

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

October 16, 2019

Present were Acting Chairman Statchen, Commissioners Fox, Simpson, Tulin, Wolf and Alternate Commissioner Berlandy and Assistant Town Planner and Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Robert Isner was also present as part of public attendance.

Richard Berlandy was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Hannon.

PUBLIC HEARING

Jason Levesque – Lot 9A1 Main Gate

Application for regulated activity within watercourse, wetland and upland review area to construct road with related improvements for four parcels at Lot 9A1 Main Gate (adjacent to 6 Main Gate). Continued from the September 4, 2019 meeting. The applicant has requested a continuance to the November 20, 2019 meeting and granted the necessary extension of time to do so.

NEW BUSINESS

Connecticut Spring and Stamping Corporation – 48 Spring Lane

Regulated activity within upland review area to clear cut and perform earthwork to install impermeable Engineered Control to mitigate further degradation of groundwater quality at 48 Spring Lane. David Rusczyk, P.E., GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., provided updates to the site plan in response to discussions at the last meeting; curbing added to the western perimeter of the parking lot; netting will be used on the newly seeded area until established; and riprap pad will be installed at either end of the curbing to limit erosion. The Commission had no additional questions about the project.

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

VOTED: To approve the Connecticut Spring and Stamping Corporation application for regulated activity within upland review area to clear, cut and earthwork to install impermeable Engineered Control to mitigate further degradation of groundwater quality at 48 Spring Lane as submitted and on file in the Planning Office.

Brian Lindsay – 8667 Plainville Avenue

Brian Lindsay, Eagle Scout Candidate, Troop 68, presented his proposed project to construct an information kiosk at the north entrance to the Town Forest from Plainville Avenue and replace the gate at the south entrance. Mr. Lindsay provided examples/plans for the proposed kiosk and gate construction. The kiosk will be located approximately 80 yards in from the entrance and will not be visible from the road and should not attract unwanted attention. The kiosk will provide information for people walking the forest. Mr. Lindsay stated he will use hand tools for the proposed work. The Commission asked about the proximity of wetlands to the proposed kiosk. Photos of the area were displayed, and Assistant Town Planner Rutherford stated there will be no impact to the existing drainage pattern. There was a brief discussion about the scope of the project.

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

VOTED: To make the determination that the Brian Lindsay, Eagle Scout Project to install information kiosk and replace entrance gate at 8667 Plainville Avenue (Memorial Forest) is non-regulated in accordance with Section 4.B.2 of the Town of Farmington Regulations for Inland Wetlands and Watercourses.

Aqua Pool – 14 Ely Road

Greg Pruit, Aqua Pool and Mike Koster, homeowner presented the site plan showing the proposed location of an in-ground pool with patio area behind the house. Details on the site plan include the location of the silt fence, fence enclosure for the pool area, catch basin and riprap splash pad, and pool equipment. The rear yard was regraded when the house was constructed and is relatively level. Mr. Pruit stated there is a shed and equipment area shown on the site plan. Approximately three to four inches of water will be drained from the pool when closed for the winter months. There was some discussion for clarification regarding the current and proposed drainage pattern.

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

VOTED: To make the determination that the Aqua Pool proposed activity within upland review area to install in-ground pool at 14 Ely Road is permitted as of right in accordance with Section 4.A.4 of the Town of Farmington Regulations for Inland Wetlands and Watercourses.

Aqua Pool – 31 Somersby Way

Debbie Madden, Aqua Pool and Chris Leary, homeowner presented the project to install an in-ground pool. The pool is located off an existing patio. Regrading of the backyard will be required to accommodate the pool. The grading will include the installation of a two-foot retaining wall along the patio. The pool area will be regraded and a three-foot boulder retaining wall will be placed at the rear edge of the pool to create a level area for the pool installation. Photos of the rear yard were used to clarify the grade and limit of tree clearing. There was a brief discussion for clarification. Assistant Town Planner Rutherford explained erosion and sedimentation controls are inspected before a building permit is issued and monitored throughout the construction process.

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

VOTED: To make the determination that the Aqua Pool proposed activity within upland review area to install in-ground pool at 31 Somersby Way is permitted as of right in accordance with Section 4.A.4 of the Town of Farmington Regulations for Inland Wetlands and Watercourses.

Town of Farmington – 200 Batterson Park Road

Assistant Town Planner Rutherford presented the regulated activity within upland review area for the temporary bypass of the sewer pump station and rebuild of the sewer pump station. The pump station was built in 1967 and although maintenance has been done periodically over the years, the system now needs to be replaced. The project will be phased to replace the pump station in place. The erosion and sedimentation control plan was reviewed and includes the

installation of silt sock, silt fence and will be backed with hay bales. There was some discussion for clarification.

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

VOTED: To accept the Town of Farmington application for regulated activity within upland review area for the temporary bypass of the sewer pump station and rebuild of the sewer pump station at 200 Batterson Park Road.

A site walk will take place November 17, 2019 at 9am.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was the consensus of the Commission (Wolf/Simpson) and unanimously

VOTED: To postpone the Election of Officers until the November 20, 2019 meeting so that all Commissioners are present.

PLANNER'S REPORT

No Planner's Report.

MINUTES

Meeting Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the October 2, 2019 Inland Wetlands meeting minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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