

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

January 23, 2019

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

NEW BUSINESS

Show-cause Hearing – 41 Woodruff Road

Cease and Desist Order for conduct of regulated activity without a permit for property located at 41 Woodruff Road. The Cease & Desist Order remains in effect. Assistant Town Planner Rutherford stated that at the last meeting Mr. Seinyan was instructed to have his landscape architect contact the Planning Office within seven days. The deadline passed and on January 17, 2019 fines commenced. This afternoon the office was contact by Raina Volovski at Tighe & Bond. She stated they are in the process of being hired by the property owner to work on a restoration plan to address this violation. A plan must be presented no later than the February 6, 2019 meeting per the request of the Commission made at the January 17, 2019 meeting. The fines will continue until such time a professional plan is submitted for the Commission to consider. This matter began in September 2018. The Commissioners discussed requiring medallions installed on both sides of the Conservation Easement and placing a requirement that plantings installed be monitored for a minimum of three years.

Show-cause Hearing – 275 Talcott Notch Road

Cease and Desist Order for conduct of regulated activity without a permit for property located at 275 Talcott Notch Road. Assistant Town Planner Rutherford stated Matt Davison, Davison Environmental, submitted an updated restoration plan incorporating comments from the January 9, 2019 meeting. Adjustments to the plan included restoration to the forested area north of the watercourse which will include removing tire ruts by hand raking, seeding and mulch, restoration of area of disturbance of adjoining property (pending survey information), hemlocks to remain within the front conservation easement are to be staggered within the easement among the additional planting, show all plants on the plan that are listed in the plant list, and the conservation easement note shall be added to the conservation area that is north of the watercourse. Due to weather the surveyor has not been able to get out to the site but hopes to later this week. Once the property line is located and staked out final adjustments can be made to the restoration plan regarding restoration of the path on the north side of the lot. The owner's interest in pursuing a southerly driveway has been abandoned as he would be required to obtain approval from the Plan & Zoning Commission and the Town Council to alter the Conservation Easement. The Commission expressed concern with underground electrical installed in the area. Assistant Town Planner Rutherford commented the Building Official has been notified about the work done without a permit.

PLANNER'S REPORT

599 Farmington Avenue LLC and Birdseye Road LLC – 599 Farmington Avenue and 10 Birdseye Road

Application for Regulated Activity within wetlands or watercourse to expand parking lot. This application has been withdrawn.

MINUTES

Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion made and seconded (Hinze/St. James) it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the January 9, 2019 Inland Wetlands meeting minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

SJM