

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman, Ed Schwarz, Vice-Chairman, Cathy Minter, Chris Spaulding, Robert Turner, Michael Zegers, Ted von Rosenvinge and James Smith

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Pattee, Conservation Planner

Mr. Schwarz opened the April 24th meeting of the Weston Conservation Commission at 7:30 p.m.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS:

- Town of Weston, Weston High School, 115 School Road, football field stadium lighting
- Hayes, 183 Newtown Turnpike, house addition
- Grauberd, 100 Kettle Creek, swimming pool

Mr. Pattee reported that the applications were all complete and appropriate for receipt.

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: GTR 2015 LLC, 5 LADDER HILL, SEPTIC

Mario from , came forward and presented the plan and noted that they are getting the Westport/Weston Health Department approval to make the septic system compliant. They need to add to the system. Mr. Spaulding stated that they should install double silt fence with hay bales in between. Mr. Zegers suggested that the stockpile should move further away from wetlands and it should also be covered.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Minter made motion to approve the application for GTR 2015 LLC, 5 Ladder Hill for septic replacement as shown on plans prepared by Brautigam Land Surveyors dated 12/11/2013, subject to the standard A-I conditions and condition J. applicant is to get a stamped copy from the Health Department indicating their approval. Mr. Zegers seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION: REPLACEMENT OF GODFREY ROAD WEST BRIDGE, GODFREY ROAD AND PENT ROAD (TOWN OF WESTON/CARDINAL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES)

Charles Hornack from Cardinal Engineering came forward to present the application. Mr. Schwarz questioned whether there are other wetlands on the property other than the watercourse and Mr. Hornack stated that yes, there is both federal and state wetlands and indicated the location on the plan. He further noted that the federal wetlands are based on vegetation and soil types and the state is just soil types. Mr. Hornack explained that they have already given the plan to the ACOE and received a Category 2 general approval permit from them. The State has

signed off on water quality and environmental protections. Mr. Hornack then described how they plan to remove the old bridge and replace with a triple cell box culvert noted on the plan. There will be 2,800 sq. ft. of work in the wetlands and they have a staging plan to make sure that the impact is minimal. He then went on to describe the construction sequencing and discussion on the coffer dam ensued.

John Conte, Town Engineer, came forward and stated that he signs off on every step of the project and further described the erosion controls in the channel.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the Godfrey Road Bridge replacement plan as shown on plans prepared by Cardinal Engineering Assoc., dated 12/13/2013, revised 3/12/2014, subject to the standard A-I conditions and condition J. The Engineer is to provide the Conservation Planner with the Contractor's approved submittals. Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION CONT.: BUDDENHAGEN, LOT DEVELOPMENT, 9 SMITH RIDGE, RETAINING WALL (GRUMMAN ENGINEERING)

Scott Buddenhagen came forward and presented the plan for the retaining wall. Discussion then ensued regarding whether it was a boulder area or an actual retaining wall.

Following discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Minter made a motion to approve the application for Lot 5 Smith Ridge as shown on plans prepared by Grumman Engineering dated 4/3/2014, subject to standard conditions A-I. Mr. Zegers seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

DISCUSSION OF APPLICATION CONT.: LCHAT FARM COMMUNITY GARDEN, 106 GODFREY ROAD (LANDTECH/TOWN OF WESTON)

Mr. Pattee presented the revised plan and Chris Allen from LandTech explained that other than the beds' orientation, nothing has changed. There is a 35 foot setback from the wetlands for the planting beds. Amy Kalafa noted that this will not be a production farming operation, they won't be doing any tilling but may have an orchard and maybe vine type plants.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the revised plan prepared by The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service dated 4/14/2014 and on plans prepared LandTech dated 4/14/2014 and modified at the meeting on 4/24/2014, subject to standard conditions A-I. Ms. Minter seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (6-0 [1 abstain, von Rosenvinge]).

ADMINISTRATIVE PERMITS ISSUED BY DAVID PATTEE, CONSERVATION PLANNER

Mr. Pattee informed the Commissioners of the Administrative Permits that he has issued.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the Minutes from the 3/20/2014 meeting and Mr. Turner seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (7-0).

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Minter seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delana Lustberg
Recording Secretary