

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

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March 2, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Warren, Barbara Kelly, John Blondin, Adam Reed, Jack Phillips, Arthur Jennings

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Stephen Wagner, sitting for Audrey Delnicki

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: none

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS: Commissioner Kelly advised the Commission of some upcoming conferences that might be of interest/benefit to the Commissioners. Commissioners should forward registration information for any conferences or seminars they will be attending to the recording secretary in order for payment by the Town.

BONDS: none

MINUTES: February 17, 2016 minutes approved by consensus.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Folger stated that on the Barton property, the construction of the berm along Brookfield Street is going forward. Environmental Services has offered to donate the approximately 3,000 cubic yards of clean fill needed to build the berm, along with a bulldozer to do the work. Approval from the Town Council will be needed to waive competitive bidding. A possible scout project will be the planting of the berm with appropriate trees and shrubs, such as Red Cedar and Mountain Laurel. Bare root seedlings will be planted around the inner perimeter where the clearing is. On the southeast corner a cluster of trees such as White Birch and Red Twig Dogwood may be planted for some color. A swale (small drainage ditch) will be created to alleviate the water currently ponding on the road. Possibly "edible" landscape plantings, such as filberts, could be placed along that interior area. Tree stumps left from the clearing will either be removed or buried under the berm.

Commissioner Kelly stated that the latest soft armoring technique for stream bank stabilization entails anchoring a 20-30 foot spruce tree into the stream bank allowing the branches to catch sediment coming downstream. The tree is laid adjacent to the bank and anchored with steel cable. Commissioner Kelly is observing this process first hand at an impacted stream near the Tolland County Agricultural Center.

WETLAND OFFICER: Folger presented pictures of the Orchard Hill School site taken after the recent heavy rains. Some of the silt fence was knocked down, but there was no sediment problem. There is brown water flowing into the drainage ditch so the erosion and sediment control measures are being tweaked. The contractor is being very responsive to any issues.

PUBLIC HEARING: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Appl. 16-13P, 1505 John Fitch Blvd LLC – 1505 John Fitch Blvd – IWA/CC application for an industrial building, parking, stormwater controls and associated improvements on property located westerly of John Fitch Blvd and northerly of Kimberly Drive Industrial (I) Zone.

Mark Peterson, Gardner and Peterson Associates, represented the applicant. There will be no direct wetland impact. There will be a temporary disturbance in the upland review area to install a storm drainage pipe. The existing building and parking will be removed and a new 8,200 sq ft building with

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associated parking will be constructed. Connection to public sewer will be at Kimberly Drive. A second curb cut from Kimberly Drive into the facility is proposed. Lot coverage on-site will be reduced from 68.8% to 60.1%. Existing stormwater runoff flows to the southeast and southwest and is proposed to continue to flow in those directions, ending up in two storm drains along Kimberly Drive. There will be no increase in the rate of stormwater runoff to either of these discharges. Easements have been proposed between both property owners as some of the proposed changes effect land owned by G&R Real Estate.

Motion: to approve application #16-13P, 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 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 March 2, 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 amount of \$5,000 for installation and maintenance of erosion and sediment controls; \$5,000 for installation and maintenance of stormwater structures.
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 Kelly
The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS: none

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: none

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to: adjourn at 7:38 pm
Was made by: Commissioner Blondin
Second by: Commissioner Jennings
The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Thompson
Recording Secretary

Approved with a correction: April 6, 2016