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TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

September 7, 2016

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

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

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

VOTED: To add the Town of Farmington and Fore Group Inc. to the agenda under New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

11 South Road LLC – 11 & 21 South Road

On April 6, 2016 the Inland Wetland Commission approved the construction of a 40' x 60' storage building at 11 & 21 South Road. The applicant is now requesting to enlarge the previously approved storage building to 40' x 120'. Revised plans submitted for review show the enlarged building closer to the wetland area; the larger roll off dumpster in the same location; smaller dumpsters are relocated along the north curb line and are closer to the wetlands area; the utility trench is closer to the wetlands; and the erosion control proposed is silt fence only. The use of the building is the same as previously represented. The Commission was asked how they would like to proceed with this proposed expansion. After some discussion it was the consensus of the Inland Wetlands Commission that a formal Wetland application be submitted for their review and consideration. Reasons cited for the requirement to submit a formal application was the increase to the building size, location of the expanded building and dumpsters to the wetlands.

AT&T – Farmington River

Todd Atkinson, J. Robert Folchetti & Associates, LLC was present with Larry Lynn, Lynn Utilities Services. Mr. Atkinson explained two steel conduits have come out of the riverbed of the Farmington River near the Farmington Canal – Heritage Rail Trail and they would like to put them back underground. They are also in the process of obtaining Army Corps. and CT DEEP permits to do this work. A cofferdam is proposed approximately 75 feet from the shoreline to bury the conduits to a depth of four feet. There was some discussion for clarification on how the work will be done.

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

VOTED: To accept the application.

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

VOTED: To make the determination the proposed work is considered maintenance activity and thus not-significant and does not require a public hearing.

Town of Farmington – Meadow Road

In response to a DOT Inspection Report regarding an inspection conducted on July 15, 2016 the Town of Farmington would like to replace riprap along the east and west abutments of Bridge No. 05282 located on Meadow Road over the Pequabuck River. The east and west abutment walls are susceptible to scouring and are currently exposed up to one foot although the foundation is not exposed at this time. Stone approximately six to twelve inches in diameter are proposed to be placed by hand along the full length of the abutment of both walls. There was some discussion about future scouring and lose of stone. The Commission would like to see a cross section to better understand how the stone will be placed.

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

VOTED: To accept the application.

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

VOTED: To make the determination that the proposed work is considered maintenance activity and thus not-significant and does not require a public hearing.

Fore Group Inc. – 80 Mountain Spring Road

David Whitney, Consulting Engineers, LLC, reviewed a proposal to subdivide this parcel for two additional lots. An area of wetlands is located to the rear of the lot with the existing house. In reviewing the proposed division of land and schematic location of new homes, Mr. Whitney noted the homes are staggered intentionally so that they are not at the same distance from the roadway and look like there are in a straight line. The new house on proposed Lot 2 will be set back toward the rear of the parcel and partially within the upland review area. A portion of the driveway will also be located within the upland review area. A post and beam shed currently in the upland review area on revised Lot 1 is proposed to be razed. Commissioners expressed concern with the proposed location of the house on proposed Lot 2 citing the future homeowner will have other incidental uses of the rear yard customary with a single family residence (e.g., pool, deck, shed). Mr. Whitney was asked to consider moving this house forward to allow more room for a rear yard. Clarification of site elevation was discussed.

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

VOTED: To accept the application.

After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Commissioners to conduct a site visit on September 18, 2016 before making a determination on the significance of the application.

OTHER BUSINESS

No Other Business.

PLANNER'S REPORT

No Planner's Report.

MINUTES

July 20, 2016 Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the July 20, 2016 minutes of the Inland Wetlands Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

SJM