

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

February 20, 2019

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

NEW BUSINESS

Winding Trails, Inc. – 50 Winding Trails

Regulated activity within upland review area to construct sidewalk and drainage improvements in the picnic area. Scott Zenke began his presentation with an aerial map to orient the Commissioners on the location of the proposed work. Mr. Zenke continued his presentation using the site plan to discuss details of the proposed work. A new six foot sidewalk is proposed between the bathhouse and the boathouse. Additional drainage features are proposed to intercept storm water runoff and minimize erosion of the beach area. Mr. Zenke responded to staff comments about hoods on catch basins and the last catch basin has a hood proposed. Looking to regrade and seed approximately a two foot area around the new sidewalk. The Commissioners asked for confirmation that the applicant will meet with Town staff for a pre-construction meeting prior to implementation. When asked if tree removal is required Mr. Zenke confirmed that six to eight trees will be removed but noted they do have an annual replanting plan at Winding Trails. There was some discussion regarding the need for sidewalk curbing, handrails and ADA requirements – curbing and handrails are not needed and the sidewalk will be ADA compliant. He confirmed straw wattle and silt fence will be used during construction. The Commission asked for clarification of where the new sidewalk will tie into the existing sidewalk. Mr. Zenke showed the location around the boathouse/pavilion. When asked if there has ever been an access issue Mr. Zenke responded no but that this will provide direct access between elements. It was recommended that the area around the new sidewalk be regraded and seeded as quickly as possible to minimize erosion.

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

VOTED: To accept the Winding Trails, Inc. application for regulated activity within upland review area to construct sidewalk and drainage improvements in the picnic area.

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

VOTED: To make the determination that the Winding Trails, Inc. application for regulated activity within upland review area to construct sidewalk and drainage improvements in the picnic area was non-significant and does not require a public hearing. All work proposed is located within the upland review area.

No site walk will be conducted at this location.

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. Karhen Seinyan stated he has selected a wetland scientist, Ian Cole. He will be able to attend the March 6, 2019 Inland Wetlands meeting. Assistant Town Planner Rutherford stated that she received an email from Ian Cole, Professional Registered Soil Scientist / Professional Wetland Scientist at 6:10 p.m. confirming Karhen Seinyan signed an agreement to address the Inland Wetlands Violation. Mr. Cole intends to submit a restoration plan to staff prior to the next meeting. Mr. Seinyan asked the Commission for relief of the fines. The Commission is upholding the fines for now. No additional fines will be issued at this time and there will be no adjustment of fines at this time. Mr. Seinyan needs to follow through with plan completion and implementation.

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 provided an update; she received confirmation that the surveyor staked out the northerly property, and an updated restoration plan has been submitted. Assistant Town Planner Rutherford provided a detailed review of the plan. The owner of 275 Talcott Notch Road did encroach onto the northerly property. She has reached out to the northerly property owner and will be reviewing with the restoration plan with them next week. Mr. Davison will be present at the next meeting.

PLANNER'S REPORT

No Planner's Report.

MINUTES

Meeting Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the January 23, 2019 Inland Wetlands meeting minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

SJM