

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

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MINUTES
April 2, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Girouard, Chairman
Arlyne Fox, Vice Chairman
John Lauria, Secretary
Kevin Chamberlain
Carmine DeFeo
Jeffrey Wright (Arrived at 7:33 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: William Maurer, LS, Civil Engineer

The Chair convened the meeting at 7:31 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Fox.

REGULAR MEETING

NEW BUSINESS:

Application 13-09, Samuel L. Braunstein - Permit approval to clean pond, replant grass and flowering groundcover within a regulated area at 17 Finchwood Drive.

Mr. Braunstein of 17 Finchwood Drive was present and indicated over the past 30 years the pond has silted in and is requesting permission to dredge the pond. There was a time when turtles inhabited the area but in the last couple of years the turtles have had trouble doing so. Mr. Braunstein explained for Mr. Maurer that the waterway flows right to left downstream, it is very shallow where it exits their property. They will put hay bales at that point to act as natural filters; they did not plan on diverting and would maintain the flow while they were dredging the pond. They will be removing approximately 1,000 sf. and bring the pond down to 3 ft. currently the pond is silted in and has only 3" of water. The material being removed will be tested and taken off site. The work is anticipated to take approximately one week. A photograph of the pond is included in the application. The contractor will not bring his equipment into the pond he will reach in to bring the siltation out, he may need to let the silt dry out for a day or two before it is taken off-site. If it is possible to take the silt offsite at the same time as removing the silt they will do so. The hay bales will be placed at the most shallow area and will act as a filter. The pond does not have native vegetation and is clogged with silt and garbage. No trees will be removed. Everything will be removed from one side; the work will begin after July 1st and before the end of September. Samples will be taken and tested for heavy metals and a high concentration of arsenic before the work begin. If it is contaminated he will find a place for it, exactly where has not been planned to determined.

Motion (Fox), seconded by (DeFeo) to RECEIVE.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Application 13-10, Tina Beyer - Permit approval to remove five (5) medium trees and saplings, level mound construct a stone wall in lieu of the split rail fence, extend the stone wall deadline to July 1, 2013 and work area radius shall be 10' from the rear property line and southern property line within a regulated area at 634 Booth Hill Road.

Ms. Tina Beyer was present and indicated there was a previous condition of approval to install a split rail fence and was requesting to change it to a 2' x 2' rock wall with mortar inside. Most of the rocks are on-site. If there are not enough they will get the additional needed from a quarry. The wall will have two drainage pipes; the opening in the wall is where the water will flow out. A shed will be constructed outside of the regulated area. There is a cluster of 5 trees (photo included in the application) and some saplings that are dying and need to be removed. The application proposes leveling a manmade mound, part of which is in the regulated area and part is not. The soil from the mound will fill the hole in that location. Ms. Beyer requested to extend the deadline to July 1, 2013. There is mark of where the 100' setback is. The shed will go through P&Z. Mr. Maurer reviewed the topography map with the commissioners where the mound would be leveled. The area is bare vegetation. Ms. Beyer indicated she would be willing to seed the area to stabilize it.

Motion (Fox), seconded by (Wright) to RECEIVE.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

WORK SESSION:

The Chair OPENED the Work Session at 7:54 p.m.

Motion (Lauria), seconded by (Fox) to APPROVE Application 13-09 for discussion purposes.

Motion (Chamberlain), seconded by (Fox) to APPROVE Application 13-09 Samuel L. Braunstein subject to the General Conditions as established by the Commission and the following specific conditions:

- A contamination test of the soil shall be conducted.
- Contamination not to exceed a level acceptable to the Town Engineer.
- The work shall start after July 1st and be completed by October 1st.
- All silt shall be trucked off site.
- All work shall be accessed from the house side of the yard.
- No trees shall be removed.
- Erosion control and diversion plan shall be in place and inspected by the Town Engineer prior to dredging.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Motion (Chamberlain), seconded by (Fox) to APPLICATION 13-10 Tina Beyer subject to the General Conditions as established by the Commission and the following specific condition:

- All trees to be cut shall be marked prior to cutting and the limits of disturbance to be reviewed by the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agent.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

ANYTHING THAT MIGHT RIGHTFULLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

Motion (Chamberlain), seconded by (Lauria) to APPOINT William C. Maurer as the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission's Agent.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

The Chair complimented the Engineering Department for a job well done, the residents enjoy going to the department they are being assisted in a courteous and efficient manner.

Mr. Maurer reported on the following:

15 Corporate Drive - Mr. Maurer has been in contact with the gentleman at 15 Corporate Drive with regard to the application that he is to submit for the work that has been performed he indicated that he would bring the application in by the end of this week. He was notified by Mr. Maurer that if the application is not received the department/commission would proceed to the next step.

Mohawk Drive - Mr. Mallone of Mohawk Drive went away earlier this month and is still away, Mr. Maurer has contacted him regarding compliance with the conditions of approval and the recent activity on Mohawk Drive and expects to speak with him soon.

Application 13-05, Silver Hill Associates - 799 Silver Lane Associates has appealed both the IWWC and the P&Z decision for the parking lot for Silver Nichols LLC.

SCHEDULE FIELD INSPECTIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE: The Soil and Water Spring 2013 Newsletter was distributed to the commission.

There being no further business to discuss the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Clerk