CONSERVATION COMMISSION/INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES
AGENCY

REGULAR MEETING August 16, 2022, 7:30 P.M. HELD IN PERSON

I. CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Margery Winters called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL
Present: Director of Community Planning and Development, George McGregor, Assistant Town Planner, Savannah-Nicole Villalba; Andrew Bade, Jason Berman, Joseph Campolieta, Donald Eaton, Jason Levy, Margery Winters
Absent: Charles Haldeman

III. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR RECEIPT AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE
Application CC #22-18 of Daniel Elmer & Patricia Mastriano, Owners, Town of Simsbury, Applicant, for the repair of a drainage pipe and associated improvements in the upland review area at 2 Apple Lane (Assessor’s Map D08 Block 147 Lot 001). Zone R-40

Motion: Mr. Campolieta motioned that the Conservation Commission approve application 22-18 of Daniel Elmer & Patricia Mastriano, Owners, Town of Simsbury, Applicant for the repair of a drainage pipe and associated improvements in the upland review. The Commission determines that the regulated activity is not a significant activity and schedules Application #CC-18 for action at the September 6, 2022 regular Commission meeting. Mr. Levy seconded the motion.

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

IV. PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR ACTION ON APPLICATIONS
Application CC #22-17 of Bill Clegg, Applicant, Town of Simsbury, Owner, for the construction of a 3,000sq. ft. addition to the Performing Arts Center including office space, dressing rooms and restrooms at 22 Iron Horse Boulevard (Assessor’s Map H09 Block 226 Lot 003A) Zone SC
- Mr. Campolieta recused himself from the deliberations as he is a member of the Performing Arts Center (“PAC”) board.
- Staff recommends the approval of CC #22-17 is approved with the conditions included in the associated staff report.
- Mr. Clegg, Facilities Chair for PAC, explained this building application would remove need for trailers and accommodate public restrooms for the trails and dog park. When the design of the parking lot was done, the building had been designed to ensure there would be no work to change the parking lot.
• Mr. Berman inquired if the bathrooms would be open to the public. Mr. Clegg explained there are three bathrooms; one for the general public and separate restrooms for PAC staff.

• Mr. Roy, Director of Public Works, noted the work is expected to begin next winter.

• Joan Coe, Simsbury resident, voiced concerns over flooding given the blacktop surface area. She is also concerned about the need for electricity for the restrooms. If electricity were to go out, a generator would be needed to operate the restroom pump station. She also inquired about the requirement for flood insurance.

• Ferg Jansen, Simsbury resident, in charge of Operations and a member of the PAC Board is in favor of this application as public restrooms are essential for the town.

• Ms. Winters asked if there were any other comments from the public.

**Motion:** Mr. Levy made a motion to close the public hearing. Dr. Bade seconds the motion.

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

• Ms. Winters noted flood insurance is not in Conservation Committee purview.

• Mr. Roy noted that the retention basins were designed to handle the additional drainage as this work represents ~3% of the total area.

• Mr. McGregor noted that the area of the addition is on area that was previously disturbed as part of the parking lot construction.

• Mr. Levy inquired if the facilities could be closed if power were to go out to address the concern regarding the sewage pump. Mr. Roy confirmed.

• Mr. McGregor noted the town would take into account the flood site plan application to the town and requires a special exception which includes a public hearing for the activity in the flood plan.

**Motion:** Mr. Levy made the motion to approve Application CC #22-17 of Bill Clegg, Applicant, Town of Simsbury, Owner, for the construction of a 3,000sq. ft. addition to the Performing Arts Center including office space, dressing rooms and restrooms at 22 Iron Horse Boulevard (Assessor’s Map H09 Block 226 Lot 003A) Zone SC with the draft motion and conditions provided in the staff report dated August 16, 2022. Dr. Bade seconds.

All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions. (5-0-0)

V. GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS

Minutes: July 19, 2022

• Mr. Campolieta returned to the meeting.

**Motion:** Without objection, Margery Winters approved the 7/19/22 minutes.

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

VI. AGENT ACTIONS

VII. CORRESPONDENCE
• Ms. Villalba noted that as of the August 8, 2022 Board of Selectman meeting, Mr. Haldeman was moved from an alternate member to a regular member of the Conservation Committee.

• Ms. Winters had correspondence with Erin Leavitt-Smith from the Planning Committee and she would like Ms. Winters to present on the invasive plant issue to the Planning Committee. The Committee confirmed they would like to hold a joint meeting with the Planning Committee. Staff will assist in scheduling and agenda coordination.

VIII. CONSERVATION BUSINESS

• Commission Training Update
  o Ms. Villalba met with Ms. Winters and discussed goals for Conservation Commission to include quarterly reviews of training and education opportunities. Links to training materials were included in the meeting drop box with hyperlinks.
  o Ms. Villalba noted that annual training is required for the Conservation Commission.

• Community Partners Discussion
  o Ms. Villalba requested that members of the Committee consider collaboration opportunities with local organizations that are related to Conservation Commission work to foster community partnership.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Mr. Campolieta made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Bade seconded the motion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Blackaby
Commission Clerk