

MINUTES
ENFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 – 7:00PM
REGULAR MEETING

Enfield Town Hall – Council Chambers
820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT 06082

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Sheila M Bailey

Call to Order

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Commissioner Higley took the roll and present were Chairman Donna Corbin-Sobinski, Commissioners Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Nancy Martin, Robert Hendrickson, Anne Collins, and Alternate Commissioner Phil Kober. Absent was Alternate Commissioner Sean Deane.

Also present were Ricardo Rachele, Zoning Enforcement Officer and Georgianna Driver, Assistant Town Planner.

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski stated that Commissioner Howe resigned.

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski seated Alternate Commissioner Kober.

Public Participation

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski asked three times if anyone in the public would like to speak; no one came forward.

Correspondence

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski stated that they received an email regarding a celebration for the 50th anniversary of the Connecticut IWWA Act.

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski stated that they received an email from Sheila Bailey that went out to all Boards and Commissions regarding various procedures.

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski stated that she received a river conservation pamphlet and wildlife magazine if anyone wants to read them.

Approval of Minutes: March 15, 2022

Motion: Commissioner Zorda made motion, seconded by Commissioner Higley, to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2022 meeting as amended.

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski stated that the adjournment time is missing from the minutes as well as who made the motions.

The motion passed with a 7-0-0 vote.

Votes: 7-0-0

Old Business

Motion: Commissioner Zorda made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hendrickson, to strike 174 Shaker Road as it is a typo and to move the POCD strategies review to the end of the meeting just before adjournment.

The motion passed with a 7-0-0 vote.

Votes: 7-0-0

New Business

- a. **IW# 650- 43 Monroe Road-** Wetlands Application to install an in-ground pool with a surrounding patio in the upland review area; Matthew Hart, Applicant; Matthew Hart and Kimberly Andrews, Owner; Map 90/Lot 111; R-44 Zone.

Matthew Hart, 43 Monroe Road, addressed the Commission. He stated that he is a pool builder and wanted to put in an inground pool. Mr. Hart stated that he is a mindful and respectful builder and will make sure the flow of water is not interrupted.

Commissioner Zorda stated that he lives on the other end of Monroe Road and can make an unbiased judgment. He stated that all of the soils have already been disturbed in the area of the applicant's house. Commissioner Zorda requested that the applicant put in some sedimentation control such as silt fencing or hay bales during construction.

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski asked where the chemicals will be located. Mr. Hart stated that they have a basic sand filter and no pool house.

Ms. Driver asked if they would like to make the silt fencing during construction a site specific condition, to which Commissioner Zorda replied that they would.

Motion: Commissioner Zorda made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve IW# 650 with an additional condition for silt fencing during construction.

The motion passed with a 7-0-0 vote.

Votes: 7-0-0

Enforcement Report(s)

a. 174/130 Shaker Road- Update

Mr. Rachele stated that they plan to enlist the aid of a soil scientist to flag the property. He stated that they want to move the operations down to 130 Shaker Road, and keep a section toward the front to advertise for the firewood. Mr. Rachele stated that the applicant will come in with a plan to present to the Commission, and reiterated that the intention is to move the materials and operations to 130 Shaker Road. He stated that it make take a couple of weeks and an engineering firm is in the process of drawing up the site plans for both.

b. 283 George Washington Road

James Butenas, 283 George Washington Road, addressed the Commission. Mr. Rachele stated that the applicant was going to call him to take a look at the property but has not done so yet. Mr. Butenas stated that he recently had a stroke, but he has a 30-yard dumpster and has been getting the site cleaned up.

Mr. Butenas stated that his property is only 130 feet wide and it appears that his entire property is wetlands. He stated that the question is the hundred feet from the waterway, which he believes is runoff as it is completely dry 4 or 5 months of the year. Mr. Rachele stated that the hundred feet is a moot point due to everything being in the wetlands itself. He stated that a lot of materials are right next to the waterway, which he stated is considered a brook according to their mapping. Mr. Rachele stated that Mr. Butenas needs to provide a plan on how he will rectify the situation. Mr. Butenas stated that he is cleaning up the property and needs some time.

Commissioner Zorda requested written documentation of what the plan is and how long he thinks it might take. Mr. Butenas stated that he needs to know where to park vehicles since it says he has to be 100 feet away. Commissioner Zorda explained that the wetlands is not just about sitting water but also what types of soils are present. Mr. Butenas stated that he put up a tarp and reinforced poly to try to protect the waterway.

Mr. Rachele asked if he can visit the site this week, to which Mr. Butenas replied that he can come out tomorrow.

New Applications to be Received

- a. IW# 651- 30 Woodlawn Ave-** Wetlands Permit modification for a new location of the single-family home only on Woodlawn Ave; Jeffrey Filiault, Owner/Applicant; Map 33/ Lot 125; R-33 Zone.

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski asked if they can get the original approval and conditions for IW# 637, to which Ms. Driver replied that they can.

- b. **IW# 652- Enfield Housing Authority**-Wetlands Permit modification for changes in the berms, grading, and excavation, within the upland review area; Enfield Housing Authority, Applicant/Owner; Map 19/ Lot 235; HR-33 Zone.

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski requested that they get the original approval; Ms. Driver replied that they can.

- c. **IW# 653- 29 Crescent Beach Drive**- Wetlands Permit activity for house construction near Crescent Lake; George and Lynn McAlees, Owners/Applicant; Map 97/ Lot 10; R-33 Zone; Lake Overlay District

Ms. Driver read an additional application received, IW# 654, for 140-148 Hazard Avenue, Trinity Health of New England. Commissioner Higley asked if they are knocking down all of the buildings, to which Ms. Driver replied that they are just knocking down the biggest building in the back.

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski stated that she retired from Trinity Health recently but would not be recusing herself as she can make a fair judgment on this.

Commissioner Martin stated that she will be recusing herself for 29 Crescent Beach Drive as it abuts her property.

Commissioner Hendrickson stated that there is nothing checked off on the checklist for IW# 653. Ms. Driver explained that this is a small residential home with mostly interior construction. She stated that they are in the Lake Overlay District and their property is within 200 feet of Crescent Lake, and they have a couple of things outside they have already done that for which they are trying to get a permit. Ms. Driver stated that the checklist is there mostly for developers that have a large impact, and Staff always reviews them anyway.

Ms. Driver asked if the Commission wants to make any of these applications a Public Hearing. Commissioner Kober asked if this needs to be decided tonight, to which Ms. Driver replied that it does as the legal ad is 15 days.

Chairman Corbin-Sobinski stated that Trinity Health is a big project but she does not think it would be too much of a concern. Commissioner Zorda asked how much wetlands is there; Ms. Driver read from the file the square footages of wetlands to be impacted and disturbed. Ms. Driver stated that they also have a certified soil scientist and a professional land surveyor and engineer.

Commissioner Kober asked if they can table it to which Ms. Driver stated that they cannot table a received application. Commissioner Zorda stated that there is a development behind it and he does not believe it to be a concern. Chairman Corbin-Sobinski stated that she does not believe they need a Public Hearing.

POCD: Implementation Strategies Review

Commissioner Zorda stated that it would be appropriate to define wetlands. He stated that in addition to manual water cleanup there are other cleaning systems for protecting wetlands such as basins and Source To Sea plaques to raise awareness.

Commissioner Zorda stated that most people will not know what CACIWIC is and they should spell those out. Ms. Driver stated that the POCD Steering Committee will be meeting this month to start finalizing the POCD.

Commissioner Zorda stated that they need to expand #4. Ms. Driver suggested that they can combine it with #5.

Commissioner Zorda stated that the bylaws do not require training for Commissioners. Ms. Driver stated that there is a new state law coming out in 2023 that all Commissioners will be required to do four hours of mandatory training and keep up with that training.

Discussion took place regarding when the next POCD meetings will take place.

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Higley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Higley, to adjourn.

The motion passed with a 7-0-0 vote.

Votes: 7-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Prepared by: Elizabeth Bouley

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Higley, Secretary