

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of November 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT

These Minutes are subject to Approval by the Inland Wetlands Commission

Present: Sharon Salling, Mike McCabe, Vanessa Villamil, Suzanne Guidera, Craig Ferris

Staff Present: Steve Hnatuk, Land Use Officer, Dawn Fried, Clerk

Ms. Salling opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

PENDING APPLICATION

Application IW #19-12 by Robert and Sian Nimkoff, property located at 7 Hundred Acres Road, for construction of a natural stone catch basin to hold gravel run off from Ox Hill Road.

Mr. Douglas DiVesta, P.E., DiVesta Civil Engineering Associates, Inc., Roxbury CT spoke on the behalf of the applicant. Mr. DiVesta gave an overview of the project and presented a detailed site plan to the Commission. Mr. DiVesta described the pond as having accumulated a lot of sediment over the years. He referred to the pond as a “fire pond” and explained the importance of keeping the pond at maximum capacity and keeping the water clear. A berm will be created with the material that is excavated. Only the outlet will be cleaned of the sediment leaving the brush and vegetation. Approximately 30 cubic yards of sediment will be removed. The sediment will be disposed in the upland area to dewater. An anti-tracking pad area will be created and a silt fence will be utilized in case of a rain event. There will be a plunge pool close to the road which Mr. DiVesta stated should be cleaned out by Public Works every few years.

Ms. Salling questioned the start time of the project. Mr. DiVesta stated most likely springtime.

Ms. Guidera questioned whether the outlet area is the only area that has silt run-off or will more silt travel to the rest of the pond over time. Mr. DiVesta stated that the silt run-off is only in the outlet area and there is no reason to dredge the rest of the pond.

Mr. Ferris questioned where the gravel was travelling. Mr. DiVesta stated there is a catch basin and pipe that runs along the edge of the road. Mr. Ferris questioned if the project will run during low flow conditions, suggesting late July and August being the best times.

Ms. Guidera questioned what material will be used to redirect the channel. Mr. DiVesta responded the excavated materials.

Ms. Salling appreciated the detail description of the soil stockpile ring.

Mr. Ferris moved to APPROVE Application IW #19-12 by Robert and Sian Nimkoff, property located at 7 Hundred Acres Road, for construction of a natural stone catch basin to hold gravel run off from Ox Hill Road with standard conditions A, B, C, D, E, F, O and P. The approved plans are: Nimkoff Property, Ox Hill Road, Newtown, Connecticut. Proposed Site Development Plan; Prepared by DiVesta Civil Engineering Associates, Inc. 51 Painter Ridge Road Roxbury, CT 06783. Dated for submission October 15, 2019. Date Received October 15, 2019. And all supporting documents. Mr. McCabe seconded. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2019

Under "Pending Application" change "of" to "to". Ms. Villamil moved to accept the amended minutes from October 9, 2019. Mr. McCabe seconded. Mr. Ferris abstained. The remaining Commissioners were in favor. The minutes from October 9, 2019 were approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2019

Ms. Villamil moved to accept the minutes from October 23, 2019. Ms. Salling seconded. Mr. Ferris, Mr. McCabe and Ms. Guidera abstained. The remaining Commissioners were in favor. The minutes from October 23, 2019 were approved.

SET IWC CALENDAR FOR 2020

Mr. Ferris moved to approve the IWC calendar for 2020. Ms. Guidera seconded. All in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Hnatuk read a memo dated August 5, 2019, from Steve Maguire, Senior Land Use Enforcement Officer, regarding the extension of the Wetland Permit IW #10-32 Commerce Road (Tech Park) of Newtown. Pursuant to Public Act No 11-5, entitled "An Act Extending the Time of Expiration of Certain Land Use Permits.", the renewed expiration date is March 9, 2025.

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS

The Commission accepted Application IW #18-25 (MOD), Planters' Choice, LLC, 153/155 Huntingtown Road to modify the original permit to treat water in upland area at 155 Huntingtown Road and create additional wetland at 153 Huntingtown Road to comply with Army Corps requirements. The Commission discussed the option of holding a Public Hearing and will make a decision at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Mr. McCabe moved to adjourn. Ms. Guidera seconded. All in favor. The meeting of November 13, 2019 was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Dawn Fried.