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CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - 7:00 PM Town Hall - Conference Room 2 MINUTES



Members Present: Chairman Falk Von Plachecki, Michael Rogers, Mary Tremblay, Wetlands Enforcement-Officer Daniel Hickey, Susan Bruening (arrived at 7:13 PM)

Members Absent: Michelle Kosmo, Rebecca Meyer, Denise Turner (BOS Liaison)

- 1. Call to Order Chairman F. Von Plachecki called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM
- 2. Additions to Agenda None
- **3. Approval of Minutes** M. Tremblay made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2024 Regular Meeting, seconded by M. Rogers. Motion passed (3-0).
- 4. Public Comment None
- 5. Pending Applications
 - **A. W2023-3093 -** 10 West Rd; Cheryl Beaulieu Applicant/Owner; Assessor's ID 03-09-019-000; Proposed filling or relocation of wetlands for future development.
 - M. Rogers made the motion to approve application **W2023-3093** with standard conditions, M. Tremblay seconded. Motion passed (3-0).

Discussion on approval warranted an amendment to the approval of W2023-3093.

- M. Rogers made the motion to approve application **W2023-3093** with the amended condition that the applicants provide an updated survey map detailing the proposed creation of wetlands upon completion. M. Tremblay seconded, motion passed (3-0).
- **B. W2024-3094** 101 Pine Brook Rd; Richard Stevenson Applicant/Owner; Assessor's ID 4W-09-003-000; Proposed restoration and enhancement of man-made pond with excavation, dredging, and site grading.
 - M. Rogers made the motion to approve application **W2024-3094** with the condition(s) that spill-kits for machinery are always present on-site during work and silt-bags/ dewatering bags to be utilized when discharging pumped water. M. Tremblay seconded, motion passed (3-0).
- 6. New Applications None
- 7. Old Business None
- 8. New Business None

9. Enforcement

D. Hickey followed up with the Commission regarding the wetland concerns at 527 Param Rd. He mentioned that he had contacted the DEEP regarding the issue but has not received a response. His next course of action is to contact Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) to coordinate possible access to the property.

10. Conservation

The Commission briefly discussed future activities/ events for Arbor Day and Earth Day.

11. Correspondence

- A. Wetland Administrative Permits Issued None
- **B.** Staff Updates & Other Correspondence
 - D. Hickey informed the Commission of the DEEP RTP 2024 grant submission and the status on certification from Sustainable CT.
- **12. Adjournment -** M. Tremblay made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Rogers. Motion passed (3-0) meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Daniel Hickey, Wetlands Enforcement Officer