

MEETING MINUTES

Conservation Commission
January 27, 2022, 6:30 PM
Zoom Remote Access Only

Members Present: Tali Maidelis, Richard Muckle, David Lersch, Geneva Renegar,
Jessica Patterson (1 Vacancy)
Members Absent: Wade Thomas
Alternates Present: Ivy Plis (1 Vacancy)
Alternates Absent: Julie Wainscott
Staff Present: Maureen FitzGerald, Environmental Planner
Leanne Santos, Recording Secretary
Katrina Kotfer, Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

R. Muckle called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. I. Plis was seated for W. Thomas.

2. APPROVAL OF THE December 2, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Motion made by T. Maidelis, second by I. Plis to approve the December 2, 2021 meeting minutes.

Vote: 5-0-1 (G. Renegar recused from the vote.)

3. APPLICATION REVIEW

Modification of Permit #C-21-4: 198 Shore Road Stream Stabilization - Addition of Retaining Wall

John Lombardi owner and applicant was present. Staff reviewed the block retaining wall location within the designated streamside buffer area. Mr. Lombardi explained he installed the wall for permanent slope protection above the silt fence line. He plans to backfill the block wall with topsoil and plant the buffer area with native and pollinator plant species. He also requested extending the rip rap armor on the south bank of the stream up to the face of the retaining wall.

Staff stated the wall does not pose adverse impacts to the stream. R. Muckle advised Mr. Lombardi to seek permission from the Commission for any future work or modifications within the upland review area.

Motion: Motion made by D. Lersch, second by I. Plis, to modify permit #C-21-4 to include the additional work proposed and completed as shown on the plan dated December 20, 2021. T. Maidelis suggested an amendment to the motion that staff be notified of any changes to the permitted activity prior to implementation.

Vote: 6-0-0

Staff will be reviewing the proposed plantings for the vegetated buffer.

4. NEW APPLICATIONS

No new applications were received.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

December 6, 2021: Report from the Flood & Erosion Control Board – Niantic River Road Report

Motion: Motion made by T. Maidelis, second by D. Lersch to refer the report to the Director of Public Works.

Vote: 6-0-0

December 13, 2021: Report of Conservation Commission Action to Planning & Zoning, Inland Wetland Permit #C 21-11 969 Hartford Turnpike

Staff informed the Commission that the report of action was forwarded to PZC as required.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Motion: Motion made by D. Lersch, second by I. Plis to nominate R. Muckle for Commission Chair and T. Maidelis for Commission Secretary to continue for the year 2022.

R. Muckle asked three times if there were any other nominations. No other nominations were made.

Motion: Motion made by T. Maidelis, second I. Plis to close nominations.

Vote: 6-0

R. Muckle called the motion to vote on the nominated officers.

Vote: 6-0

42 Fog Plain Road – Clean Up and Removal of Debris

Staff explained the application to conduct clean-up and debris removal at 42 Fog Plain Road was received after the agenda was posted but within the statutory time frame for receipt of applications. The prior owner had removed the majority of the construction material observed in the 2019 aerial photo. The current owner is requesting permission to continue clean-up and debris removal in certain areas of the site located in a floodplain and adjacent to Nevins Brook and a pond. Small machinery will be used to remove debris piles and re-grade disturbed areas after the debris has been removed. The activity cannot be approved under Section 4.1(a) as the property is commercial. The Commission reviewed the application and site map.

Motion: Motion made by D. Lersch, second by G. Renegar that the application for the proposed regulated activity requires a permit per Section 6 of the regulations.

Vote: 6-0

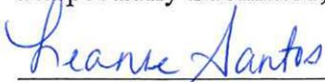
The Commission directed staff to prepare a draft permit for review at their next meeting. T. Maidelis requested a condition that all refueling be done outside of wetland area.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Motion made by D. Lersch, second by G. Renegar to adjourn at 7:05 pm.

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Leanne Santos

Recording Secretary