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TOWN OF FARMINGTON  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

June 8, 2016

Present were Chairman Hinze, Commissioners Hannon, Quigley and Simpson and Alternate Commissioner Wolf and Assistant Town Planner and Clerk. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Alternate Commissioner Wolf was appointed to vote on behalf of Commissioner Amato.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Eagle Scout Danny Rock

Taine Mountain Trail - Review for determination as an Outdoor recreation Non-regulated activity. This matter was tabled to the June 22, 2016 meeting.

Eagle Scout Dylan Suffredini

Tunxis Meade Fitness Trail - Review for determination as an Outdoor recreation Non-regulated activity. Dylan Suffredini gave a PowerPoint presentation to explain details of his proposed Eagle Scout project. He proposes to install a ten station fit trail at Tunxis Mead. The stations will be installed adjacent to the existing trail and will provide fitness stations for crew team members and the general public. Posts will be installed to the ground in concrete for stability and safety. After a brief discussion with the Commission Mr. Suffredini added the stations will not be placed in a location to obstruct the trail.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Quigley/Hannon) it was unanimously

VOTED: To make the determination that the proposed Tunxis Meade Fitness Trail is not a regulated activity.

Camp Chase – Obstacle Course

Review for determination of proposed bridge crossings and obstacle course as an Outdoor recreation Non-Regulated activity. David Corricelli, Associate Executive Director, Farmington Valley YMCA, handed out a revised proposed obstacle course trail map, which included the location of two temporary bridges for emergency ATV access. The bridges will be constructed out of telephone poles for support and 2" x 12" boards for the decking. A sketch of the bridge construction is in the application file. The approximately eight feet wide bridges will span 15' to 20' across the stream, well beyond the edge of the bank of the stream. A stone base will be placed under the ends of the bridges for support. Assistant Planner Rutherford provided photos of the existing foot bridges and stream. Mr. Corricelli stated the foot bridges will be maintained and rotted boards will be replaced.

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

VOTED: 4 in favor and 1 abstention (Wolf) to make the determination that the proposed emergency access bridges and obstacle course as presented, at Camp Chase are not a regulated activity.

Morin Paving – Devonwood Drive

Acceptance of Application and Review for determination whether the proposed activity is a significant or non-significant regulated activity. Kevin Morin, Morin Paving, stated his company does maintenance at Devonwood. Mr. Morin stated he tried to expose the view of the pond from Devonwood Drive by removing a thicket of underbrush and two dead trees. He then handed out a revised planting plan with an increased number of plantings. A brief discussion ensued and Chairman Hinze suggested accepting the application but tabling a determination on significance so that the Commission could conduct a site visit.

KAL Farmington Ltd. Ptr. – 30 Batterson Park Road

Acceptance of Application and Review for determination whether the proposed activity is a significant or non-significant regulated activity. Rod Szwelicki, VHB, explained the owner is seeking approval for additional parking spaces to accommodate the needs of new tenants. He reviewed the proposal for an approximately 4,100 sq. ft. increase in impervious surface within the upland review area. Expansion of the parking area is along the existing building and outward toward Batterson Park Road. Mr. Szwelicki reviewed the grading and drainage plan, including an underground detention/infiltration system. Commissioners asked for clarification of the storm water system. The Commission accepted the application and tabled determination on the significance of the proposed project pending a site visit.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Inland Wetland Regulations

The public hearing date for the amendment to the Inland Wetlands Regulations is set for July 6, 2016. The Commission also discussed the processing procedure for uses permitted by right and non-regulated uses and suggested that this portion of the regulation be reviewed in more detail to clearly define the role and expectations of Town Staff.

**PLANNER'S REPORT**

Winding Trails – Dunning Lake

Assistant Planner Rutherford is still waiting for additional information from Solitude Lake Management.

PKT Development – Bridgewater Road

Assistant Planner Rutherford provided a status update for this site.

**MINUTES**

May 18, 2016 Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the May 18, 2016 minutes of the Inland Wetlands Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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