

**Town of Newtown
AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT
Regular Meeting**

MINUTES of August 8, 2018

Council Chambers, Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

These Minutes are Subject to Approval

Present: Sharon Salling, Mike McCabe, Kristen Hammar, Suzanne Guidera, John Davin, Craig Ferris

Absent: Vanessa Villamil

Staff Present: Dawn Fried, Clerk

Ms. Salling opened the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

APR #18-02 Aquifer Protection Review – Referral by Planning & Zoning **by 3 Turnberry Lane LLC**, property located at 3 Turnberry Lane, Newtown, CT for the construction of a commercial building for Lawn Doctor, LLC and other small trade businesses.

Steven D. Trinkaus, Trinkaus Engineering, LLC, Southbury, CT, spoke on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Trinkaus gave an overview of the aquifer assessment report. He explained that he first assessed the property in 2008 and has submitted the same report with four slight modifications.

He stated the following:

- Dry fertilizer material will be wrapped in plastic and stored on wood pallets inside the building.
- On average 5 pallets will be on site at any given time
- No storage of liquid material.
- The material will not be opened on site.

Ms. Salling questioned whether the 2008 report is too old to be reliable. Mr. Trinkaus responded that the only difference from the first application is the use of the site. Also, instead of 8 smaller bioretention systems there will be 3 larger bioretention systems.

Ms. Guidera pointed out that section 3.8 of the report states there is no emergency plan in place in case of a fertilizer spill. Mr. Trinkaus explained that a spill is highly unlikely but if fertilizer spilled it would not reach the aquifer and it would benefit the plants.

Ms. Salling stated that the report is adequate.

Mr. McCabe moved for the application to be deemed complete and based on the “Updated Aquifer Impact Assessment” report, dated October 23, 2015, has met the criteria as set forth in the Newtown Zoning Regulations. Therefore, the Aquifer Agency determines a “Finding of No Significant Impact” (FONSI) for this project. This Commission also deemed the report satisfactory and will not request a new report from the applicant. Mr. Ferris seconded the motion. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Davin moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hammar seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Fried.