Office of Community Planning and Development

# MINUTES CONSERVATION COMMISSION/INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY

REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2021 7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:32 PM

ROLL CALL: Present Commissioners Winters, Levy, Campolieta, Eaton and Berman were present. Commissioner Haldeman was seated as an alternate. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Application 21 -19** Town of Simsbury applicant/owner, SLR International Corporation representing. 22 Iron Horse Blvd, Assessors Map H09, Block 226, Lot 003A. Zone SC. Paving of existing gravel lot and expansion of parking with pavement. ADA accessibility upgrades and stormwater infrastructure improvements.

Representatives from SLR International Corporation made a presentation covering the stormwater infiltration system proposed for the parking area as well as the stormwater quality bioswales. The bioswales would be established with native wetland species and have an annual or biannual basis. The stormwater system would also include an oil separator for the paved surface which is something that is not part of the existing layout. The representative's environmental professional gave a description of the surrounding wetlands and their delineation and stated as their submitted letter stated that the proposed project would not have a direct impact on the wetlands and due to the current sheet flow off the existing parking area the proposal would be an improvement. The ADA improvements would be to create a hard surface sidewalk where there is only stone dust paths at this time. This would allow the facility to become more ADA compliant.

The commission inquired about the infiltration areas being able to sustain traffic loads and the invasive species that would be removed to create the bioswales. There were other inquiries that did not pertain to the application at hand but were answered to the best of the applicant and staff's ability. The commissioners asked to schedule a field meeting on November 2, 2021. Staff stated that they would schedule the meeting with proper notice to all parties and the public.

MOTION: Commissioner Levy made a motion to accept the application and hold it until the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 16, 2021. Commissioner Campolieta seconded. Vote 6-0-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 

None

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** 

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8:30 – 7:00 Monday 8:30 – 4:30 Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 – 1:00 Friday **Minutes:** Commissioner Campolieta made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Levy seconded the motion. Vote 6-0-0.

## **AGENT ACTIONS:**

None

## CORRESPONDENCE:

None

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION WORK:

Commissioner Campolieta stated that he was happy to see that the town took proposals seriously. Stating that after the Board of Selectmen made a proclamation that the town would be pollinator friendly they actually started to plan projects to move that proclamation into reality. Commissioner Campolieta also supplied the commission with information about the impacts of gas-powered lawn equipment on the environment. The commission had a brief discussion and will continue the discussion at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Levy made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 PM, Commissioner Berman Seconded. All voted in favor (6-0-0).