

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

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MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the videoconference meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Richard Girouard Vice-Chairman John Lauria
Secretary Carmine DeFeo Gregory Csernica
Robert Ferrigno Tony Silber
David Verespy

ALSO

PRESENT: Tatiana Solovey, Assistant Town Engineer; Jim Bova, Civil Engineer; John Mayer, Civil Engineer,
Town Attorney James Cordone

The following is a summary of the meeting. A complete record is on file in the office of the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission located at 366 Church Hill Road. The meeting is also available for viewing on Trumbull Community TV.

For the record Attorney Cordone provided an overview for hosting IWWC meeting via zoom teleconferencing and the procedures to be followed.

OLD BUSINESS OPENED at 6:10 pm

Application 22-15 David Arendt-Permit approval for construction of a single family dwelling with appurtenances within a regulated area at Lot 4 West Mischa Road

Chairman Richard Girouard requested that the IWWC Agent/Assistant Town Engineer provide overview/comments on what has been previously presented.

The army corp of engineers threshold of wetland disturbance is 5,000 square feet – this is just under that.

The applicant suggested a temporary construction fence – space provided for construction is not realistic A rain garden was suggested and moving stream outfall however no revised plans were submitted to staff

The size of the backyard is not reasonable for use – will have impact to the wetlands in the future

3rd party review report submitted notes pollution impacts and loss of wetlands

Conservation commission advisory letter – long term impact and environmental impacts

Southwest District Commission letter-provided recommendations/conclusion to deny

Many resident letters for denial of application

The Chairman opened the discussion up to the Commissioners. The Commissioners stated some of the following concerns as well:

Pequonnock River is of special concern.

Pre 1974 filling in wetlands was common however now there are regulations and state why it shouldn't be done
How can you mitigate by piping and installing retention tanks.
Redirecting the stream will cause greater damage than even discussed-should be left as an intermittent stream

MOTION (Csernica) SECONDED (Silber) to DENY WITHOUT PREJUDICE citing IWWC Town of Trumbull Regulations Section 10.2 a, c, d and f. _____

VOTE to DENY WITHOUT PREJUDICE CARRIED unanimously

Application 22-16 David Arendt-Permit approval for construction of a single family dwelling with appurtenances within a regulated area at Lot 5 West Mischa Road.

Chairman Richard Girouard requested that the IWWC Agent/Assistant Town Engineer provide overview/comments on what has been previously presented.

No viable & prudent alternates were presented.

Increase in impervious area entirely removes the natural buffer.

Removed canopy will expand invasives.

Wetland buffer plan submitted with no buffer plantings. A sketch was presented with the buffer adjacent to wetlands.

Size of backyard small – reasonable use likely to impact wetlands

3rd party review report submitted noted pollution concerns and future decline of wetlands

Conservation commission advisory letter – long term and environmental impacts. Also concern of no less impactful alternative.

Southwest District Commission letter-recommend to deny

Many resident letters for denial of application.

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Five feet is the standard minimum buffer distance outside of the wetlands.

Grading up to the wetlands limit line will diminish wetlands effectiveness

Clearing will increase sun exposure causing high impact to the lots

Long term buffers will get breached

Applicant said town can monitor development leaving the onus on town with no responsibility to owner/applicant

MOTION (Verespy) SECONDED (Silber) to DENY WITHOUT PREJUDICE citing IWWC Town of Trumbull Regulations Section 10.2 a, b, c, d, f.

VOTE to DENY WITHOUT PREJUDICE CARRIED unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS CLOSED at 6:46

By unanimous consent the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen Lombardo
Colleen Lombardo, Clerk