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

Thursday, July 27, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Town Hall - 909 Foxon Road

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Scavo called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Jerry Fischbach, Regular Member

Town Staff Present: Carey Duques, Town Planner and Wetland Officer

3. MINUTES – Special Meeting of June 9, 2016

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Tabled until the next meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. IWWA Application #2016-5** Application to correct violation at 19, 29 and 33 Harrison Road, Assessor Map 12 Lots 56, 55, and 55 A respectively, Property Owners: Lisa and Paul Intravia, Sandra Camejo, and Diane Glynn. Violation activity: cutting down trees within 100 feet of a watercourse without a permit from

North Branford IWWA. Said activity within 100 feet of a wetlands and watercourse is a violation of Section 22a-42a c (1) of the Connecticut General Statutes and sections 6.2 of the inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations for the Town of North Branford, Connecticut.

Town Planner Carey Duques distributed photos and diagrams. Ms. Duques updated members on recent correspondence with the applicants as well as the ongoing work to comply with IWWA regulations. Ms. Duques informed members she would meet with the applicants again in a few weeks.

Lisa DePonte arrived at 6:38 p.m.

MOTION: Member Joiner moved, seconded by Member Brigano to continue the Cease and Desist for the IWWA Application #2016-5, violation at 19, 29 and 33 Harrison Road. With all in favor, motion passed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. IWWA Application #2016-10, Site Plan application for spreading topsoil over two years of exposed pipe which feeds front yard from well/spring: install fountain and pump in pond and plant shrubs. Owner/Applicant: Tarek Chater**

Town Planner Carey Duques overviewed the application with members and distributed photos showing the work that had been done as well as recommendations being made by both Ms. Duques and the Town Enforcement Officer. Town Planner Carey Duques overviewed the review by the RWA for the record.

Chairman Scavo suggested members do a site walk to get a more accurate overview of the area.

MOTION: Member DePonte moved, seconded by Member Galdenzi to do a site walk on Mr. Chater's property, IWWA Application #2016-10 before the next meeting for future discussions. With all in favor, motion passed.

After discussion members confirmed a site walk visit would be held on August 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Members discussed the issue of a fee and a potential reduction.

MOTION: Member Brigano moved, seconded by Member DePonte a reduced fee of \$130.00 for the application of IWWA #2016-10 to cover disturbance of 250 square feet, which is \$70 plus \$60 for the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection fee. With all in favor, motion passed.

- B. Application #2016-11, Site plan application for re-subdivision of 440 Totoket Road (Map 36, Lot4) into 3 lots. Owner Florence & Wilbur Hart, Trustees/Applicants: Chris DiLungo & Sean Cahill, Agent: Waldo & Associates LLC**

Town Planner Carey Duques provided an overview of the application along with required regulations for the application. Ms. Duques informed members that the applicants have submitted the required application for Planning and Zoning. Ms. Duques stated a meeting was held with various department heads and she read the recommendations submitted by Ronald Walters from Regional Water Authority.

Dirck Goss of Waldo Associates representing the applicants overviewed the site plan pointing out septic location, wetlands, ground water and storm water locations as well as frontage and shared driveway location for the rear lots.

Waldo Associates answered questions and Town Planner Carey Duques stated the plan is conceptual with the potential for home locations changing.

Town Planner Carey Duques reminded members about the required 14-day waiting period in case there was a request for a public hearing.

Member Joiner informed the applicants of the potential placement of signage demarcating the wetlands areas.

MOTION: Member DePonte seconded by Member Joiner to continue IWWA application #2016-11 site plan application for re-subdivision of 440 Totoket Road into 3 lots postponed a decision until the next meeting of August 24, 2016. With all in favor, motion passed.

C. Application #2016-12, Site plan application for maintenance of pond at 33 Notch Hill Road (Map 3, lot 5C) including removal of grasses and sediment covering approximately 3,900 sq ft to a depth of 4 feet totaling equaling approximately 577 cubic yards Owner/Applicant: Craig Cory

Town Planner Carey Duques informed members about recent correspondence with the applicant as well as current condition of the site.

The applicant Mr. Craig Cory addressed the issues with the pond and his request to dredge the pond in an effort to help the natural habitat of the pond. Mr. Cory submitted letters from his abutting neighbors showing support for this request to work

Mrs. Cory addressed the Agency regarding additional plans for the pond.

Members had detailed discussion regarding possible solutions for the pond.

MOTION: Member DePonte moved, second by Member Brigano that we add on to the application #2016-12 that the resident is also adding a fountain and pump to assist the aeration in the pond. With all in favor, motion passed.

Member Joiner expressed some concerns with the application and suggested a site walk for members.

There was discussion and explanation to the applicants regarding efforts required to protect the wetlands.

Town Planner Carey Duques suggested different approaches to protect the wetlands.

MOTION: Member DePonte moved, seconded by Member Galdenzi to do a site walk at IWWA Application 2016-12 on August 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and continue the decision until the next meeting on August 24, 2016. With all in favor, motion passed.

D. Application #2016-13, Site plan application for construction of barn within 100' upland review area at 276 Old Post Road (Map 71, Lot 20) R-40 zone. Owner/Applicant Heather A. Rowe.

Town Planner Carey Duques updated members on the property visitation and distributed photos of the current shed as well as drawings of the requested shed.

Applicant, Ms. Heather Rowe gave an overview of the requested shed along with the potential tree cutting involved.

Members had a lengthy discussion and question session with the applicant.

MOTION: Member Brigano moved, seconded by Member Joiner that application #2016-13 add a gravel driveway from Alling Road, one car width driveway and to change the dimensions of the barn to the maximum. With all in favor, motion passed.

MOTION: Member Joiner moved, seconded by Member Brigano to table application #2016-13 to the next scheduled meeting of August 24, 2016. With all in favor, motion passed.

6. WETLAND ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Duly Authorized Agent Approval of the following projects:

- **27 Sunnyside Drive- construction of 28' X 32' detached garage located within feet of the Farm River**

Town Planner Carey Duques distributed photos and overviewed the requested work by the homeowners explaining her process granting approval. Ms. Duques addressed any questions by members.

- **Hummingbird Drive – replacement of corrugated metal storm drain, upgrading existing storm drains, replacement of headwalls and end walls, and bypass pumping as part of road reconstruction project.**

Town Planner Carey Duques overviewed the Town project with members showing a site plan of more intensive work to be done, she also informed the Agency that Town Engineer Kurt Weiss is involved in this project.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. 2016 Wetlands Training Voucher

Town Planner Carey Duques informed members that Member Brigano will use this year's voucher, all members were in agreement.

B. Debrief of Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Continuing Education Workshop Legal and Administrative Updates 2016 held on July 7, 2016 DEEP's Legal Update Session.

Town Planner Carey Duques highlighted some of the information gained at the recent workshop that she and Member Brigano attended. Ms. Duques informed members that one of the speakers regarding freedom of information is being invited to speak to all Town Boards and Commissions.

Members discussed potential for having resumes on hand to validate area of expertise.

Agents from Waldo & Associates LLC addressed the Agency and requested an explanation on the new procedure of waiting 14 days and asked for direction on how the applicant should proceed with Planning and Zoning. Town Planner Duques said she will provide Dirck Goss contact information for Darcy Winther of DEEP if he has additional questions.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Member Brigano moved, seconded by Member DePonte to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. With all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Caruso, Recording Secretary

Steven Scavo, Chairman