

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2022

Present for the online web conference was Chair Hannon, Commissioners Fox, Isner, Kelsey, Simpson, Statchen and Alternate Commissioner Canto. Sr. Assistant Town Planner Cyr and Clerk Michaud were also present. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present in the Development Conference Room were Sr. Assistant Town Planner Cyr and Clerk Michaud. All others were present online.

Alternate Commissioner Canto was appointed to vote in place of absent Commissioner Berlandy.

NEW BUSINESS

Trumpf, Inc. – 1 Johnson Avenue

Regulated activity within upland review for expansion of manufacturing building and associated site work at 1 Johnson Avenue. Will Walter, PE, Benesch, was present to answer any outstanding questions the Commissioners may have. He stated for the record they have no issue addressing staff comments. The seven new open bottom dry wells proposed at the last meeting will be changed to a linear infiltration storm water management system, capturing and infiltrating all storm water from the new construction. The final design will be reviewed and approved by the Engineering Division. Mr. Walter also proposed an additional four-foot bump out of the building along the easterly side of the building, which will be outside the upland review area. Mr. Walter stated Trumpf currently performs annual maintenance and removal of invasive within the water quality and they felt the basin would not need to be cleaned. They have agreed to inspect the drywell in the water quality basin and perform any required cleaning and maintenance.

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

VOTED: To approve the Trumpf, Inc. application for regulated activity within upland review area for expansion of manufacturing building and associated site work at 1 Johnson Avenue as presented and on file in the Planning Office with the following conditions:

1. Address Engineering Comments dated April 28, 2022 to the satisfaction of Town Staff.
2. Revise plans to depict wetland flag numbers corresponding to the wetland delineation report.
3. Provide a summary of the change in impervious area.
4. Include hoods in (2) last catch basins before discharging to the WQB.
5. Add silt fence and straw wattle to protect WQB.
6. Inspect the drywell in the water quality basin and perform any required cleaning and maintenance.

CPD Properties – 342 Colt Highway LLC

Regulated activity within upland review area for development of site (fuel station with convenience store, bank and office building). This matter is tabled until the May 18, 2022 meeting.

Turf-Guise LLC – Lot 9523 Plainville Avenue

Regulated activity within upland review area to install septic system for new home. Jim Jones, Jones Engineering LLC, presented the site plan for the proposed septic system proposed for the new home at Lot 9523 Plainville Avenue. Regarding staff comments he has no issue addressing the comments and will comply with the request to install straw wattle in addition to silt fence. The wetlands are located at the toe of the slope along the rear property line. Photos of the site were provided for clarification. The Commission asked for confirmation the final grading plan is part of the plan set. Mr. Jones responded yes. There was some discussion about Farmington Valley Health District review process, soil percolation testing, and the closest distance of the leaching fields to the wetlands. Mr. Jones responded using the site plan and photos for clarification.

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

VOTED: To accept the Turf-Guise LLC application for regulated activity within upland review arear to install septic system for new home at Lot 9523 Plainville Avenue.

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

VOTED: To make the determination the Turf-Guise LLC application for regulated activity within upland review area to install septic system for new home at Lot 9523 Plainville Avenue is not a significant activity and does not require a public hearing.

Honeyman Builders LLC – 17 Burlington Road

Regulated activity within upland review area to construct single-family home. This matter was tabled until the next meeting, May 18, 2022.

PLANNER'S REPORT

Plant 17 – 1179 Farmington Avenue

Updated photos were provided showing the area stabilized and emails have been received from Mr. Logan about the site. Mr. Logan continues to monitor the wetland creation areas and provided an email update on signs of amphibian breeding in wetland area – existing or created. Due to the cold evening weather Mr. Logan has not seen much activity other than a few green adult frogs in the wetland creation area. Mr. Logan indicated he will continue to monitor the area and with the warmer weather there should be an influx of activity. Mr. Logan would like to remove the silt fence around the wetland creation and after a brief discussion the Commissioners agreed the silt fence should be removed by hand except for a small area along the northerly corner that does not appear to be fully stable.

MINUTES

Meeting Minutes

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

VOTED: To approve the April 6, 2022 Inland Wetlands meeting minutes and April 30, 2022 site walk notes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

SJM