



TOWN OF ROXBURY CONNECTICUT

Inland Wetlands Commission

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ROXBURY INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 23, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dirienzo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Russell Dirienzo, Andy Engel, John Smoliga, and Rob Horrigan

Alternates Present: Daniella Papas

Others Present: Jeremy Oskandy, Doug DiVesta, Brian Neff, Fran Hodges, and members of Evergreen Landowners Assoc.

SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman Dirienzo seated members Engel, Dirienzo, Horrigan, Smoliga and Alternate Papas was seated for Fitch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting, July 26, 2016

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 07/26/16 Regular meeting. By Engel, seconded by Papas and carried 3-0-2. Horrigan and Smoliga abstained.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Evergreen Landowners Assoc. - Relocate catch basin at intersection of Evergreen Drive & Lane; Enlarge catch basin on Evergreen Lane

Brian Neff came forward and reviewed a letter he submitted dated 8/20/16 outlining his recommendations. He recommended leaving the current basin in place and adding an additional basin and pipe leading under the road to accommodate the volume of stormwater. A riprap splash pad would be placed at the end of the pipe. He advised that this will not change the drainage patterns of the area. Mr. Neff confirmed for the Commission that there is no reason to notify the DoT regarding this activity.

MOTION: To approve the application of Evergreen Landowners Assoc. - Relocate catch basin at intersection of Evergreen Drive & Lane; Enlarge catch basin on Evergreen Lane as a non-regulated activity. By Papas, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Town of Roxbury – Minor Bridge Road – Road rehabilitation and drainage

Dirienzo stepped down for this application and Engel stepped forward as Chairman.

Doug DiVesta came forward with a plan dated 8/18/16 entitled Road Reclamation and Proposed Drainage Plan. He reviewed the existing drainage and the plan to flush it out as well as the additional drainage to be added. He reported that test borings were done and it was found that ledge rock will not be much of an issue. The project will be split into three phases and Mr. DiVesta reviewed the details of each phase. He identified the regulated areas and noted that it is mostly maintenance work to be done. Doug DiVesta will oversee the project and assure that all the erosion control is in place.

MOTION: To approve the application of Town of Roxbury – Minor Bridge Road – Road rehabilitation and drainage

as a maintenance activity. By Horrigan, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

Dirienzo was reelected as Chairman.

Oberkirch – 127 River Road – Single-family dwelling

Jeremy Oskandy of AH Howland came forward with a plan dated 8/18/16 entitled Proposed Site Development Plan. He explained that they would like to utilize the old wood road to access the site. No activity will be in wetlands area; however, there is activity proposed within the regulated area. The proposed activity is 54 feet from the river. There will be no clearing within the 50 foot setback. He reviewed the proposed rain gardens plan to be used to handle the drainage.

Dirienzo reminded Mr. Oskandy that there is a 200 foot setback from the Shepaug and questioned whether there is a feasible and prudent activity. The Commission requested that the driveway be flagged and house corners staked. Additionally, the rain gardens should be marked. A conservation easement and barrier between the house and the river should be considered. Dirienzo also made note that there is a major land trust property across the river that should be protected.

It was noted that the entire property is 37 acres. Horrigan reminded the group that there was a previous plan for this property that was put in front of this Commission that would be considered a feasible and prudent alternative to this plan. The group agreed to view the site individually and determine whether this plan will have a potential impact and if this proposal is a significant activity.

Fran Hodges – 20 Chalybes Rd – Preliminary discussion of plans for a tree farm

Chairman Dirienzo explained that a complaint was received regarding work around the pond. Fran Hodges came forward and explained that he merely took down some brush. He noted that this area of the property was a tree farm since 1962. The area needs to be cleared so that it is plantable again. The trees will be planted with a shovel. Approximately 2 acres will be cleared which will include large trees. The only wetland area is the pond which is a man-made pond.

Dirienzo explained that this is exempt under the regulations as agricultural activity; however, it was necessary that he come before the Commission to review the plan. John Cody should be kept apprised of the activity as it progresses.

MOTION: To grant an agricultural exemption for a tree farm for Fran Hodges – 20 Chalybes Rd. By Dirienzo, seconded by Engel and carried unanimously.

MOTION: To add to the agenda Sweeney - 27 Willow Brook Rd. - Riding Rink & Barn. By Dirienzo, seconded by Horrigan and carried unanimously.

Sweeney - 27 Willow Brook Rd. - Riding Rink & Barn

Brian Neff came forward and reviewed a plan dated 8/4/16 entitled Proposed Site Plan for a 23,000 square feet indoor riding rink and barn. A small septic system is included in the plan. He reviewed the proposed large underground drainage system. All activity is outside the 100 foot regulated area. An as-built of the septic and drainage will be submitted. The total parcel size is 10.5 acres.

MOTION: To approve as a nonregulated the application of Sweeney - 27 Willow Brook Rd. - Riding Rink & Barn. By Dirienzo, seconded by Smoliga and carried unanimously.

REPORTS

WEO Report

The WEO Report dated 8/23/16 was confirmed as received by the members.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. by Engel, seconded by Papas and carried unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jai Kern
Tai Kern, Secretary

Minutes are filed subject to approval by the Roxbury Inland Wetlands Commission

cc: B. Henry, R. Dirienzo, P. Hurlbut, J. Conway, G. McTaggart and G. Steinman.