

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

May 1, 2019

Present were Chairman Hannon, Commissioners Isner, 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. Alternate Commissioner Tulin was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner St. James.

NEW BUSINESS

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, provided a brief review of the proposed project and the location of the off-site wetlands. Changes since the last meeting is the addition of a retaining wall along the existing berm instead of the proposed removal of the berm and trees. Mr. Daly also reviewed the addition of hoods to two catch basins (CB#1 and CB#3). They have informed the owner of the plaza that they will be responsible for maintenance of the drainage as part of the overall site maintenance. Cleanup along the northerly property line will be done.

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

VOTED: To approve 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 as submitted and on file in the Planning with the following conditions:

1. Stormwater improvements – hoods and deep sumps on proposed catch basins 1 and 3, and proposed storm drain pipe to be perforated pipe to promote infiltration;
2. Embankment and storm drain outlet along the north property line shall be cleaned of trash and debris; and
3. Annual long-term maintenance of the storm sewer system. Reports to be submitted to the Town by January 31st of each year for the preceding year.

Peter Kavanah – 19 Cedar Ridge Drive

Regulated activity within wetlands or watercourse to install walkways, observation platform and drainage channel. Mr. Kavanah stated he would like to construct a slate ramp to the left of his back yard. He submitted a drawing for the record. The Commission conducted a site visit and it appears what Mr. Kavanah has and is proposing to do has minimal disturbance to the wetland/wooded area of his back yard. There was a brief discussion for clarification on the overall project.

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

VOTED: To make the determination that the Peter Kavanah proposal to install walkways within

the wetlands and watercourses at 19 Cedar Ridge Drive is a non-regulated use per Section 4.A. of the Town of Farmington Inland Wetland Regulations.

Farmington Land Trust – 16 Mountain Lane

Regulated activity within a wetland or watercourse to make improvements to existing trails within the Mountain Spring Nature Trails. Steve Nelson, Chair, Farmington Land Trust Stewardship Committee, presented the request to install three bog bridges within the Mountain Spring Nature Trails. Due to the mud and water it is difficult to access scenic areas on the trails. The bridges provide a solution for access and enjoyment of the trails. Mr. Nelson provided a packet of information for review.

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

VOTED: To make the determination that the Farmington Land Trust proposal to install three bog bridges within a wetland or watercourse to make improvements to existing trails within the Mountain Spring Nature Trails is a non-regulated use per Section 4.B. of the Town of Farmington Inland Wetland Regulations.

PLANNER'S REPORT

41 Woodruff Road

Status Update: Plants have been delivered and have been placed but not installed. Staff will be on site the end of the week. The site is stable.

275 Talcott Notch Road

Status Update: The landscaper has been granted permission to over-seed the disturbed area outside the restoration area. Plant material is due to arrive the end of the week. Some preliminary work has begun.

Windswept Lane

The house footprint of the proposed new house at the corner of Windswept Lane and Snowberry Lane varies from what was approved. It is outside the upland review area and not located in a wetland or watercourse. For these reasons the building permit will proceed through the approval process. The Commission suggested the Town continue to remind the developer to inform the Town of variations to approved house foot prints.

MINUTES

Meeting Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the May 1, 2019 Inland Wetlands meeting minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

SJM