

Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission

Town of New Fairfield

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Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2021 7:15 PM

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Moderator: Paul Gouveia

Call to Order

Jerry Schwalbe called the regular meeting of the Conservation/Inland Wetland Commission to order at 7:18pm.

Members in Attendance

Jerry Schwalbe, Chris McCartney, Keith Landa, Carolyn Rowan, Margaret DiTullio and EEO Tim Simpkins. Lisa Zustovich took the meeting minutes.

Violations None

New Business

33 Route 37, construct a new community garden on this site offered by the town consisting of 20 plots for residents. As time and our budget allow, we hope to reestablish wetland plants to support pollinators in the area between the proposal garden and the brook (beyond the wetland delineation), map 19, block 16, lot 1, Community Garden/applicant, Town of New Fairfield/owner. Elissa Johnson present along with Gary Mummert representing the applicant. The plan is to move the community garden from its current location at the high school to an area adjacent to the senior center. Per Tim Simpkins there is an existing leaching field on the property that is 75-100 feet from the garden's proposed location. The planned garden is 20 10'x12' raised beds with a 6-foot fence around it. There will be no excavation. Distance to the wetlands discussed, applicant will provide before approval of application. Fertilizer to be used in the garden discussed. Per Gary Mummert the garden is fully organic and there would be minimal fertilizer used. Jerry Schwalbe asked how much if any fill there would be. Elissa said there would be no additional fill besides what was needed to fill the raised garden beds. Elissa said they also plan to reestablish wetlands plants and Gary said the area around the garden would not be mowed it will be a meadow. The Commission discussed accepting the application for administrative approval. Applicant reminded they need to provide distance of disturbance to wetlands before approval. Carolyn Rowan made a motion to accept the application for administrative approval, 2nd by Chris McCartney, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued for Administrative Approval**

1 Brush Hill Rd, site improvements including partial building demolition, storm water drainage upgrades, replacement and restriping pavement and parking lot lighting and landscaping, map 24, block 8, lot 5, Northland Equity Holdings/applicant. Ted Hart, Engineer present, representing the applicant. Mr. Hart discussed site improvements which include removing the vacant hardware store (no plans to rebuild in that location at this time), add parking, add catch basins, new parking layout with planted islands, roof drain collection system, catch basins behind the buildings, repave parking

lot, and add LED lighting. Mr. Hart said they would be decreasing impervious coverage by 5%. Per Mr. Hart runoff goes away from the wetlands. Septic systems discussed, there are several septic systems for this shopping plaza. They have no plans to update any of the septic systems. Discussed if they will be stock piling or trucking out debris from demo of the building. LED lights discussed regarding reducing light pollution and protecting wildlife. Keith Landa made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Carolyn Rowan, all in favor. **Accepted & Continued**

12 Barn Brook Drive, re-subdivision of Lot 12 Barn Brook Estates into a total of 6 lots. A new 950' road is proposed and requires the crossing of narrow wetlands. Other activities occur with normal individual lot construction that will be within regulated or upland review, map 13, block 2, lot 1.10, Hearth Home Builders/applicant. Mike Mazzucco, Engineer, present, representing the applicant. NY DEP notified per Mr. Mazzucco. Maps of Phase 3 reviewed and discussed. Phase 3 subdivides lot 12 into 6 lots. Wetlands locations discussed. The road will be 950 feet long and will cross the wetlands. They will be filling approx. 4,000 sq ft of wetlands, no mitigation planned at this time. There will be multiple storm water management systems for each subdivision lot. Jerry Schwalbe asked to see a limit of disturbance line on the map. Per Mr. Mazzucco the homes on the maps are conceptual at this point but are in the basic location. The Commission asked to have the road, house and septic locations staked so the Commission members can visit the site. The Commission asked for distance wetlands to septic systems and houses added to maps. Carolyn Rowan made a motion to accept the application for review, 2nd by Keith Landa, all in favor except Margaret DiTullio who abstained. **Accepted & Continued**

Old Business None

Correspondence None

Administrative

Approve Meeting March 16, 2021. Commission members did not receive a copy of the March meeting minutes. Approval of minutes deferred to next month's meeting.

Conservation issues for the Town of New Fairfield.

No Discussion

Adjournment

Carolyn Rowan made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Chris McCartney, all in favor. Adjourned @ 8:15pm