

MEETING MINUTES

Conservation Commission
February 8, 2024, 6:30 PM
Auditorium, Waterford Town Hall

Members Present: Matthew Keatley, David Lersch, Tali Maidelis, Chairman Richard Muckle,
Geneva Renegar, Wade Thomas
Members Absent: Keith Kriet (notified)
Alternates Present: Ivy Plis, (1 vacancy)
Alternates Absent: Matthew Shea
Staff Present: Maureen FitzGerald, Environmental Planner
Kim Powell, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Muckle at 6:31PM.
I. Plis was seated for K. Kriet.

2. APPROVAL OF THE January 25, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Made by D. Lersch and seconded by T. Maidelis to approve the January 25, 2024 meeting minutes.

Vote: 5-0-2 [M. Keatley and G. Renegar abstained]

3. NEW APPLICATIONS

There were no new applications.

4. APPLICATION REVIEW

C-23-12: 1122-1124 Hartford Turnpike, Construction of tree/lumber facility – East Lyme Tree Services – Applicant/Owner, Action Date – 02/08/2024 - 30 day Extension Requested

Motion: Made by T. Maidelis and seconded by I. Plis to grant a 30 day extension to the applicant to prepare revised plans.

Vote: 7-0-0

5. VIOLATIONS

1122-1124 Hartford Turnpike, Unauthorized Wood Chip Disposal within Upland Review Area; Notice issued 12/14/2023

Staff has discussed the activity with the owner and the engineer for the project. The owner stated the wood chips were placed to stabilize the soil from eroding as he uses the area. The use of the area will be addressed in the site plan being prepared for application C 23-12.

9 Waterview Drive, Unauthorized Deposition of Materials in and Adjacent to Waterbodies; Notice of Non-Compliance issued 02/05/2024

The Commission reviewed the notice of non-compliance issued February 5, 2024. Staff described the photographs showing material eroded from a drainage pipe trench into the downgradient pond edge. Staff has conferred with a contractor for the property owner and

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the property manager. She requested the Commission authorize the corrective actions to stabilize the site and remove the material from the pond edge.

Motion: Made by W. Thomas and seconded by D. Lersch to approve the corrective actions outlined in the February 5, 2024 notice of non-compliance.

Vote: 7-0-0

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Dominion Energy, 314 Rope Ferry Road – Proposed Equipment Storage Building – Request for Determination of No Regulated Activity

The Commission reviewed the site plan and location map for the proposed storage building on the existing lay-down yard at Millstone. Staff stated that based on her review, the construction will not involve regulated wetland activity. Proposed work in the upland review area involves excavation for a rain garden to treat the structure's roof run-off.

Motion: Made by W. Thomas and seconded by D. Lersch to concur with the staff report dated February 2, 2024 and find the proposal does not include regulated wetland activity.

Vote: 7-0-0

Election of Officers -2024

T. Maidelis nominated R. Muckle to Commission Chair for 2024.

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

Motion: Made by T. Maidelis and seconded by I. Plis to close the nominations for Commission Chair.

Vote: 7-0-0

Motion: Made by T. Maidelis and seconded by M. Keatley to nominate Richard Muckle for Commission Chair for 2024.

Vote: 7-0-0

M. Keatley nominated T. Maidelis to Commission Secretary for 2024.

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

Motion: Made by T. Maidelis and seconded by I. Plis to close the nominations for Commission Secretary.

Vote: 7-0-0

Motion: Made by I. Plis and seconded by M. Keatley to nominate T. Maidelis for Commission Secretary.

Vote: 7-0-0

7. PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Day - \$107.00

Motion: Made by W. Thomas and seconded by M. Keatley to pay invoice of \$107.00.

Vote: 7-0-0

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Made by W. Thomas and seconded by D. Lersch to adjourn.

Vote: 7-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Powell
Recording Secretary