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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING NORTH BRANFORD CONSERVATION & INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY

Wednesday, February 24, 2016
6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scavo called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Stephen Scavo, Regular Member, Chairman
Frank Brigano, Regular Member
Lisa DePonte, Regular Member
Ashley Joiner, Regular Member
William Galdanzi, Alternate Member

Town Staff Present: Carey Duques, Town Planner.

3. MINUTES – Meeting of January 27, 2016

MOTION: Member DePonte moved, seconded by member Brigano to approve the minutes of January 27, 2016 with the following change to include the attachment from the motion. Motion passed with four in favor and one abstention from Member Galdanzi.

MOTION: Member Brigano moved, seconded by member DePonte to amend the agenda and move to item 6. A. Clarification on conditional approval of 20 Norwill Drive.

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Town Planner Carey Duques gave an overview of the Bond issued and changes. There was also an overview and clarification on the deed restriction in the original approval as it related to the conservation area.

Members discussed items they removed during the original motion with an explanation by Town Planner Duques.

Members discussed conservation area language and defining it.

Raymond Lemley, representative for the applicant, spoke on defining the conservation area.

Applicant Abbatello requested a clarification on what can be done within the 100 foot buffer area.

Chairman Scavo gave an explanation on how to move forward, suggesting that any questions be addressed to the Town Planner.

Mr. Lemley discussed steps needed to move forward.

Chairman Scavo moved back to item 4.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Application #2016-1, Permit renewal for 5 years for hydro raking 6,500 sf of **Cedar Lake** in vicinity of beach area for weed control. **Owner: Cedar Lake Association Inc/Applicant: Diane Sullivan**

Applicant Diane Sullivan of Cedar of Lake Association 25 Lake Road, gave an overview of the beach and pavilion as well as the wild life. She explained how they maintain the area and the procedure they use to hydro rake the swimming area of the lake.

There was discussion on types of plantings hydro raked from the lake.

Members discussed the fee schedule for this application, with members deciding this application would be considered maintenance under the schedule.

MOTION: Member Joiner moved, seconded by Member Brigano to approve IWWA 2016-1

Member Joyner moved seconded by Member Brigano to approve IWWA Application #2016-1, to hydro rake a 130 ft by 50 ft area of Cedar Lake in the vicinity of the beach area with access from Lake Road affecting approximately 6,500 +/- sq. ft. of area within a watercourse, Assessor Map 19, Lot 11, Owner/Applicant: The Cedar Lake Association, as contained in submitted application documents, with the following standard conditions:

STANDARD IWWA CONDITIONS

1. Regulated activities granted shall be implemented by the permittee in accordance with the timing, location, duration and intent as proposed and approved by the Agency.

2. Notice of transfer of ownership of property must be given to the Agency prior to or at the time of filing of deed with Town Clerk. Failure to do so may invalidate the permit.
4. All sedimentation and erosion control measures shall be installed prior to or upon issuance of this permit and inspected by the Town Engineer prior to commencing work. These controls must be maintained during and after construction and removed upon site stabilization.
5. The permit must be signed and filed with the Town Clerk. A copy of the signed permit with the Town Clerk's Attestation must be returned to the Agency's office.

The permit shall be good for five (5) years from date of approval. The permittee shall have the permit readily available and shall produce it for inspection upon request.

The permit is issued only for those activities approved by the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency.

6. The Agency's agent be notified in writing forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of any construction.
7. During the duration of the regulated activity, the Chairman of the Agency or the Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer shall have permission to enter upon the subject property at reasonable times for the purposes of viewing and inspecting the conduct of said activity.
8. No work other than maintenance of sediment and erosion control shall be performed during significant rainfall of one (1) inch or more within a twenty-four (24) hour period. All work shall be performed between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No work may be conducted on legal holidays or weekends without the expressed approval of the Agency.
11. The Agency has determined that there are no feasible or prudent alternatives.
12. The Agency has determined that the proposed regulated activities are not deemed significant.

And the following **special conditions**: (if any):

17. Application is subject to Fee Schedule #3 "At the discretion of the Agency or Duly Authorized Agent, if an application is for maintenance or repair of an existing approved disturbance area (e.g. driveway, deck, septic) and will remain within the same footprint, the following fees apply in lieu of the fees provided for in Section 1 and 2 above. Total Area of Disturbance (sq. ft) >500 feet, Fee \$125.00."

Motion passed 5-0 with Joyner, Brigano, Scavo, DePonte and Galdenzi voting.

5. WETLAND ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

In response to a question from a member, Town Planner Carey Duques gave an update on 50 Fowler Road. Ms. Duques informed members the applicant is planning to submit new plans, and gave a brief overview.

There was discussion on various changes throughout the history of the application. Ms. Duques gave her opinion of the new design from a planning and marketing standpoint.

Chairman Scavo suggested the applicant present the new plan for review.

Ms. Duques presented a program, seeking applicants for environmental heroes. Members discussed distributing to the schools for potential projects by students.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- B.** Discussion regarding IWWA regulations, specifically looking at deed restrictions, liens on property, and monitoring requirements after plantings and restorations are complete.

Town Planner Carey Duques gave an overview of the last meetings discussion on deed restrictions, regulations and liens. Ms. Duques reported on language from area towns and the potential of using the word monitoring.

There was discussion on including a template in the regulations for modification when needed as well as including definitions.

Ms. Duques informed members there was language on liens, and read the language to members.

Ms. Duques reviewed the proposed regulation changes and protocol to amend the regulations. She will draft proposed changes per the Agency's comments for the next meeting. Once an application is accepted by the Agency at least one public hearing will be held to collect public input.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Member Brigano moved, seconded by Member Joiner to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Mary Caruso
Recording Secretary**