

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

Special Meeting

MINUTES

July 7, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Room #3, Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT

These Minutes are subject to approval by the Inland Wetland Commission

Present: Sharon Salling, Mike McCabe, Scott Jackson, Craig Ferris

Staff Present: Steve Maguire, Senior Land Use Enforcement Officer, Dawn Fried, Clerk

Ms. Salling opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION

IW Application #22-14 by Farrell Building Company, property located at 90 Mt. Pleasant Road, to construct 11 Garden Apartment buildings, one clubhouse, and associated site improvements including driveways, parking and stormwater management.

The Commission had a discussion on whether or not to hold a public hearing.

Mr. Maguire stated that under the CT Wetland regulations an Inland Wetland meeting shall not be a public hearing unless it meets one of the following criteria:

- Potential significant impact to wetlands
- Public interest
- Petition signed by 25 people

Mr. McCabe stated there are no significant impacts to the wetlands but there will be public interest due to the public's sensitivity regarding the parcel.

Mr. Ferris concurred with Mr. McCabe and felt a public hearing would be appropriate.

Mr. Jackson also agreed it should be an open public meeting.

Ms. Salling stated it makes sense to have a public hearing since the previous application on the same site was also a public hearing.

Mr. Jackson would like to walk the site and asked whether or not the area is impassable. Mr. Maguire will call the applicant and request an accessway be cleared.

Ms. Salling stated that due to potential public interest, a public hearing will be held for a property located on 90 Mt. Pleasant, during a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT. Mr. Ferris so moved. Mr. McCabe seconded. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Mr. Ferris moved to adjourn. Mr. McCabe seconded. All in favor. The Special IWC Meeting of July 7, 2022 was adjourned at 2:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Fried