

WINDOSR LOCKS INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES

SPECIAL MEETING: Wednesday, March 14th, 2018, 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN - Robert Crochetiere; Maryjane Perrier, Richard Pease, Lacinda Van Gieson, John Farrelly

RECORDING SECRETARY - Pauline Taylor; WETLANDS AGENT - Dan Malo

Mr. Crochetiere called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and asked for a motion to accept the December 4, 2017 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Lacinda Van Gieson and passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: (1) new application and (1) determination of permit need

New Application – 229 Ella T. Grasso Turnpike & Spring Street Parcel 025-039-051

The applicants seek to extend a drainage pipe, import fill material, and remove debris in a ravine shared by two properties. The application was presented by Marek L. Kement of Anchor Engineering Services, Inc. and present was the one of the land owners, Scott Guilmartin of 225 Turnpike Associates (229 Ella Grasso Turnpike), and a representative of Getty Leasing (Spring Street Parcel 025-036-051) , Phoebe Slater.

Mr. Kement began the application presentation by reviewing the overall scope of the project, highlighting the above improvements to the land. They plan to remove debris and trash from the ravine and extend a 36 inch drainage pipe that originates from the airport property an additional 220 feet. They intend to clear approximately 74,000 SF of wooded area, and fill it with borrowed material to create a developable land area on both properties. Mr. Guilmartin informed the committee that both landowners have the same goals, to restore the property and potentially to use it for future use. They already have spent time removing debris from the property and will continue to do so.

The main concern for the committee is the estimated 35 feet of fill portion of the application and adequate attention to the stability of the proposed grade. Mr. Crochetiere asked for more information on the fill material, and additional/enhanced matting on the filled slope. He also asked for a hydrologist to perform an analysis of the downstream area to determine if there will be impact to a nearby pond, Spring Park, and the stormwater channels this watercourse ties into.

The Commission reviewed the criteria to determine if the application contains a significant impact to the wetlands. After a lengthy discussion and some clarifying questions from the committee, Ms. Perrier raised a motion that this application contains a significant impact to the wetlands, thereby needing a Public Hearing. This was seconded by Mr. Pease. A Public Hearing was scheduled for this application at the next meeting on April 4, 2018. Mr. Crochetiere asked the applicant incorporate the Commission's comments, in addition to the pending comments of the Town Engineer, Dana Steele, into their proposal.

Determination of Permit Need – 7 Townline Road – 2 story addition

Mr. & Mrs. Martin of 7 Townline Road attended tonight's meeting to determine if a Wetlands Permit is needed for add a two-story addition to their house. The property contains a stormwater channel carrying water from industrial parking lots in Suffield. After reviewing, the committee determined a wetlands permit is not required. Mr. Crochetiere advised to use silt fencing when the construction is underway to prevent sediment from moving into the ravine. Lacinda Van Gieson made a motion to not require a wetlands application for this project; Maryjane Perrier seconded the motion, which passed. Mr. Malo provided the applicant with schematics detailing silt fence installation, and requested to see the E&S upon installation and periodically throughout the duration of the project.

BILLS AND CORRESPONDANCE:

Wildlife Magazine from January & February

Habitat Newsletter Winter

2018 Land Conservation Conference (3/17/18)

OTHER CONCERNS:

Robert Crochetiere would like 'Natural Resource' or 'Wetlands Area' placards displayed in front of existing wetland areas. A short discussion followed on best method to distribute and costs. Will be discussed further throughout 2018.

Richard Pease provided updated Permit Application language. The Wetlands Permit Application form has not been updated in 10 years, and does not reflect recent changes to the regulations. The new form will be stylistically congruent to Building Permit Application forms, once the new permitting software is rolled out by Building, Planning, & Zoning Department. Wetlands Permit Applications may possibly be received online after once the software has been fully implemented, sometime in 2018.

Discussion on the responsibility for the area in which Walgreens owns and abuts Congregational Church. Walgreens is not maintaining stream bank and trash collector at Main Street. Mr. Malo stated that the issue is a maintenance agreement between two parties; a Wetlands Violation is not present. The Church's attorney is attempting to contact Walgreens, stating their intention to perform parking lot repairs, with a reminder of the maintenance agreement.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:42PM, Ms. Perrier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Farrelly; Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted: Pauline G. Taylor, Recording Secretary