

Redding Conservation Commission

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MINUTES

Tuesday, October 4, 2005
8:00 p.m. –Old Town House

Present: David Pattee, Chairman; Jeremiah Ross; William Hill; Frederick Schroeder; Joseph Beres; Victor DeMasi.

Absent: Wallace Perlman.

Also present: Natalie Ketcham, First Selectman

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -Meeting of September 20, 2005
-Site Inspection September 23, 2005
M/M C. Watson, 24 Bridle Rd.
Mr. Tim Smith, 15 Diamond Hill Rd.

On the motion of F. Schroeder and the second of W. Hill, the Commission voted to approve the 9/20/05 Meeting Minutes as submitted. J. Ross abstained.

On the motion of F. Schroeder and the second of J. Beres, the Commission voted to approve the 9/23/05 Site Inspection Minutes. W. Hill and J. Ross abstained.

- II. REGULATORY

Application #05-30, James F. Billett, 207 Poverty Hollow Road. Received 6/21/05. Discussion and possible vote on an application to repair existing irrigation system, repair roof and yard drains, removal of brush and dead limbs non-mechanized and repair of gazebo and replant lawn with sod within the regulated area. Site Walk 7/1/05. Discussion 7/5/05;7/19/05. Received letter granting 65-day extension. Discussion 9/20/05.

Mr. Davis was present for the applicant along with a contractor. D. Pattee read a letter from Mr. Davis noting all completed items. Proposed demolition and repairing of the existing house foundation was reviewed and an application is forthcoming.

A follow-up site walk will be scheduled after receipt of new application.

Ronald Mangini, 78 George Hull Hill Road. To discuss the details of the remediation plan submitted to the Commission.

D. Pattee noted receipt of a fax detailing a proposed remediation plan. The Commission concurred that the plan is inadequate and better planting remediation is needed.

Application #05-36, Dirk and Alice Schwarz (owners), Wayne Clarke, ASLA (agent), 19 Lee Lane. Received 8/16/05. Discussion and possible vote on an application for residential improvements to the structure/site within the regulated area. Site Walk 8/22/05. Discussion 9/6/05; 9/20/05.

Mr. Schwarz was present along with Wayne Clarke. Revised plans were displayed and reviewed.

On the motion of W. Hill and the second of J. Ross, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Application #05-36.

Thomas Yates, (owner), Neil Marcus, Esq. (agent), 217 Ethan Allen Highway (Route 7). Discussion re bridge removal. Discussion 9/6/05; 9/20/05.

Mr. Yates was present.

On the motion of J. Ross and the second of V. DeMasi, the Commission voted unanimously to direct Mr. Yates to remove the bridge he constructed over the Norwalk River on his property and in violation of Conservation Commission regulations.

Application #05-41, Craig and Sherylyn Watson (owners), Pools by Murphy (Kelly) (agents), 24 Bridge Road. Discussion and possible vote on an application to construct an inground swimming pool within the regulated area. Site Walk 9/23/05.

Mr. Watson and Kelly from Murphy Pools were present. The site walk findings were reviewed.

On the motion of J. Ross and the second of F. Schroeder, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Application #05-41.

Application #05-43, Tim Smith (owner), MacMillan Architects (agents), 15 Diamond Hill Road. Received 9/20/05. Discussion and possible vote on an application to rebuild fire-damaged residence within the regulated area. Site Walk 9/23/05.

Tim Smith and Mrs. Smith were present. D. Pattee noted receipt of a revised drawing.

On the motion of J. Ross and the second of F. Schroeder, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Application #05-43.

Application #05-44, Frank Marini "Lillian Estates", 411 and 417 Rock House Road. To receive and discuss an application for wetland activities associated with a proposed four-lot subdivision.

D. Pattee noted that the applicant sent notices regarding the opening of a Public Hearing on 10/18/05. Due to required notices and the lack of determination as to whether there will be Public Hearing on this application, D. Pattee informed Mr. Mangini and his Attorney that their notice was incorrect.

D. Pattee confirmed that the drawings were the same ones from the previous application. Atty. Gelderman confirmed that the application and notice have been sent to Aquarion and that the consultant's questions are incorporated into this application.

The presentation on this application will be on 10/18/05.

Discussion of the Redding Forest Management and Conservation Committee Report.

D. Pattee provided a history of the Commission's concern of forest biodiversity. Steve Patton was present along with Georgina Scholl, Pat Sesto and interested residents.

Natalie Ketcham commended the Commission on the report. Jill Kotch submitted a petition of 481 signatures in support of the report.

D. Pattee clarified that the controlled hunting proposal is only on town-owned open space. Various residents spoke in support of the report and had concerns regarding public safety.

On the motion of J. Ross and the second of W. Hill, the Commission voted unanimously to accept, approve and forward to the Board of Selectmen the Redding Forest Management and Conservation Committee Report dated 9/1/05, Version 5.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

J. Ross and D. Pattee will be attending the CACIWC annual meeting.

D. Pattee will be attending his third session of the D.E.P. Conservation Commissioners seminar on 10/15/05.

CL&P is sending comments from people near the powerline on Archers Lane to the Siting Council.

GIS Committee met for a consultant presentation on 9/29/05. Missing data on the town boundaries was noted.

Integrated pest management plan for J.B.H.S. was reviewed.

On the motion of V. DeMasi and the second of J. Ross, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Submitted by:
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