



Town of Simsbury

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Office of Community Planning and Development

MINUTES

CONSERVATION COMMISSION/INLAND WETLANDS
AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING-TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:42 PM

ROLL CALL: Present – Chairman Winters, Commissioners, Campolieta, Eaton and Alternate Haldeman was invited to sit. A quorum was established. Wetlands agent Hazel was also present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Application #21-11 Simsbury Fire Department Applicant, 5 Highridge Road, Assessors Map A05, Block 203 Lot 003, Zone R-160. Silt removal from a pond that provides a drywell for SFD.

Deputy Chief Kevin Kowalski was present to represent the application for pond maintenance for their dry hydrant in West Simsbury. Kowalski stated that over time the department has had more and more issues trying to draw from this hydrant. They have on several occasions tried to back flush the hydrant with no success of improvement. The proposal is to draw the pond down slightly, de-silt the pond and do any maintenance or improvements to the hydrant as needed. The material removed will be dewatered on sight and will be used by the resident on sight. This hydrant is the only water source in the area and serves to protect several neighborhoods making it a critical piece of infrastructure. The operation is slated to take 4-5 days and will be sometime in the late summer early fall when water levels are naturally low. Wetlands Agent Hazel stated that as critical water source for firefighting in the area the work is necessary and being a manmade pond with noticeable changes over from aeriels dated 2009, 2012, and 2019, this is a continuing issue. Also Hazel stated that any maintenance or replacement of the dry hydrant is an as of right activity under state statute.

Motion: Commissioner Campolieta made a motion that the proposed activity was a regulated activity, commissioner Haldeman seconded. All voted in the affirmative. Commissioner Campolieta made a motion that the proposed activity would not have a significant impact, commissioner Haldeman seconded. All voted in the affirmative. Commissioner Campolieta made a motion to approve the application, commissioner Haldeman seconded. All voted in the affirmative (4-0-0).

Application #21-13 32-36 Iron Horse LLC, Chris Nelson applicant, 32-36 Iron Horse Boulevard, Assessors Map H09, Block 226, Lot 008+8A, Zone SC. Construction of a detention basin and a portion of a residential development within the upland review.

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Tom Daly of SLR represented the proposal and stated that if any commissioner was not present for the previous meeting or would still like he was prepared to give the full presentation again that was given at the June 1, 2021 meeting. He also stated that a full management plan for the detention basin was submitted and Agent Hazel stated that it was part of the packet provided to the commission. Also there was a request at the last meeting for the substitution of some trees for more locally native trees. Mr. Daly explained that the changes were made to the landscape plan but would maintain the subject trees at the entrance off of Iron Horse Boulevard because they were the tree used all along the road and it would blend better with the existing layout to have those trees at the entrance. Commissioner Haldeman asked for a procedural clarification on what might trigger a public hearing. Agent Hazel stated that a petition from the public, notable public interest or a determination of significant impact would trigger a public hearing. No petition was submitted and as this application has been publicized for both wetlands meeting this month as well as the upcoming Zoning Commission meeting, which is a public hearing, and no public has inquired about it, there seems to be no public interest. Agent Hazel also stated that it is up to the commission to decide if the activity is going to cause a significant impact. The commission decided to move ahead without a public hearing.

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GENERAL BUSINESS:

Minutes: Minutes from June 1, 2021 Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Campioleta and seconded by Commissioner Haldeman. Approved unanimously (4-0-0).

AGENT ACTIONS:

Application CC 21-12 _ 6 Old Stone Crossing, application for a pool in the upland review. Agent Hazel stated that the proposal was remote enough that he was comfortable with an administrative approval. Also the topography put the wetlands uphill from the proposed activity.

Application CC21-14 _ 1 Hamilton Lane, application for a deck in the upland review. The proposed footings were minor in disturbance and far enough from the stream and wetlands soils that the activity did not pose an impact to the area.

CORRESPONDANCE:

DOT- Bridge reconstruction on Hopmeadow Street. The proposed activity is to replace a two lane bridge and a pedestrian pathway. Two way traffic will be maintained as well as pedestrian access. The project is slated to go from April to September 2022.

CONSERVATION BUSINESS:

The posting of bird feeders with bird friendly plantings due to increased bear activity in town has been posted on the town website under the Conservation commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Campioleta made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM, Commissioner Haldeman Seconded. All voted in Favor. Vote: 4-0-0.

