

1 **CONSERVATION COMMISSION/INLAND WETLANDS AND**
2 **WATERCOURSES AGENCY**

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4 **REGULAR MEETING November 15, 2022, 7:30 P.M. HELD Engineering Conference**
5 **Room Simsbury Town Hall**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**
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9 Chairman Winters called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.
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11 **II. ROLL CALL**
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13 **Present:** Assistant Town Planner, Savannah-Nicole Villalba; Andrew Bade, Jason Berman,
14 Joseph Campolieta, Donald Eaton, Jason Levy, Margery Winters, Kyle Testerman (Alternate),
15 and Cailyn Welsh (Alternate)
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17 **Absent:** Charles Haldeman
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19 **III. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR RECEIPT AND DETERMINATION OF**
20 **SIGNIFICANCE**
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22 **IV. PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR ACTION ON APPLICATIONS**

23 **Application CC #22-25** of Vickey Carrasco, Owner/Applicant, construction of a +/-324 sq. ft.
24 deck as well as grading in the upland review area on the property 3 Old Barge Road (Assessor's
25 Map H05 Block 103 Lot 004). Zone R-25.

- 26 • Construction of the deck is proposed for March/April 2023 and grading work is to begin
27 as soon as possible.
- 28 • The proposed seed type is tri rye seeds and straw, and the applicant has proposed to use
29 straw to stabilize the grading work during the fall/winter.
- 30 • Ms. Winters recommends that the Applicant wait to begin the grading work until the
31 spring due to concerns that the seed will not properly germinate given the colder
32 temperatures. One alternative would be to utilize a soil tack fire.
- 33 • Applicant agreed to perform the deck and grading work at the same time in the spring.
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35 **Motion:** Mr. Levy made a motion to approve Application CC #22-25 of Vickey Carrasco,
36 Owner/Applicant, construction of a +/-324 sq. ft. deck as well as grading in the upland review
37 area on the property 3 Old Barge Road (Assessor's Map H05 Block 103 Lot 004). Zone R-25
38 with the draft motion and conditions in the associated Staff Report dated November 15, 2022.
39 Mr. Campolieta seconded.
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41 All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions. (6-0-0)
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43 **Application CC #22-26** of John & Tammy Godbey, Owners, Norman Piastka, Applicant,
44 construction of a 916 sq. ft. addition in the wetlands on the property 5 Knollwood Circle
45 (Assessor's Map H05 Block 403 Lot 003-2L). Zone R-25.
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Motion: Mr. Campolieta made a motion to approve Application CC #22-26 of John & Tammy Godbey, Owners, Norman Piastka, Applicant, construction of a 916 sq. ft. addition in the wetlands on the property 5 Knollwood Circle (Assessor's Map H05 Block 403 Lot 003-2L). Zone R-25 with the draft motion and conditions in the associated Staff Report dated November 15, 2022. Dr. Bade seconded.

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions. (6-0-0)

V. GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS

Minutes: November 1, 2022

Motion: Without objection, Ms. Winters motions to approve the November 1, 2022 minutes for the Regular Committee meeting.

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions. (6-0-0)

VI. AGENT ACTIONS

VII. CONSERVATION BUSINESS

Motion: Mr. Campolieta moved to add discussion of POCD to the Commission agenda. Mr. Levy seconded.

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions. (6-0-0)

- Ms. Winters requested that the Conservation Commission work to provide the Zoning Commission with suggestions around town regulations relating to the Dark Sky Initiative.
- Ms. Winters requested the Conservation Commission members to review the proposed edits to the POCD in preparation for the next Commission meeting.
- Ms. Winters and Mr. Campolieta met with Town Staff of the Pollinator Pathways Group about the town mowing policies. The Conservation Commission can work with the Open Space Committee to provide size and configuration recommendations around grasslands and meadowlands. Once the desired fields are identified, the town can work on establishing mowing policies.
- Ms. Villalba to look into whether municipalities can provide money to those who mow fields less frequently.

VIII. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATES

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Without objection, Ms. Winters made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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94 Cara Blackaby
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