

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2024

Present for the online web conference were Chair Statchen (at 7:05pm), Commissioners Berlandy, Fox, Simons, Simpson, and Alternate Commissioner Tulin. Senior Assistant Town Planner Cyr and Clerk Michaud were also present. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present in the Development Conference Room was Senior Assistant Town Planner Cyr. All others were present online.

Commissioners Isner, Kelsey and Alternate Commissioner Santos were absent.

Acting Chair Fox began the meeting until Chair Statchen was present.

Alternate Commissioner Tulin was appointed to participate in place of absent Commissioner Isner.

NEW BUSINESS

Show-Cause Hearing – 17 Vine Hill Road

The Commission conducted a site visit on September 11, 2024. George Logan, Rema Ecological Services, reviewed the revised restoration plan dated July 24, 2024, expanding the Zone B meadow area from 16 feet to 25 feet and planting medium to low shrubs staggered along the boundary of the maintained lawn and meadow areas to provide a buffer between the two distinct maintenance areas. Mr. Logan noted the stone check dam will be permanent, and he has requested maintenance of the erosion controls. There was a brief discussion about the area east of Zone B about the possibility of converting the portion of Zone C to Zone B and planting shrubs or trees instead of a maintained lawn. Mr. Logan responded that the property owner is satisfied with the current restoration plan.

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

VOTED: To accept the Rema Ecological Services Upland & Watercourse Restoration - Supplemental plan dated July 24, 2024 for 17 Vine Hill Road as presented and on file in the Planning Office.

Cease & Desist – 1509 Farmington Avenue

Update regarding conduct of regulated activity without a permit for property located at 1509 Farmington Avenue. Senior Assistant Town Planner Cyr stated there is nothing new to report at this time as the Town continues to work through the process.

OLD BUSINESS

9 Farm Springs Road

Eric Davison responded to the Commission's request for a restoration plan from the last meeting. Mr. Davison submitted a Planting Plan dated September 15, 2024. The Plan shows two zones; the dark green area is the (Basin Bottom) and the light green area is the (Upper Side Slope) encompassing the area along the basin side slopes. The Planting Schedule detailed plantings appropriate for each zone. He explained they purchase live plugs in pallets of 50 and how they oversee installation of the plugs and the decisions to plant what and where. They use a conservation and wildlife seed mix along the side slopes and a wet mix seed to along the basin bottom to fill in gaps. There were no questions. Senior Assistant Town Planner Cyr asked for a planting schedule. Mr. Davison responded at this point it would be best to plant in the spring but that this fall they should spray the phragmite so that the area is ready for planting in the spring, and stated they will coordinate with Town Staff.

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

VOTED: To approve the Hartford Healthcare Corporation final restoration and planting plan at 9 Farm Springs Road as presented and on file in the Planning Office with the following conditions:

1. Provide elevations of proposed manholes and outlet pipes into the basin;
2. Label and depict orifices and include dimensions on the outlet control structure detail;
3. Coordinate the proposed elevation of the 24in in the outlet control structure, with the proposed modeling;
4. Appropriate erosion control measures shall be installed to the satisfaction of Town Staff;
5. The Wetland Scientist shall oversee restoration and planting;
6. Maintenance and review of all plantings shall be conducted for a three (3) year period with a report to Town Staff; and
7. Work with town staff regarding the restoration and planting schedule.

PLANNER'S REPORT

No Planner's Report.

MINUTES

Meeting Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the September 4, 2024 Inland Wetlands meeting minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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