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ATTEST: *David L. Lersch*
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MEETING MINUTES

Waterford Conservation Commission
Waterford Town Hall

Members Present: Henry Curtis, Harold Hansen, David Lersch, John McSweeney, and Jeff Sims
Members Absent: Tali Maidelis and Richard Muckle (notified absence)
Alternates Absent: Joshua Steele Kelly and Wade Thomas (notified absence),
1 vacancy
Staff Present: Maureen FitzGerald, Environmental Planner
Katrina Kotfer, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Chair J. Sims called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. No alternates were seated.

2. APPROVAL OF THE July 14, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Motion made by D. Lersch, seconded by J. McSweeney, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2016 meeting as written.

Vote: 4-0- 1 H. Hansen abstaining, not present at meeting.

3. APPLICATION REVIEW

C-16-6 1000 Hartford Turnpike – Site Remediation and Improvements to the Municipal Complex –Town of Waterford – Applicant & Owner, Anchor Engineering Services, Inc - Agent. (Action Date September 16, 2016, Last Meeting Date September 8, 2016)

Scott Atkin of Anchor Engineering reviewed responses to Commission questions provided in the supplemental submission dated July 25, 2016. He stated that the existing Vortechincs unit on the southern end of the parking lot is sized to handle the proposed increase in flow. The proposed landscaped swale is designed to accept run-off from the new paved area in front of the garage bays, and the Stormwater management Plan for the facility will be updated to include the site modifications once completed.

J. McSweeney raised concern that the contaminant plume under the building slab is not identified in the description and asked if anything else can be done to remove the contamination out from under the building slab. S. Atkin noted it is mentioned on page 3 of the supplemental document that petroleum product will continue to migrate out from under the building.

D. Lersch recommended that if additional contamination is detected during the remediation, the applicant be required to report to the Commission with a remediation plan.

Motion: Motion made by D. Lersch, seconded by H. Curtis, to have staff prepare a draft permit of approval for the next meeting.

Vote: 5-0- 0

4. NEW APPLCIATION

C-16-7 54 Shore Road – Proposed Spillway Swale –Jerry Gorman – Applicant & Owner, Gerwick Mereen, LLC - Agent. (Action Date September 30, 2016, Last Meeting Date September 22, 2016)

J. Sims recused himself from the application as he is an abutting property owner and left the room. H. Curtis was appointed to sit as Chairman.

Staff noted the engineer was not available to attend the meeting this evening but will be present to answer questions at the next meeting. The Commission accepted the application for review. The Commission noted that they need more information on the wetlands and pond and the impacts of the proposed outlet on the hydrology of the pond.

J. Sims returned to the meeting.

Staff reported that an application for timber harvest activity as a permitted use as of right was submitted for 284R Pember Road within the statutory time frame but after the agenda was posted.

C-16-8 284R Pember Road – Proposed Timber Harvest – Roderick Lake – Applicant, John Ellis – Owner, South East Timber - Agent. (Action Date September 30, 2016, Last Meeting Date September 22, 2016)

The Commission accepted the application for review. The Commission reviewed the information that was submitted and asked for staff to get more information on the proposed wetland and stream crossings and the proposed clear-cut areas identified on the map.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Waterford High School Stormwater System Inspection –Status
Clark Lane Middle School Stormwater System Inspection – Status

J. Miner, Buildings and Grounds – Waterford Board of Education was present to discuss the status of outstanding projects.

J. Miner discussed completed actions at the High School swale and Clark Lane water quality basin. The Commission discussed the possibility of getting a waiver from the state and try using herbicide to control the phragmites at the Clark Lane basin. J. McSweeney voiced concerns of using herbicide on school grounds. The Commission discussed mowing the area twice a year to inspect the drainage outlet and as a method to control the phragmites. The weeding and planting of the rain garden at the High School is scheduled to be conducted by a contractor.

The Commission agreed with the work completed and the proposed mowing and maintenance schedule for the basin and rain garden.

Referral of PZC Application #PL 16-12: Proposed Removal of Earth Materials, Cross Rd & Foster Road.

Staff noted an application was submitted to Planning & Zoning for excavation of earth material on 77 Foster Road and the property contains wetlands in the Stony Brook watershed. As part of the application review process, the application is being referred to the Conservation Commission for review.

The Commission reviewed the plan set and noted the work is proposed adjacent to a critical wetland identified in the Stony Brook Watershed Management Plan and the activity is a significant increase in the amount of cumulative disturbance associated with the office development on the same parcel. Commissioners expressed concern with erosion and sediment impacts to the receiving wetlands, how the area will be stabilized and monitored, and the re-establishment of vegetation and impacts to the adjacent vernal pool and water quality. Staff stated that Section 6.3 of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations allows the Commission to determine the activity is regulated even if it occurs beyond the upland review area.

The Commission unanimously agreed that the proposal involves regulated wetland activity and requires an inland wetlands permit.

6. VIOLATIONS

Staff stated the owner of 2 Lloyd Road had contacted her for a final inspection. The Commission reviewed photographs of the wetland non-encroachment area restoration. A letter of compliance with the required corrective actions was mailed.

7. CONSERVATION COMMISSION TASKS

No tasks were discussed.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was discussed.

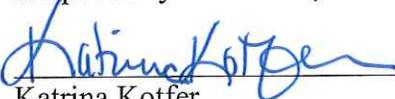
9. PAYMENT OF BILLS

No bills were discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Katrina Kotfer
Recording Secretary