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TOWN OF FARMINGTON  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

April 18, 2018

Present were Chairman Hinze, Commissioners Hannon, Isner, Simpson, Statchen, Wolf, Alternate Commissioner St. James and Assistant Town Planner and Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Hinze.

Alternate Commissioner St. James was appointed to vote on behalf of absent Commissioner Amato.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Town of Farmington – 14, 20 and 9059 Wolf Pit Road

Scott Zenke was present with the resident of 14 Wolf Pit Road, Todd Niedzwiedz. Mr. Zenke explained that a row of evergreen trees along the southeastern boarder of 20 Wolf Pit Rd. have been overtaken with invasive vines. During the early March snowstorm, the weakened trees fell into the yard of 14 Wolf Pit Rd. The Town removed the effected trees, which revealed the drainage swale located on 14 Wolf Pit Rd. The Town would like to conduct maintenance on the drainage swale. The proposal includes installation of pipe to convey stormwater drainage to the wetland instead of maintaining the existing swale. The owner of 14 Wolf Pit Road is in agreement with the proposed work, and there is already an easement for the drainage swale on their property. There was a brief discussion for clarification on the stormwater flow in the area.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Hannon/Isner) it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the Town of Farmington application for regulated activity within a watercourse and upland review area for drainage swale maintenance, tree removal, invasive removal, culvert extension and grading at 14 and 20 Wolf Pit Road.

Ivan Petroka, Eagle Scout – 822 Farmington Avenue and 8760 Round Hill Road

Mr. Petroka presented his Eagle Scout project to improve a trail located directly north of the Vincent DiPietro Bridge on Route 4. The project was presented in phases; Phase 1 is to blaze the trail from the parking area to the Grist Mill viewing area; Phase 2 proposes to repair a wooden bridge crossing; Phase 3 is the installation of parking area trailhead sign post and Phase 4 install kiosk at the Grist Mill viewing site. Mr. Petroka provided details of the bridge crossing, sign post and kiosk construction. Project completion is June/July 2018 and he anticipates the work to take approximately five days. There was a brief discussion about the bridge repair. Assistant Town Planner Rutherford commented Matt Walsh will be reviewing the plans and staff will work with Mr. Petroka on his project.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Statchen/Isner) it was unanimously

VOTED: To make the determination that the proposed improvements are non-regulated per Section 4.B. of the Inland Wetlands Regulations.

Unionville Architectural Improvement Association – 29-55 Mill Street

Regulated activity within an upland review area related to a project to remove invasive species and plant native plants along the top of the embankment to the Farmington River at 29 to 55 Mill Street and request to waive filing fee per Section 6.B. of the Inland Wetlands regulations. The Commission quickly reviewed the proposed project to remove invasive plants and replace with native plants. The work will be done in phases and they will work with/seek guidance from Assistant Town Planner Shannon Rutherford and the Farmington River Watershed Association representatives. It was noted that the Commission voted at the April 4, 2018 meeting to waive the filing fee.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Wolf/Hannon) it was unanimously

VOTED: To make the determination that the Unionville Architectural Improvement Association application for regulated activity within an upland review area related to a project to remove invasive species and plant native plants along the top of the embankment to the Farmington River at 29 to 55 Mill Street is non-significant activity and does not require a public hearing.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Wolf/Hannon) it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Unionville Architectural Improvement Association application for regulated activity within an upland review area related to a project to remove invasive species and plant native plants along the top of the embankment to the Farmington River at 29 to 55 Mill Street with the following conditions:

1. Invasive species plants shall be removed by hand. Chemicals will not be used.
2. The UVIA shall continue to coordinate with Town Staff regarding the progress of the invasive species removal and native plant installation.

Tahir Choudhry – 860 Farmington Avenue

Regulated activity within upland review area related to removal and replacement of underground fuel storage tanks at 860 Farmington Avenue. The Commission reviewed the application to remove three existing underground fuel storage tanks and install two 12,000 gallon double-wall fiberglass replacement storage tanks in the same location as the three storage tanks being removed on the western portion of the site. There was a discussion about the catch basin on the eastern portion of the site and whether or not it had an oil/water separator.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Wolf/Hannon) it was unanimously

VOTED: To make the determination that the Tahir Choudhry application for regulated activity within upland review area related to removal and replacement of underground fuel storage tanks at 860 Farmington Avenue is non-significant in nature and does not require a public hearing.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Hannon/Wolf) it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Tahir Choudhry application for regulated activity within upland review area related to removal and replacement of underground fuel storage tanks at 860 Farmington

Avenue with the condition that the existing catch basin is improved to a deep sump catch basin with hood with annual maintenance.

### **PLANNER'S REPORT**

Assistant Town Planner Rutherford received a call from a Commissioner regarding debris on the embankment of Scott Swamp Brook behind Five Guys. She commented that she reviewed the site and is working with Bruce Cyr, whom has already been in contact with the contractor and owner regarding the condition of the embankment. The entire embankment will be cleaned up prior to the issuance of a C.O. for Five Guys.

### **MINUTES**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion made and seconded (Statchen/Wolf) it was

VOTED: 6 in favor, 1 abstention (Isner) to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018 Inland Wetlands Commission meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

*SJM*