

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

April 3, 2019

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

Alternate Commissioner Tulin was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Hinze. Alternate Commissioner Berlandy was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Hannon.

NEW BUSINESS

Town of Farmington Highway – 258 Talcott Notch Road

Scott Zenke, Highway & Grounds Superintendent, presented the proposed plan to repair the storm drain inlet. The plan is to clean out and install plunge pool on the east side of the existing catch basin located in front of 258 Talcott Notch Road. Photos were displayed for clarification. Work will be conducted during low flow likely during July or August.

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

VOTED: To accept the Town of Farmington Highway application for regulated activity within wetlands or watercourse to correct sedimentation at storm drain inlet at 258 Talcott Notch Road.

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

VOTED: To make the determination that the Town of Farmington Highway application for regulated activity within wetlands or watercourse to correct sedimentation at storm drain inlet at 258 Talcott Notch Road is non-significant in nature and does not require a public hearing.

Miss Porter's School – 44 Mill Lane

Regulated activity within wetlands or watercourse to remove foam insulation underneath the Grist Mill. Katie Bradley, Miss Porter's School, gave a brief description of the proposed project for membership that was not present at the last meeting. The April 1, 2019 site visit notes were emailed to the Commission. There were no new questions about the project. Ms. Bradley confirmed a boom will be placed in the river as an additional precaution to trap any material if it gets into the river.

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

VOTED: To approve the Miss Porter's School application for regulated activity within wetlands or watercourse to remove foam insulation underneath the Grist Mill at 44 Mill Lane with the condition that a boom be placed in the water to trap any errant particles of foam and to keep town staff informed of the project schedule and progress.

Marie Dudley – 52 Dorset Lan

Karl Westerberg represented the property owner and explained drainage concerns and problems at 52 Dorset Lane. He explained the exploratory work he has done at the site and used photos to describe the location of the damaged/sediment filled piping and what needs to be done to alleviate the drainage problems. Mr. Westerberg stated he will work with staff and install appropriate erosion and soil control measures prior to conducting any of the work proposed. There was a brief discussion for clarification on the scope of work and whether machinery will be used.

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

VOTED: To make the determination that work proposed for Marie Dudley at 52 Dorset Lane is non-regulated activity in accordance with Section 4.A.4. for uses incidental to the enjoyment and maintenance of residential property. The Commission requests that the appropriate erosion and sedimentation control measures be installed and that they work closely with staff throughout the project.

PLANNER'S REPORT

41 Woodruff Road

A status update was requested of the applicant and the soil scientist. The soil scientist responded and has reminded the applicant of the time line to comply with Commission's decision. The applicant is out of town for a couple weeks and should return the end of April/beginning of May.

275 Talcott Notch Road

A status update was requested of the applicant and the soil scientist. There has been no response from the homeowner and the soil scientist responded to say they have not heard from the homeowner either. Staff has been by the site and there has been no change. The Commission asked that the staff continue to pursue the owner regarding the restoration planting timing.

40 Garden Gate

Acting Town Planner Rutherford described the wetland / drainage area adjacent to 40 Garden Gate and displayed the town GIS mapping for clarification. The owner of 40 Garden Gate expressed concern with the adjacent wetlands and the four-foot retaining wall in their back yard. The wall is in need of repair. Acting Town Planner Rutherford met the homeowner and their contractor at the site to investigate and discuss next steps. Further investigation of a potential vernal pool area will be done but given the proximity to the adjacent wetlands the Commission will likely see an application regarding the wall repair.

Snowberry Cobble

The developer would like to recreate the swale along the edge of lawn outside the wetland's delineation north of Wildcat Drive and Acorn Lane. Staff has requested a survey of the proposed work with more information regarding the grade. Although it is the responsibility of the homeowner's association to maintain the drainage systems the developer has offered to try to do this project to reduce ponding that occurs at the north end of Wildcat Drive. Providing the additional survey information confirms the swale can be installed as discussed and the limit of disturbance does not encroach into the existing berm, the work can proceed under the direction of town staff. If the scope or limits of work expand a permit will be required.

MINUTES

Meeting Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the March 20, 2019 Inland Wetlands meeting minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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