



Town of Simsbury

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Office of Community Planning and Development

MINUTES

CONSERVATION COMMISSION/INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY

REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2021 7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 PM

ROLL CALL: Present – Chairman Winters, Commissioners, Eaton, Levy, Campolieta, Berman. Alternate Haldeman was invited to sit. A quorum was established.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Application 21-21 Hopmeadow Street at Owens Brook Boulevard – Town of Simsbury. Emergency culvert repair and re-establishment.

The application was presented by the agent. During a routine CBYD inspection by the WPCA a hillside collapse was found due to a culvert failure. Upon further inspection the DPW found a granite dry stack arch culvert dating back a possible 100yrs had collapsed and/or failed. Thus, a sandy embankment had collapsed endangering private property at the Meadowview apartments. immediate action was needed so the agent approved the plan of action and the Town Manager under the town Charter implemented emergency funding. Down stream from the culvert vegetation that was choked out by invasive species was removed to clear the stream channel of silt and sediment from the failure. The top pf the culvert is crossed by a sewer main so the vegetation was removed and the hill above the culvert was reduced as much as possible to allow for a new by-pass culvert to be installed. The plan moving forward is to install the new culvert, try and establish a seasonal ground cover such as a Winter Rye and try and establish a native planting mix with pollinators in mind. This will allow for better future access and maintenance and minimize the need for such heavy work in the future.

Motion: Commissioner Levy, motioned that the emergency order for action be approved by the commission. Commissioner Haldeman seconded. All Commissioners voted in favor (6-0-0).

OLD 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.

First question to the commission was if there were any follow up questions after the site walk that was performed at the special meeting. Seeing as there were none the commissioners asked about details on the clearing limits of the project and the consideration of invasives when clearing. The commission also inquired about the proposed projects impacts to the surrounding wetlands. SLR international Corporation representing the Town of Simsbury stated that there will be removal of Autumn Olive and Multiflora Rose and other invasives as needed in the establishment of the bioswales. In regards to impacts to the

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wetlands, Matthew Sanford MS PWS 1677, US Manager of Ecology for SLR stated as he did in his report with the application that in his professional opinion that there will be no significant impact to the surrounding wetlands due to this proposal.

MOTION: Commissioner Campolieta made a motion that this is a regulated activity. Commissioner Levy seconded the motion. All commissioners voted in favor (6-0-0)

Commissioner Campolieta made a motion that this was not a significant activity and will not have a significant impact on wetlands. Commissioner Levy seconded the motion. All commissioners voted in favor (6-0-0)

Commissioner Campolieta made a motion to approve application #21-19 Town of Simsbury Owner, Simsbury Performing Arts Center Applicant. 22 Iron Horse Boulevard, Assessors Map H09, Lot 226, Block 003A, Zone SC. Installation of proper ADA access and formal paving of a gravel parking area with a paved parking expansion. With standard conditions and the special condition that the rules set through the DEEP NDDDB report be followed. Commissioner Levy seconded the motion. All commissioners voted in favor (6-0-0).

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Minutes: Minutes from October 19, 2021 and October 27, 2021. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Levy and seconded by Commissioner Eaton. All commissioners voted in favor (6-0-0).

2022 calendar: A motion to approve the proposed meeting calendar was made by commissioner Haldeman and seconded by commissioner Levy. All commissioners voted in favor (6-0-0).

AGENT ACTIONS:

Application #21-20 19 Talcott Mountain Road – Mark Shapiro, Construction of an in-ground pool in the upland review.

Agent Hazel explained that the inground pool would be installed in the upland review area and was located on an established turf lawn, the pool system would be the standard cartridge system that seems to be the industry standard.

CORRESPONDENCE:

It was noted that the Meadowood open space acquisition had a ceremonial ribbon cutting now that it has been finalized and that the town is working to set up an RFP for the leasable land for agricultural use.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION WORK:

None

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Campolieta made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 PM, Commissioner Levy Seconded. All voted in favor (6-0-0).