

MEETING MINUTES

Conservation Commission

May 27, 2021

6:30 PM

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Members Present: Dave Lersch, Tali Maidelis, Jessica Patterson, Geneva Renegar and Wade Thomas (1 Vacancy)
Members Absent: Richard Muckle
Alternates Present: Ivy Plis and Julie Wainscott (1 Vacancy)
Staff Present: Maureen FitzGerald, Environmental Planner
Robert Avena, Town Attorney
Katrina Kotfer, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

T. Maidelis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. J. Wainscott was seated for R. Muckle and I. Plis was seated for the vacancy.

2. APPROVAL of the May 13, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Motion made by J. Wainscott, second by J. Patterson to approve the May 13, 2021 meeting minutes.

Vote: 6-0-1 (I. Plis)

3. APPLICATION REVIEW

C-21-03: 18 Dimmock Road: Residential Addition and Septic Installation Robert & Grace Kyne, Owner & Applicant, DLC Engineering Services, LLC, Agent – Review Draft Permit

I. Plis recused herself from the discussion and vote for 18 Dimmock Road.

Brian Florek, LS, was available for the application. Staff reviewed the draft permit with the Commission.

Motion: Motion made by W. Thomas, second by G. Renegar to approve a draft permit for Application #C-21-03.

Vote: 6-0

C-21-04: 198 Shore Road: Stream Channel Stabilization – John Lombardi, Applicant & Owner; J. Theroux, Agent;

J. Theroux and John Lombardi were available for the application. Staff read her review comments dated May 26, 2021 with the Commission. She noted that she had walked the site with two Commissioners. The Commissioners were shown a photo that was provided by the applicant of the machine proposed to be used to place the rip rap.

J. Theroux responded briefly to the comments and noted he will submit written responses, make plan revisions and prepare cross sections for the next meeting. He indicated there would be approximately 60 cubic yards of rip-rap involved, placed from the south bank. Larger amounts of rip-rap were originally considered and this is the alternative with reduced impacts. He will document the tidal range in the channel. Also, erosion control blanket is proposed on the disturbed slopes as well as seeding and mulching. No canopy trees are proposed to be removed.

D. Lersch asked if there are any migrating fish in the waterway. J. Theroux responded he did not notice any but it could be feasible. He noted the rip-rap does not affect the depth of water in the channel or restrict the channel.

The application was continued to the next meeting so the applicant can prepare responses to staff's findings.

Motion: Motion made by W. Thomas, second by D. Lersch to modify the agenda and move agenda items 5 and 6 to before entering Executive Session.

Vote: 7-0

5. VIOLATIONS

54 Rope Ferry Road – Unauthorized Clearing of Vegetation and Soil Grading Within and Adjacent to Intermittent Watercourse at Rope Ferry Condominiums – Notice of Violation dated February 5, 2021

Staff noted the letter sent to the representative of Condominium association regarding approval of the restoration plan.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

305-317 Rope Ferry Road – Seaview Terrace – 2021 Monitoring Report

The Commission received the wetland and stormwater basin monitoring report required by the inland wetland permit C-13-09.

994 Hartford Turnpike – Review of Plan Consistency with Permit C-20-03

Staff reviewed with the Commission a letter from the engineer looking to see if the proposed modifications to the site plan are consistent with the permit #C-20-03 or if a new permit was required. Staff reviewed a plan comparing the previously approved limits of clearing and grading to the proposed new limits of work.

Motion: Motion made by W. Thomas, second by J. Wainscott to find that the proposed modifications are consistent with C-20-03.

Vote: 7-0

W. Thomas recused himself and left the meeting.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Motion made by D. Lersch, seconded by I. Plis to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 7:01 pm.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Motion made by I. Plis, seconded by J. Wainscott to exit Executive Session at 8:23 pm.

Vote: 6-0

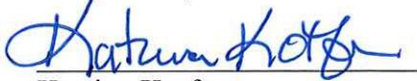
No actions were taken during the Executive Session. The only non Commission members present were; Robert Avena, Esq., Town Attorney, Maureen FitzGerald, Environmental Planner, Abby Piersall, Planning Director, Attorney Janet Brooks and Katrina Kotfer, Recording Secretary.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Motion made by I. Plis, second by J. Patterson to adjourn at 8:26 pm.

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Katrina Kotfer
Recording Secretary