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Minutes

Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Commission

Regularly Scheduled Meeting: January 14, 2020

Town Hall Lower Level
617 Orange Center Road
Orange, CT 06477

Commission Members Present

Chairman Mangione called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. In attendance were, Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Ruotolo, Secretary Giovanelli and Commissioner Ewen, Wetland Official Assistant Jack Demirjian, Barbara Schellenberg, Esq. and Recording Secretary Lynn Collucci. Absent was Commissioner Perfetto.

Consideration of the December 10 Minutes- Commissioner Hudson made a motion to approve the December 10, 2019 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ruotolo, all were in favor.

New Business-131 Boston Post Road-Mr. Kenneth Thomas, owner of 131 Boston Post Road, LLC came before the Commission to explain his plan to install storm water detention on site. According to the plan the existing sheet flow would discharge thru a concrete pipe to the rear corner of the property to then discharge to the Wetlands. He apprized the Commission that this proposal would reduce the flow to the Wetlands by adding onsite storm water retention. Any overflow would go into a manhole releasing to the Wetlands at a rate that would not impact the Wetlands. Chairman Mangione asked if he could install a sump with a hood or a 90-degree angled pipe to the catch basin to protect from bigger debris getting into the system. Mr. Thomas agreed to do this. Chairman Mangione noted that he had answered all The Town of Orange Engineer's questions that were in both Mr. Brinton's letters dated December 10, 2019 and January 14, 2020. Chairman Mangione also noted that the retaining wall was already up, and asked Mr. Thomas if it had weep holes in the retaining wall, Mr. Thomas replied yes. With no other questions for Mr. Thomas, Commissioner Ruotolo made a motion to approve the application if Mr. Thomas satisfied all The Town Engineer's concerns. And to add a 90-degree angled pipe to the catch basin to protect from bigger debris entering the system. Commissioner Hudson seconded and all were in favor.

Old Business-Turkey Hill Project-Chairman Mangione apprized the Commission that Town Attorney Barbara Schellenberg had drafted 2 resolutions, one of Approval and one of Denial and also a list of Concerns that were raised by the Intervenors' Attorney, Mr. Bryan L. LeClerc, Of Berchem Moses P.C.

Chairman Mangione suggested to the Commission to use this information as a guideline to create a list of concerns, pro or con, to help with a decision to Approve or Deny this project. A discussion ensued among the Commissioners regarding their concerns.

Chairman Mangione then asked Attorney Schellenberg if she would be willing to complete one Resolution of Denial listing each of the Commissioner's reasons and concerns also including the concerns of The Intervenors'.

Attorney Schellenberg responded saying that the Applicant would have to grant a one week extension to allow her to do that. Attorney Schellenberg then asked Mr. Kevin Curseaden, of Curseaden & Moore, representing the applicants if they would allow that one week extension. Mr. Curseaden responded that the Applicants had agreed to the one- week extension.

Commissioner Hudson made a motion for Attorney Schellenberg to complete the Resolution of Denial Draft containing both the Commissioners' and The Intervenors' concerns in one Draft. Commissioner Ruotolo seconded and all were in favor. **The next Special Meeting will be held in the High Plains Cafeteria at 6:30pm, on January 21, 2020.**

Enforcement Officer's Report-Jack Demirjian, Official Wetland Assistant, apprized the Commission that the property on 215 Mulberry Drive shares its rear property line adjacent to the Racebrook River. The home owner has cleared and thrown debris on the river bank to the far side of the river, not the bank closest to their property. This land is owned by the Orange Land Trust and I have been in contact with them. I have walked the site with one of their members. I recently talked to Vin Marino, Town of Orange Attorney and we are currently working on a plan of action, but yet I have not been able to contact the owner.

With no more business to discuss Commissioner Ruotolo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hudson, all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lynn Collucci
Recording Secretary

Next Regular Meeting is on February 11, 2020