

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

June 5, 2019

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

Alternate Commissioner Berlandy was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Wolf.

NEW BUSINESS

Town of Farmington – Johnson Avenue

Scott Zenke, Highway and Grounds Superintendent presented the approximate limits of work on Johnson Avenue near the Town line. The limits of work were described as a partial reconstruction from approximately Hyde Road to the Town line. Mr. Zenke will work with Planning Staff regarding installing appropriate erosion controls measures. The road elevation will be raised slightly, new guiderail with anchors will be installed, and no curbing is proposed. The existing three-barrel culvert will remain in place. The Commissioners asked for some clarification regarding drainage. No additional information regarding the project was requested of the applicant. The work is expected to take place during the summer months (July/August).

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

VOTED: To accept the Town of Farmington application for regulated activity in upland, wetland and watercourse on Johnson Avenue; from Hyde Road to Town line.

The Commissioners agreed that a site visit is not necessary.

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

VOTED: To make the determination that the Town of Farmington application for regulated activity in upland, wetland and watercourse on Johnson Avenue; from Hyde Road to Town line is non-significant in nature and does not require a public hearing.

CA Ventures – 1 Bridgewater Road

Rob Evans, Milone & MacBroom, stated they encountered a conflict with a utility support pole for the layout of the multi-use trail/sidewalk along Farmington Avenue and would like approval to realign the trail around the pole. Work will take place in the alluvial soil area and requires the approval of the Commission to make the adjustment.

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

VOTED: To accept the CA Ventures application for regulated activity within upland and wetland for realignment of frontage sidewalk at 1 Bridgewater Road.

The Commissioners agreed that a site visit is not necessary.

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

VOTED: To make the determination that the CA Ventures application for regulated activity within upland and wetland for realignment of frontage sidewalk at 1 Bridgewater Road was a non-signification regulated activity and does not require a public hearing.

KW Construction Services – 40 Garden Gate

Karl Westerberg, KW Construction Services, explained that the existing retaining wall at 40 Garden Gate has been compromised and requires reconstructing. A portion of the 100-foot-long, 4 foot high wall will be taken down and rebuilt. Underdrain piping will be placed behind the wall and the berm above it will be corrected to address storm water runoff/drainage issues. Acting/Assistant Town Planner Shannon Rutherford has visited the adjacent open space to check for potential vernal pool areas and found no evidence that the ponding areas are vernal pools. The Commissioners asked some questions for clarification.

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

VOTED: To make the determination that the KW Construction Services request for approval to reconstruct a portion of the retaining wall at 40 Garden Gate falls under Section 4.A.4 for uses incidental to the enjoyment and maintenance of residential property.

PLANNER'S REPORT

41 Woodruff Road

Status Update: No new updates since the last update. The plants have been installed. Staff will be conducting a site visit in the next week or two.

275 Talcott Notch Road

Status Update: Planting material is in and of exceptional quality. Conservation medallions are being installed on 4 x 4 posts as requested. They have satisfied all requirements throughout this process.

MINUTES

Meeting Minutes

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

VOTED: 5 in favor, 2 abstentions (St. James, Hinze) to approve the May 1, 2019 Inland Wetlands meeting minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

SJM