phillips mentioned they are doing a good job minimizing impact of existing conditions while improving the roadway and the hydraulic aspects of the bridge.

Chairperson Kelly commented on the hydraulics and that the design also removed the constriction points on the river itself which is going to be an improvement in addition to the scheduling as presented and the timing of the work.

Was made by: Commissioner Phillips

Second by: Commissioner Jennings

Motion carried.

Vote: unanimous

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS: Review of the By-Laws**

Discussion, review of the final draft of the revised By-Laws

#### **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: NONE**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion to:** adjourn at 7:59 pm

Was made by: Commissioner Blondin

Second by: Commissioner Jennings

The motion carried.

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Tersee Flores

Recording Secretary