

Redding Conservation Commission

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MINUTES

February 3, 2004

7:30 p.m. – Old Town House

Present: David Pattee, Chairman; Jeremiah Ross; William Hill, seated at 7:55 p.m.; F. Schroeder; Joseph Beres; Wallace Perlman.

Absent: Victor DeMasi

Also present: Stuart Deans, Commission Counsel

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

I. PUBLIC HEARING -TO OPEN

Application #03-42, Stuart Herman (owner), Barbara Herman (agent), 313 Newtown Turnpike. Application for regulated activities associated with housing construction and septic system installation. Site Walk 12/21/03. Public Hearing to Open.

Barbara Herman was present along with Atty. Neil Marcus. Members of the public were also in attendance. D. Pattee reviewed the Hearing process and noted what information was included in the application file.

N. Marcus displayed the latest version of the Newtown Turnpike site plan along with the originally approved plan. J. Ross requested that hay bales be added where the stonewall ends extending westward. The Long Wall Road site plan was also displayed and reviewed along with the originally approved site plan.

B. Oley will present proposed alternatives reflecting comments made by the Town engineer, D. Hartline and Aquarion. Mr. Marcus requested holding the Public Hearing open so Mr. Oley can attend the next meeting and make this presentation.

D. Pattee questioned the status of the condition of approval that a variance be obtained to move the house closer to the road and further from the wetlands. N. Marcus reported on the response of the Zoning Commission regarding this matter. Mr. Pattee also cited his concern regarding proper drainage for storm and incidental water as well as the concern for draining the wetland.

J. Perreira, 21 Long Wall Road, commented on the water flow in the hand-dug trench.

On the motion of J. Ross and the second of F. Schroeder, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the Public Hearing to the 2/17/04 meeting at 7:30 p.m.

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -Meeting of January 6, 2004
-Site Walk Minutes January 24, 2004
Mr./Mrs. D. Lovalvo, 25 Limekiln Rd.

On the motion of W. Perlman and the second of J. Beres, the Commission voted to approve the 1/20/04 Minutes as corrected: Page 1, second paragraph under "Regulatory", second sentence, change to "He requested grants of three separate licenses...". F. Schroeder abstained.

On the motion of W. Perlman and the second of J. Beres, the Commission voted to approve the Lovalvo Site Walk Minutes. F. Schroeder abstained.

III. REGULATORY

Application #04-04, David and Rebecca Lovalvo, 25 Limekiln Road. Received 1/20/04. Discussion and possible vote on an application to construct an addition to two existing barns and construct two new barns within the regulated area. Site Walk 1/24/04.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovalvo were present. D. Pattee noted receipt of a 1/23/04 letter from Aquarion stating that there were no sediment and erosion controls on the drawing. It was confirmed that Aquarion was referring to an earlier drawing. The location and history of the property was discussed.

Discussion will continue after review by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Application #04-06, Connecticut Yankee Council, Inc, Boy Scouts of America (owners), Gordon M. Knapp, Ranger (agent), 3 Marchant Road. To receive and discuss an application for test borings for Hoyt Scout Reservation Pond Construction.

Mr. Knapp and an associate were present. Mr. Knapp displayed a map and made a presentation.

A site walk was scheduled for Mon., 2/16/04 at 8:30 a.m.

Application #04-07, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wastrom (owner), R.I. Pools, Inc. (agents), 71 Diamond Hill Road. To receive and discuss an application for construction of inground swimming pool within the regulated area.

Mr. Wastrom was present. He described the proposal and was requested to confirm the usage of a cartridge filter for the next meeting.

A site walk was scheduled for Mon., 2/16/04 at 9:45 a.m.

Application #04-08, Timothy and Margaret Rogers, 29 Station Road. To receive and discuss an application for house addition within approximately 150' of the Saugatuck River.

Mr. Rogers was present. He reviewed the proposal and a site walk was scheduled for Mon., 2/16/04 at 9:30 a.m.

Application #04-09, Peter and Beth Wolff, 13 Topledge Road. To receive and discuss an application for garage construction within the regulated area.

Mr. Wolff was present. After a review of the proposal, a site walk was scheduled for Mon., 2/16/04 at 10:00 a.m.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

-D. Pattee reported that drafts by J. Ross re: Aquarion's trails plan have been sent back to Aquarion noting a positive response to trails and negative response to bicycles.

-D. Pattee reported that the DEP has drafted changes in the definition of wetlands and watercourses as a result of the Avalon Bay decision.

-Suggestions for Aquarion's wetland enlargement/enhancement plan for DEP will be forwarded to Tom Ryder at Land Tech.

On the motion of J. Ross and the second of W. Hill, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Kristi C. Reilly