

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

April 17, 2019

Present were Chairman Hannon, Commissioners Isner, St. James, Simpson, Statchen and Wolf, 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 Hinze.

NEW BUSINESS

Town of Farmington Highway – 258 Talcott Notch Road

Regulated activity within wetlands or watercourse to correct sedimentation at storm drain inlet. Acting Town Planner Rutherford provided a quick review of the proposal to repair the storm drain inlet; 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 (Isner/Berlandy) it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve 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 with the following conditions:

1. Majority of work to be done from the road.
2. Seasonal restrictions are in place for this project and work is to be completed during low flow / summer months.
3. Planning staff shall be kept posted on schedule, so we can stop out while work is on-going.

Collinsville Savings Society – 188 Main Street

Regulated activity outside wetlands in the upland review area for site improvements in connection with construction of bank branch within existing parking lot. Tom Daly, P.E., Milone & MacBroom, presented the request to construct a new bank branch in the existing parking area at Post Office Square. He explained the addition of the building and green space leaves a net decrease in impervious surface. There are off-site wetlands within 150 feet; a small portion of the proposed building, site improvements and parking fall within this area. There was some discussion for clarification about the drainage improvements and the overall project.

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

VOTED: To accept the Collinsville Savings Society application for regulated activity outside wetlands in the upland review area for site improvements in connection with construction of bank branch within existing parking lot located at 188 Main Street.

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

VOTED: To make the determination that the Collinsville Savings Society application for regulated activity outside wetlands in the upland review area for site improvements in connection with construction of bank branch within existing parking lot located at 188 Main Street is non-significant and does not require a public hearing.

Peter Kavanah – 19 Cedar Ridge Drive

Regulated activity within wetlands or watercourse to install walkways, observation platform and drainage channel. Mr. Kavanah stated he has woods in his back yard that are very wet and that he would like to have access to and passage through them. He would bring a cart or wheel barrow through the woods to stockpile branches and leaves. Photos of his yard show he has started the wooden walkways over the waterways in the wooded area one is 30 inches wide and the other is 24 inches wide. Mr. Kavanah is seeking approval to keep the walkways he has constructed and stated he has changed the scope of his project to eliminate a long bridge proposed near the north end of the property and digging the drainage channel. There was a brief discussion about conducting general cleanout at the opening of the culvert as being acceptable and routine maintenance. Clarifying questions were asked about the walkways, the wetlands and watercourses.

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

VOTED: To accept the Peter Kavanah application for regulated activity within wetlands or watercourse to install walkways at 19 Cedar Ridge Drive.

The Commission will conduct a site visit April 25, 2019.

Hunter Zeytoonjian – 8667 Plainville Avenue

Regulated activity within a wetland or watercourse to make improvements to existing trails within the Farmington Memorial Forest. Mr. Zeytoonjian is a member of Troop 68 and his Eagle project is to construct two Bog Bridges in the Farmington Memorial Town Forest. He proposes a 60 foot Bog Bridge along the Blue Trail and a 12 foot Bog Bridge along the Red Trail. Photos were displayed of these areas and Mr. Zeytoonjian described how the bridges will be constructed.

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

VOTED: To make the determination that the Hunter Zeytoonjian Eagle Project application for regulated activity within a wetland or watercourse to make improvements to existing trails within the Farmington Memorial Forest, Lot 8667 Plainville Avenue is a non-regulated use in a wetlands or watercourse per Section 4.B. of the Inland Wetlands Regulations, with the condition that Hunter work with Town staff regarding the final details.

PLANNER'S REPORT

41 Woodruff Road

Status Update: The soil scientist has stated the applicant has been in touch with New England Wetland Plants about obtaining the plants needed for the approved restoration plan.

275 Talcott Notch Road

Status Update: The homeowner is having trouble locating some of the plants needed for the approved restoration plan.

MINUTES

Meeting Minutes

Chair Hannon recused himself from voting on the minutes because he was not present April 3, 2019 and appointed Alternate Tulin to vote on his behalf.

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

VOTED: To approve the April 3, 2019 Inland Wetlands meeting minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

SJM