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MEETING MINUTES

TEST: *David L. Corso*

Waterford Conservation Commission  
Waterford Town Hall

August 11, 2016

7:00 PM

Members Present: Harold Hansen, David Lersch, John McSweeney, and Jeff Sims  
Members Absent: Henry Curtis, Tali Maidelis and Richard Muckle (notified absence)  
Alternates Present: Wade Thomas  
Alternates Absent: Joshua Steele Kelly (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 7:00 p.m. W. Thomas was seated for H. Curtis.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE July 28, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:** Motion made by D. Lersch, seconded by J. McSweeney, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2016 meeting as written.

**Vote:** 4-0- 1 W. Thomas 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)

The Commission reviewed the draft permit that was prepared.

**Motion:** Motion made by D. Lersch, seconded by J. McSweeney, to approve the draft permit for C-16-6 as written.

**Vote:** 4-0-1 (W. Thomas abstaining, not present at prior meeting)

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)

Staff reported she had reviewed the areas proposed for timber harvest and the proposed temporary stream crossing with one of the harvesters on August 3, 2016. The Commission reviewed comments dated August 11, 2016.

**Motion:** Motion made by J. McSweeney, seconded by D. Lersch, to find that the proposed Timber Harvest activity is a permitted use as of right in accordance with Section 4.1a of the Waterford Inland Wetlands and Watercourses regulations.

**Vote:** 5-0-0

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 at 7:05. H. Hansen was appointed to sit as Chairman.

D. Gerwick P.E. of Gerwick-Mereen presented the application. He explained that the property shares an old quarry pond with the adjacent property to the east and the historic pond outlet is on the adjoining neighbor's property. D. Gerwick stated that Mr. Gorman believes the pond elevation has risen over the years and based on the survey data and prior survey plans, he believes Mr. Gorman is correct. The proposal is to create a new additional spillway on the applicant's property at the same controlling elevation, elevation 7, as the existing outlet, but with a higher flow capacity to address water-related problems Mr. Gorman is experiencing at his home. D. Gerwick noted that the existing swale is subject to clogging.

D. Gerwick noted that an overlay of the present wetland boundary delineation with that surveyed in 1988 indicates the wetland soil boundary has moved closer to Mr. Gorman's house over time. He will have a wetland report from the soil scientist by the next meeting. The proposed swale will be 3 feet wide at base with 2:1 side-slopes and average 1 foot deep. It will be lined with stone to prevent erosion and will discharge to a rocky area of the shoreline. Work is anticipated to be conducted during low water levels, when the pond is below the outlet elevation. Construction is proposed to be conducted this fall. Some bedrock may be encountered during the swale excavation.

D. Gerwick reviewed outlet elevations from the prior 1988 site plan and the current survey, noting that the elevations are different when converting from NAVD 29 to NAVD 88 datum. The spillway elevation today is approximately 2 feet higher than in 1988. He explained that the previous owner of the adjoining property had worked on the spillway and storms may also have changed the pond outlet.

W. Thomas noted the slab elevation of the house is 4 ft. higher than the pond outlet elevation and questioned if the property owner has investigated to see if a footing drain is clogged and if there is photographic evidence of flooding.

Staff requested that the prior plan elevations and the conversion to NAVD88 be presented for the record and asked for spot elevations at the edge of pond and at the outlet of the proposed swale to review grading. Stabilization measures for the swale outlet to the tidal wetland are to be evaluated. She distributed photographs of the pond edge and swale location to the Commission to review.

Staff asked if the adjacent property owner was in agreement with the proposal. D. Gerwick replied that he had not spoken with the neighbor about this application. Staff recommended that the Commission hold a public hearing on the application in the public interest.

**Motion:** Motion made by J. McSweeney, seconded by D. Lersch, for the Commission to hold a public hearing on September 22, 2016 for the proposed activity at 54 Shore Road in the public interest.

**Vote:** 5-0

**4. NEW APPLCIATION**

No new applications were received.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

**6. VIOLATIONS**

No violations were discussed.

**7. CONSERVATION COMMISSION TASKS**

No tasks were discussed.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was discussed.

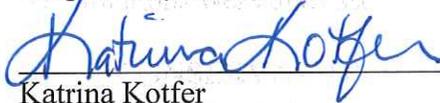
**9. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

No bills were discussed.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Katrina Kotfer", is written over a horizontal line.

Katrina Kotfer  
Recording Secretary