



APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Canton Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

January 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Community Center, Room F

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting of January 14, 2016 was called to order by the Vice Chairman at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT – David Sinish, Al Bombassei, Robert Bahre and David Shepard arrived at 7:45 p.m.

ABSENT – Richard Van de Bogart

ALSO PRESENT – Assistant Town Planner Emily Anyzeski and Recording Secretary Loren Kiefer

PUBLIC COMMENT NOT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEM – None

MOTION: D. Sinish made a motion to amend the agenda to consider new business item number 1 before old business item number 1. R. Bahre seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 3-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. File 12-15-1132; 133 East Mountain Road; Assessor's Map 23; Parcel 2490133; Zone R-3; Request for perimeter pond maintenance for removal of existing cattails; Northeast Diving Services, applicant; Robert and Kathleen Hollis, owners** – Mr. and Mrs. Hollis were present along with a representative from Northeast Diving Services. This is the first occurrence in over 50 years in which the property will be dredged. The representative stated that actual dredging is not necessary and the project consists of pond maintenance to extract up to 15-foot deep invasive species roots. This will be done using an amphibious excavator or a modified excavator using DEEP approved and environmentally friendly fluids. Tarps will be laid down to contain and dry out the cattails, roots and phragmites pulled out of the pond. Up to 300 cubic yards of wet material will be removed and there are arrangements for a local organic farm to retrieve the removed sediment. Northeast Diving Services said there is easy access to the perimeter of the pond and the primary work zone will be at the southern end. There will be exposure to the dam; therefore, the property will be accessible for possible State of CT inspection. Due to a 100 foot ledge, the materials will be placed on the downhill side of the property in order to avoid re-rooting back into the water. Silt fence will be established, including a solid turbidity curtain around the outward structure with a floating boom surrounding it. None of the material will be taken off-site by Northeast Diving Services, and once the extracted materials dry out, it will be 20 to 40 inches thick. Recent testing of the soil and muck came back clean and positive, with no leaching from the septic. February 2016 is the proposed end-date of the project. During April of 2016, Northeast Diving Services will return with divers to follow up with a potato rake in order to extract any further growth.

MOTION: D. Sinish moved to approve File 12-15-1132; 133 East Mountain Road; Assessor's Map 23; Parcel 2490133; Zone R-3; Request for perimeter pond maintenance for removal of existing cattails; Northeast Diving Services, applicant; Robert and Kathleen Hollis, owner, with the following conditions:

- a. Additional silt fence installed downstream of the dam;
- b. Turbidity curtain placed around the outlet structure; and
- c. All fueling will be done in a separate location.

A. Bombassei seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 3-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **File 11-15-1131; 110 Albany Turnpike; Assessor's Map 36; Parcel 1010110; Zone B; Construction of a new gravity retaining wall; W/S Peak Canton Properties, LLC c/o Denise Robidoux, applicants; W/S Peak Canton Properties, LLC c/o WS Asset Management, Inc., owners** – Ms. Robidoux and Mr. Emile Pierides of BL Companies confirmed a site walk had taken place on January 5, 2016, with Mr. Shepard and Mr. Bahre; a quorum was not present for the site-walk. Mr. Pierides stated that they plan to have a drain at the top and the bottom of the wall. At this time, the top drain does not currently show on the plan. A splash pad will be placed at the bottom to avoid any possible erosion and six to eight inches of crushed stone will be placed between the walls. A crane will be used to move materials in and out of the work zone, and will remain housed at the base of the wall at all times. The materials will be stock-piled at the back of the parking lot. At this time, only one of the walls is in need of repair and the other existing walls may need periodic caps replaced. The work will be completed within a two-year term, with actual construction not starting until September of 2016.

MOTION: D. Sinish moved to approve File 11-15-1131; 110 Albany Turnpike; Assessor's Map 36; Parcel 1010110; Zone B; Construction of a new gravity retaining wall; W/S Peak Canton Properties, LLC c/o Denise Robidoux, applicants; W/S Peak Canton Properties, LLC c/o WS Asset Management, Inc., owners, with the following conditions:

- a. Granting of waiver 7.4D;
- b. Splash pads at both outlet pipes;
- c. Add a curtain drain to the plan, to be located on the patio surface (as a buried pipe with stone on top);
- d. Add absorbent pads when the excavator needs to be re-fueled;
- e. Add a construction note for the excavator to go up and down only once, except for repairs; and
- f. All materials need to be on-site before work starts.

D. Shepard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 4-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION: D. Shepard made a motion to amend the agenda to review OTHER BUSINESS Item Number 4, Shallot Meadow Subdivision, to be considered as Item Number 1. Mr. Bombassei seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 4-0-0.

1. Any Other Recent Enforcement Issues

- a. **Shallot Meadow Subdivision** – Ms. Anyzeski outlined a complaint made in regard to the subdivision's development of dirty water beginning from Lot #7. This lot is currently under construction and contains three to four layers of erosion; however, there is currently no runoff onto the road. A silt fence needs to be reinforced with hay bales for erosion control. Sediments are entering the detention pond since the plunge pool is unable to catch the sediment. Mr. Jouvin was present and stated that the dirty water is spreading and encroaching on Mr. Olson's property, despite the trench that was constructed to prevent this. Lot #7 is the steepest lot in the subdivision and once completed this spring with landscaping, there will no longer be an issue with runoff. Mr. Jouvin further stated that Mr. Olson has had a culvert on his property waiting for installation; however, it has yet to happen. The culvert may have prevented the spreading of dirty water and D. Shepard stated that there is no current evidence of a systemic problem. The silt fence should be tightened up and additional hay bales shall be brought in. E&S should be reinforced to ensure the current system remains intact to avoid any further issues.
- b. **Mills Pond Damming Activity** – Ms. Anyzeski mentioned that a complaint had been made on January 7, 2016, regarding a beaver dam that was broken up into sections. Beaver dams may be broken up in pieces a portion at a time since beavers inhabit the dam. Town property and

residential property will be disrupted with possible flooding if action is not taken. D. Shepard stated that the activity at the location needs guidelines and proper notice provided to perimeter properties. It was noted that Mr. Robert Martin had sought prior guidance from the DEEP; however, an application should be made by Mr. Martin before any further activity takes place.

2. Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2015

MOTION: D. Shepard approved the December 10, 2015 minutes as amended. Mr. Bahre seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 4-0-0.

3. Applications Received After Agenda Posted – None

4. Authorized Agent –

a. File 01-16-1133AA; 88 Simonds Avenue; Assessor's Map 30; Parcel 4820088; Zone R1; Removal of trees within the Upland Review Area, northeast of the gravel parking lot; Town of Canton, applicant/owner – There were six large pines located at the northern part of the lot and since they were not in good health, have been removed. There are pending improvements to the parking surface, including arranging the parking farther away from the wetlands side.

5. Freedom of Information (FOI) Class; February 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. – Ms. Anyzeski mentioned a reminder to all who are interested, to attend the meeting to be held in Room F of the Canton Community Center, and not at the Town Hall as previously noted.

6. Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) Review – Committee packets contain items for review.

7. Staff Report –

- a. Authorized Agent Status** – Ms. Anyzeski confirmed that she has completed the DEEP training and is now qualified to be an Authorized Agent.
- b. Abutters Notice** – The Town of Simsbury sent an abutters notice regarding 63 Woodchuck Hill Road. The applicant at this address is requesting approval for the repairs and improvements for an existing drainage system. Ms. Anyzeski announced that February 2, 2016, is the date of the upcoming meeting with the Conservation Commission. Ms. Anyzeski ensured that notices will be sent to abutting landowners.
- c. Ms. Anyzeski sought recommendations on how to proceed at 115 Wright Road regarding the replacement of a collapsed pipe.** She questioned whether or not to submit this as an Authorized Agent application for maintenance. D. Shepard stated that the pipe and water flow is not intermittent and this item requires an application.

ADJOURNMENT – **MOTION:** D. Shepard moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m. R. Bahre seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Loren Kiefer, Recording Secretary