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Orange Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

617 Orange Center Road-Town Hall Meeting Room-7:00 p.m.

(Unapproved Minutes)

Attendance: Chairman Ron Ruotolo, Vice-Chair Lesley Giovanelli, William Perfetto, and James Ewen
Staff: Jack Demirjian, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer; Bob Brinton, Town Engineer; Deborah Satonick, Temporary Recording Secretary

Call to Order & Introduction

Chairman Ruotolo called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Correspondence – Review and Approval of the September 13, 2022 Minutes

Commission members reviewed the minutes and made one correction.

Mr. Ewen made a motion to approve the amended September 13, 2022 minutes, seconded by Vice-Chair Giovanelli. All were in favor and the motion PASSED unanimously. (4/4)

New Business

There was no new business at this time.

Old Business

There was no old business at this time.

Enforcement Officer's Report

Mr. Demirjian noted that there are two Commission vacancies and asked members if they knew of anyone who might be interested in volunteering their time to be a part of the Orange Inlands and Wetlands Commission. Any referrals will be forwarded to the First Selectman.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (1)

Chairman Ruotolo read the legal notice in its entirety.

For replacement of Old Country Road & Coachmans Lane culverts, Submitted by Town of Orange Department of Public Works. To replace the existing culverts with new, larger capacity culverts to improve drainage.

Mr. Brinton spoke briefly about the application, explaining that there are currently undersized Twin 24 culverts in this neighborhood. They are unable to handle severe rainstorms and there is significant flooding of residential homes in the area. He added that in the future two other neighborhoods, Pine Tree/Peck and Brookside/Glenbrook, are seeking state grants to address flooding issues in their neighborhoods as well.

Mr. Gary Giroux, Senior Project Manager at Cardinal Engineering Association, Inc. in Meriden, was hired by the Town of Orange to design construction documents to remedy this problem at Old Country Road and Coachmans Lane. The current culverts are inadequate hydraulically and are also breaking down with age. The decision was made to replace the culverts with two Box Culverts. Mr. Giroux explained how the work would be done and its impact on the wetlands. They will follow all proper State and Federal protocols in reference to maintaining wetland integrity. He estimates that the total job can be completed within six weeks.

Commissioner Ewen made a motion to close the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Vice-Chair Giovanelli seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The motion PASSED unanimously. (4/4)

Commissioner Ewen made a motion to approve the application as presented by Mr. Giroux, with the standard conditions of approval, seconded by Vice-Chair Giovanelli. All were in favor and the motion PASSED unanimously. (4/4)

Adjournment

Mr. Ewen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m., seconded by Vice-Chair Giovanelli. All were in favor and the motion PASSED unanimously. (4/4)

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Satonick
Temporary Recording Secretary