

MINUTES - North Branford Conservation and Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, Special Meeting of Wednesday, October 09, 2013 - North Branford Town Hall, Town Council Chambers, North Branford, CT

Chairman Scavo called the meeting to order at 6:55 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Stephen Scavo, Regular Member, Chairman
Frank Brigano, Regular Member
Gerry Fischbach, Regular Member
Ashley Joiner, Regular Member

Absent: Mark Perez, Regular Member

Town Staff Present: Carol Zebb, Town Planner, and Wetland Officer

2. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Proposed Drainage Revision to Application #2012/13-2 Permit that approved Site Plan building construction, grading, paving and drainage improvements for new lot development affecting 0.8 acres within the 100 ft. wetland buffer area, filling 0.014 acres for lot grading and mitigation creation of 0.02 acres of new wetland, 55 Fowler Road, Assessor Map 27 Lot 41B and partially on 49 Fowler Road, Assessor Map 27 Lot 41C, Owner Russ & Russ Realty LLC, Applicant Russ D'Agostino and Russ Vito, Agent Criscuolo Engineering

Town Planner Zebb stated that present members just returned from a field walk of the property.

James Pretti P.E., Criscuolo Engineering LLC, the applicant's engineer, was present. Mr. Pretti made the following remarks on the proposed changes. Mr. Pretti stated that after meeting with Town Engineer Kurt Weiss and taking his comments into consideration the catch basins would be changed to a riprap swale. The new catch basin with the riprap swale would direct drainage to the existing drainage pipe on the property.

Carol Zebb stated that after Mr. Weiss' review (stated in October 4th recommendations) he made the recommendations to improve the water overflow during the winter months. The swale will be a grass swale and will protect the wetlands. Ms. Zebb stated there is enough of a pitch in the swale and the design of the catch basin will be low enough so the swale will work adequately.

Ms. Zebb stated that the new engineering appears to be a good solution however is a substantial change, which is why it is before the Agency.

Ashley Joiner asked if the discovered pipe has been snaked to be sure it is clean and will flow through freely.

Mr. Pretti stated that in his opinion he feels it flows adequately.

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In reply to Member Brigano's question about maintenance responsibility, Ms. Zebb stated that the catch basin would be the Town's responsibility; the pipe would be the property owner's responsibility.

Member Brigano questioned the address the swale will be on and whether the motion is correctly written. There was discussion on the motion with a detailed explanation by Ms. Zebb. It was decided that the cited map in the motion would read 49 and 55 Fowler Rd and have a revised date of 10/09/2103.

It was further discussed that the improvements must be shown as being done on property 49 and there must be a town right to drainage onto property 49

Member Brigano moved, seconded by Member Joiner, to approve the following revised drainage activity under the IWWA Application #2012/13-2 Permit for 49 & 55 Fowler Road:

to eliminate the prior approved drainage pipe in Fowler Road and to utilize the discovered existing drainage pipe outlet on 49 Fowler Rd as a discharge area for the runoff from the property and from Fowler Rd which will have a new road catch basin discharging to an onsite property riprap swale draining down to the existing drainage outlet pipe discharge area, as shown on the entitled submitted plan, "Property Located at #49 & #55 Fowler Road, North Branford, Connecticut, Drainage Revision Partial Site Plan, Scale 1"=30", Date 9-23-13 Revised 10-09-13, Sheet SK-1, Criscuolo Engineering LLC"

with the following revised condition #13:

13. Adherence to the requirements of the Town Engineer in his memorandum dated October 4, 2013 with attached prior memorandum dated January 31, 2013.

The motion passed 4-0 in favor with Brigano, Fischbach, Joiner and Scavo voting.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Connecticut Assoc. of Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc. Annual Meeting and Environmental Conference

Ms. Zebb passed information to members regarding the conference asking if there was an interest in attending.

Member Joiner and Fischbach expressed an interest in attending and will check there calendars. Ms. Zebb stated there is a deadline of October 31st for a reduced rate.

Ms. Zebb stated the next regular meeting would be October 23rd with an expected wetland application being submitted. Member Brigano indicated that he would not be able to attend.

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4. WETLAND ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT - none

4. ADJOURNMENT at 7:25 PM

Member Brigano made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Fischbach. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Caruso, Recording Secretary

Stephen Scavo, Chairman