

Redding Conservation Commission

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MINUTES

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

7:30 p.m. – Old Town House

Present: David Pattee, Chairman; William Hill; Frederick Schroeder; Joseph Beres; Wallace Perlman.

Absent: Jeremiah Ross; Victor DeMasi

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

I. PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED

Application #05-29, Frank Marini, 411 and 417 Rock House Road. Received 6/21/05. Site Walk 7/1/05. Public Hearing opened 8/16/05, continued 9/6/05. Application for wetland activities associated with a proposed four-lot subdivision.

Mr. Marini was present along with Atty. P. Gelderman, intervenors and neighbors.

D. Pattee stated that Mr. and Mrs. Oppenheimers submitted the names of those property abutters who did not receive notification of the Public Hearing. The applicant's Attorney agreed and is notifying the abutters.

On the basis of the omitted notifications, it was suggested that the applicant withdraw the application and resubmit. The latest drawings will be returned for the new application. Atty. Gelderman will submit a letter requesting withdrawal of the application. The re-application fee will be waived for the new application.

Mrs. Oppenheimer will return her maps and questioned whether she needed to submit the 25 signatures needed to request a Public Hearing. D. Pattee stated that the new application needs to be received prior to reviewing a possible Public Hearing.

On the motion of W. Perlman and the second of W. Hill, the Commission voted unanimously to close the Public Hearing.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -Meeting of September 6, 2005

Site Inspection September 9, 2005

Dr. and Mrs. B. Cronson, 3 Dahlia Lane

On the motion of W. Perlman and the second of F. Schroeder, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the 9/6/05 Meeting Minutes as corrected: Page 1, fifth paragraph, third line, change to "by the consultants are not included on the map"; Page 2, first paragraph under Application #05-30, second line, change

“applicat8oin” to “application”, Page 2, last paragraph, third sentence, change to “D. Pattee suggested returning with a proposal to remediate any wetland disturbance”.

On the motion of F. Schroeder and the second of W. Perlman, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Cronson Site Walk Minutes.

III. 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 7/5/5; 7/19/05. Received letter granting 65-day extension.

Brian Davis was present for the applicant. He reported that the items on the agenda have been remediated and taken care of with the exception of some remaining brush. D. Pattee requested an as-built drawing and letter noting all the items that have been completed and a final site inspection will be scheduled at that time.

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

No one was present for the applicant. Discussion was tabled pending receipt of the required remediation plan.

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.

Wayne Clarke was present for the applicant. He submitted photographs of the current driveway and reviewed the existing conditions. Various options and configurations were reviewed and Mr. Clarke will return with plans for a narrower driveway to lessen the amount of fill needed. Discussion will continue.

Application #05-39, Dr. and Mrs. Bertram Cronson, 3 Dahlia Lane. Received 9/6/05. Discussion and possible vote on an application for landscaping and seeding within the regulated area. Site Walk 9/9/05.

Mrs. Cronson was present. D. Pattee noted extensive presence of phragmites and various removal methods were reviewed.

On the motion of W. Perlman and the second of W. Hill, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Application #05-39 with the condition to allow phragmite removal in the wetlands in addition to allowing top grassing.

Thomas Yates (owner), Neil Marcus, Esq. (agent), 217 Ethan Allen Highway (Route 7). Discussion re bridge removal. Discussion 9/3/05.

Detailed discussion tabled pending presence of all Commission members.

Application #05-40, Tim and Meredith McClung, 11 Deer Hill Road. To receive and discuss an application to construct a tool shed within the regulated area.

Mrs. McClung was present. She reviewed the proposed application and reported that no excavation or earth moving is proposed. The Commission stated that no Wetlands License is required.

Application #05-41, Craig and Sherylyn Watson (owners), Pools by Murphy (Kelly) (agent), 24 Bridle Road. To receive and discuss an application to construct an inground swimming pool within the regulated area.

Mr. Watson and Kelly from Pools by Murphy were present. The proposal was reviewed and planned use of a cartridge filter was confirmed. A site walk was scheduled for Fri., 9/23/05 at 5:30 p.m. D. Pattee requested that both ends and both sides of the proposed pool located be staked as well as the proposed walkway around the pool.

Application #05-42, William and Helen Gore, 47 Great Pasture Road. To receive and discuss an application for paving an existing driveway within the regulated area.

Mr. and Mrs. Gore were present. They reviewed the proposed paving in detail. No Wetlands License is required.

Addendum: Smith, Diamond Hill Road. Mrs. Smith and Tim Smith were present. The drawing was displayed and reviewed. D. Pattee stated that any demolition should be done away from the wetlands with the dumpster placed away from the wetlands. Proposed excavation will be part of the new plan.

Mr. Smith will obtain status of moving the leaching fields from Doug Hartline. A Site Walk was scheduled for Fri., 9/23/05 at 6:00 p.m.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

D. Pattee reminded the Commissioners of the combined Zoning, Planning and Conservation meeting on 9/21/05 at the John Read Middle School Community Center.

J. Beres submitted a draft Report on Managing Redding's Deer Population. D. Pattee received a map from Aquarion showing designated areas for permitted hunting during hunting season.

On the motion of J. Beres and the second of W. Hill, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the First Selectman in the Town of Redding appoint a deer warden in the anticipation of the Conservation Commission adopting the Town of Redding Report on Managing Redding's Deer Population.

The next Conservation meeting will be on October 4, 2005.

On the motion of W. Perlman and the second of F. Schroeder, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by:
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