

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

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**April 6, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elizabeth Warren, Barbara Kelly, John Blondin, Jack Phillips, Arthur Jennings, Audrey Delnicki

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Stephen Wagner, sitting for Richard Muller

**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:** Folger referenced a recent Agri-Forestry Bulletin from the USDA which included information regarding increased rain intensity in the Northeast. A study conducted from 1958 to 2012 to determine increases in heavy precipitation events throughout the country shows that the Northeast has experienced a 71% increase in higher intensity storms. This is by far the largest increase in any region in the country.

Chair Warren stated that she received a letter from the Town Council regarding the appointment of Daniel Seypura as a Commissioner to replace Carol Heffler.

**BONDS:** none

**MINUTES:** March 2, 2016 minutes approved by consensus, with the following correction in paragraph 2 under CONSERVATION COMMISSION: "...allowing the *branches* (replaces "needles") to catch sediment..."

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:** The berm on the Barton property has been completed. Seeding and landscaping will be started within the next couple of weeks. Folger suggested the planting of approximately 40 trees and shrubs might make a good scout project. Commissioner Jennings will contact the scoutmaster and have him communicate directly with Folger.

**WETLAND OFFICER:** The Orchard Hill School erosion and sediment control measures are working very well. Wood chips from the clearing of trees on-site were saved and are providing good filtration.

On another note, Folger stated that the ground water is finally starting to rebound from what it was last summer and fall.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Appl. #16-17W – Giguere – 990 Strong Rd – Inland Wetlands/Conservation Commission application for approval for the demolition of an existing house and construction of a new residential house on an existing lot and associated utilities on property located north of Strong Road, Rural Residential (RR) Zone.

Andrew Bushnell, Bushnell Associates, presented the application. There is an existing pond in the front yard; the wetlands extend beyond the edge of the pond. Site has existing well and is connected to public sewer. Mr. Bushnell is unsure of the exact path of the lateral from the house to Strong Road. The existing house would be demolished and a new house constructed, having a crawl space with a footing drain outlet. The driveway will remain essentially the same though expanded slightly at the garage. There is the possibility that the utilities will be relocated underground. An existing shed and an existing

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tent garage will be removed from the site. The property is located near the flood zone, which basically follows the edge of the wetlands.

Kyle Giguere, applicant and future property owner, stated that the driveway section leading to some storage containers will most likely remain as is and be used as a turn around. The storage containers will remain, at least for the time being.

George Logan, Rema Ecological Services, delineated the wetlands. There will be no native tree loss; possibly a couple of ornamentals will be removed. Mr. Logan did not feel that additional habitat was needed around the pond. Most of the proposed changes will occur in areas already previously disturbed.

In addressing the commission's concern regarding the posting of the application pending sign on the property for at least 10 consecutive days, Mr. Giguere stated that he obtained the sign from the Planning Dept on March 14<sup>th</sup>, affixed it to a tree visible from Strong Road on March 16<sup>th</sup> and that it was there through at least March 31<sup>st</sup> (16 days). Commissioner Wagner observed that the sign was not visible on the afternoon of April 5<sup>th</sup>. The sign was found under the snow at the base of the tree and replaced temporarily, with a new sign posted on the morning of April 6<sup>th</sup>. Mary Tully, 1010 Strong Road, attested to the fact that the sign had been posted as described and that other neighbors had seen it also. The corroboration of Mr. Giguere's testimony by Ms. Tully allayed the commissioners' concern.

Motion: to approve application #16-17W, 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 April 6, 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. 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 Wagner

The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** none

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:** none

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion to:** adjourn at 7:54 pm

Was made by: Commissioner Delnicki

Second by: Commissioner Phillips

The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Thompson  
Recording Secretary

**Approved: June 1, 2016**