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



MINUTES: March 1, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Blondin John, Jennings Arthur, Macdonald James, Phillips John, and Reed Adam

MEMBERS ABSENT: Katzbek Dan, Kelly Barbara, Cote Paul and Muller Richard

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Durette Joe

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

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Steven King Jr.

Vice Chairperson Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Phillips appointed Alternate Durette to sit for Commissioner Kelly

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Vice Chairperson Phillips 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 of 2-15-23 were approved by consensus.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: None

Jeff Folger mentioned the Recreation Department is having an Earth Day event on April 15th. They are planning on handing out tree seedling to the public.

Jeff Folger discussed two additional packets he provided the Commissioners regarding the impacts of wildlife diversity adjacent to trails. The information stated that transitional zones of different habitats have the least impact, and by instituting a trail along those edges will result in the least impact to wildlife.

WETLAND OFFICER:

Jeff Folger reported that the Pleasant Valley School the site is working well, he discussed a meeting he had on Thursday, April 23rd with members of Town Council, the Gilbane Construction Team as well as the Public Building Commission. The site is being managed well, and there has not been any discharge to the pond. In addition, seeding and mulching will be done early this spring to minimize the amount of open soil.

Commissioner Blondin asked when the school will be opening.

Mr. Folger reported early June and July for re-fitting in preparation for students in September.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Appl. #23-04W – Town of South Windsor – Pleasant Valley Road Culvert Reconstruction – IWA/Conservation Commission application for the re-construction two culvert crossings of Pleasant Valley Road, including grading, and associated utilities. The areas are located east of Long Hill road and west of Clark Street.

Jeffrey Doolittle Town of South Windsor Engineer, Assistant Director of Public Works reviewed the application and introduced Taylor Rodrigue P.E., Project Engineer Town of South Windsor.

On behalf of the application Mr. Doolittle discussed 743, 761, 944 Pleasant Valley Road and PVR Condos culvert crossings, condition of the piping, head wall and wetland impacts.

The headwalls associated with the twin 48inch culverts will be re-built. The culverts will be extended on the north side to accommodate new sidewalks. The direct impacts to the watercourse channel will be minimal.

Comments from the public, Alan Gold of 949 Pleasant Valley Road. Inquired on the timing of the construction of this work and the re-build of the bridge to the west of Ellington Rd. Construction is expected to start in late fall or early spring.

Commissioner Blondin, Phillips, Durette and Reed asked, questions regarding water quality treatment, replacement of pipes, de-watering, and timeframe for completion. Two hydrodynamic separators will be installed on either side of the north side of the culverts for water quality. A de-watering plan is being developed and will be reviewed by Town Staff.

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

Was made by: Commissioner Blondin

Second by: Commissioner Jennings

Motion carried.

Vote: unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

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Motion to: Accept Appl. #22-44W standard terms and condition.

Was Made By: Commissioner Blondin

Second by Commissioner Jennings

The motion carried.

Vice Chairperson Phillips discussed the design and how well it minimizes the wetland impacts, both temporary and permanent, with almost no permanent impacts and the addition of the storm water treatment should actually lead to improving water quality to Quarry Brook. In addition, he mentioned he did visit the site.

The vote was unanimous

OLD BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to: adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

Was made by: Commissioner Muller

Second by: Commissioner Jennings

The motion carried.

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted:

Tersee Flores, Recording Secretary