

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

September 16, 2020

Present for the online web conference was Chair Hannon, Commissioners Fox, Isner, Simpson, Statchen, Tulin and Alternate Commissioner Berlandy. The Interim Town Planner and Clerk was also present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present in the Council Chambers were Interim Town Planner Rutherford and Clerk, all others were present online.

Alternate Commissioner Berlandy was appointed on behalf of Commissioner Wolf.

NEW BUSINESS

Zlatan Hukic – 8468 Maple Avenue

Regulated activity within upland review area to construct new house. Severino Bovino, Kratzert, Jones & Associates Inc., commented they modified the plans and resubmitted, providing a quick summary of what was modified. There was a brief discussion for clarification.

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

VOTED: To approve the Zlatan Hukic application for regulated activity within upland review area to construct new house at 8468 Maple Avenue as presented and on file in the Planning Office with the following conditions:

1. Implement planting recommendation of the Function and Value report prepared by David Lord, dated August 31, 2020.
2. Add note to plan that test pit shall be conducted prior to the installation of the infiltration units for the roof leaders. Town staff shall be notified in advance so they may observe test pit.
3. Conservation Easement shall be filed prior to issuance of Building Permit. Conservation Easement Shall be modified to allow for perpetual maintenance of the drainage swale.
4. Preconstruction meeting required with town staff once erosion control is in place and prior to any tree removal or earth disturbance.

Karol Suckocki – 86 Birdseye Road

Regulated activity within upland review area to construct new house with related site improvements. Justin Packard, Hallisey, Pearson & Cassidy Engineering Associates, Inc. was present with Jim Cassidy. Mr. Packard provided a brief review of the proposed site development. The Commission discussed a possible conservation easement along the southerly property line.

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

VOTED: To make the determination the Karol Suckocki application for regulated activity within upland review area to construct new house with related site improvements at 86 Birdseye Road was non-significant and does not require a public hearing.

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

VOTED: To approve the Karol Suckocki application for regulated activity within upland review area to construct new house with related site improvements at 86 Birdseye Road as presented and on file in the Planning Office with the following conditions:

1. Place 25-foot wide Conservation Easement area over a portion of the wooded area south of the home to run parallel to the southerly property line. Easement shall run the full length of the southerly property line and shall be 25ft wide as measured from the southerly property line.
2. If material is stockpiled on the south side of the house, erosion control will be installed between the material and southern property line. Erosion control will include silt fence and silt sock.
3. On the north side of the property erosion control will include silt fence and haybales.
4. Implement an integrated pest management plan for landscape maintenance.
5. Consider moving the underground retention / infiltration to avoid impact to neighboring property. Consider multiple small systems, or multiple rain gardens.
6. Address engineering staff comments.

City of New Britain Water Department – Batterson Park Road

Sebastian Amenta provided a detail presentation of the boring plan in Batterson Park Road. All borings will be done in the roadway. Two of the borings are in the upland review area. This is being done to extend the water main and improve water quality. The Commission is being asked to make a determination if the activity is permitted as of right or to accept an application. The Commission asked some questions for clarification.

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

VOTED: To make the determination that the City of New Britain Water Department activity to conduct geotechnical borings within the road right-of-way in Batterson Park Road from Hamilton Way to Two Mile Road is permitted as of right. No wetland permit is required.

Show-Cause Hearing – 15 Pond Street

Cease and Desist Order for conduct of regulated activity without a permit for property located at 15 Pond Street. Interim Town Planner Rutherford displayed the as-built survey to provide orientation to the swale, storm water piping and limits of wetlands. The swale has been disturbed and will need to be restored, soil was added, and the area seeded. There was discussion about the extent of restoration the Commission would like to see. Items discussed include: re-establishing the swale is of primary importance for stormwater flow, removal of fill placed on the property, hand rake ruts from equipment, replant the wetland area, where possible some areas can naturally reestablish, the Commission may allow a small area closer to the home to be converted to lawn area. The Commission indicated the homeowner shall have a wetland scientist / soil scientist review the site and supporting documents and prepare a restoration plan / recommendation.

Show-Cause Hearing – 1179 Farmington Avenue

Cease and Desist Order for conduct of regulated activity without a permit for property located at 1179 Farmington Avenue. Interim Town Planner Rutherford stated inquiries were made to potential third-party review consultants to solicit interest and availability. The proposed scope of work for the third-party review consultant was reviewed with the Commission. Requests for

proposals will be sent to the consultants with an anticipated response deadline of October 2nd, and selection to be finalized at the next meeting on October 7th. The Commissioners are still working through the many documents that were transmitted a few days before this meeting. Attorney William Galske and George Logan were present online. Attorney Galske concurred with the proposed scope of work for the third-party review. The Commission will conduct another site walk once the third-party review consultant has been engaged and they have had an opportunity to review the documents.

PLANNER'S REPORT

45 Portage Crossing

Interim Town Planner Rutherford stated the homeowners of 45 Portage Crossing would like to extend some useable lawn outside the pool area. To do so a few more trees will need to be removed and they will install a privacy fence. The Commissioners commented they would like a twenty to twenty-five foot no clear limit/buffer to the wetlands and an integrated pest management plan.

Household Hazardous Waste

The next collection date is October 17, 2020 at the Simsbury Public Works Facility.

CACIWC

The Annual Meeting will be virtual this year. The date is yet to be announced.

MINUTES

Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2020 Meeting and Site Walk September 12, 2020 Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the September 2, 2020 Inland Wetlands meeting minutes and September 12, 2020 Site Walk Minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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