

**CITY OF NORWALK
CONSERVATION COMMISSION/INLAND WETLAND AGENCY MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

PRESENT: Commissioner Steve Klocke, Chair; Cheryl Brown; Paul Vinett; Ed Holowinko; Heather Breslin; Kathryn Knight (after the roll call)

STAFF: Alexis Cherichetti; Amelia Williams

OTHERS:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Klocke called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. It should be noted that this meeting was held on Zoom.com with all participants calling in, separately.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Cherichetti called the roll.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public that spoke.

IV. RECEIPT & DISCUSSION

There were no items to discuss.

V. DISCUSSION &/OR DECISION

A. #S24-648 – 284 New Canaan Avenue – LandTech for Penna Construction – Correction Action clearing in and adjacent to wetlands and a watercourse

Ms. Cherichetti noted that this was a Corrective Action application for the clearing of woodlands in wetlands and upland review areas. There had been a public hearing which had closed at the February 11th meeting. She had prepared a draft resolution for the Agency members to review. She discussed the clearing of the woodlands further. The application would restore the woodland areas. She also discussed the planting plans and what would be included.

Mr. Vinett appreciated that they could not substitute the evergreens for the native shade trees.

***** MR. VINETT MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AS WRITTEN.**

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***** MS. BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Ms. Brown asked if they could require the evergreen trees to be included. The motion was then amended to require a revised plan that included evergreen trees.

***** MR. VINETT AMENDED HIS MOTION.**

***** STEVE KLOCKE; CHERYL BROWN; PAUL VINETT; ED HOLOWINKO; KATHRYN KNIGHT APPROVED.**

***** NO ONE OPPOSED THE MOTION.**

***** HEATHER BRESLIN ABSTAINED.**

**B. #S25-651 – Strathmore Lane Condominium – The Property Group –
Removal of a paddle tennis court within a wetland**

Ms. Cherichetti gave a brief overview of the application which had been received at the previous meeting. She discussed the draft resolution for the Agency members to review.

***** MR. KLOCKE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AS WRITTEN.**

***** MR. VINETT SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** STEVE KLOCKE; CHERYL BROWN; PAUL VINETT; ED HOLOWINKO; KATHRYN KNIGHT APPROVED.**

***** NO ONE OPPOSED THE MOTION.**

***** HEATHER BRESLIN ABSTAINED.**

C. #S25-652 – 143-145 West Norwalk Road – Environmental Land Solutions, LLC – Corrective Action restoration of wetland and watercourse buffer area

Amelia Williams began the presentation by noting that the application had been received at their last meeting and the Corrective Action order was held at the January 14 meeting. A draft resolution had been prepared for the Agency member's review.

***** MR. VINETT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AS WRITTEN.**

***** MS. BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** STEVE KLOCKE; CHERYL BROWN; PAUL VINETT; ED HOLOWINKO; KATHRYN KNIGHT APPROVED.**

***** NO ONE OPPOSED THE MOTION.**

***** HEATHER BRESLIN ABSTAINED.**

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. #S16-499B – 284 New Canaan Avenue – LandTech for Penna Construction – Corrective Action permit modification to expand extent of previously approved contractor’s yard

This item has been tabled. Ms. Cherichetti relayed the letter from the applicant indicating the applicant would retract some of the additional activities and would focus on the corrective actions. Revised plans had not been received yet. Ms. Cherichetti hoped to receive them for their March 11, 2025 meeting. She explained that the Agency members could not have any discussion because the public hearing is still open and continued until the next meeting.

VII. DISCUSSION &/OR DECISION II

A. #S16-499B – 284 New Canaan Avenue – LandTech for Penna Construction – Corrective Action permit modification to expand extent of previously approved contractor’s yard

There was no discussion at this time.

VIII. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: February 11, 2025

*** MR. VINETT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2025 MEETING.

*** MS. KNIGHT SECONDED THE MOTION.

*** STEVE KLOCKE; CHERYL BROWN; PAUL VINETT; KATHRYN KNIGHT, ED HOLOWINKO APPROVED.

*** NO ONE OPPOSED THE MOTION.

*** HEATHER BRESLIN ABSTAINED.

IX. CONSERVATION INITIATIVES

There was no report from Ms. Cherichetti.

X. REPORTS

A. Commission Chair

There was no report from Mr. Klocke.

B. Senior Environmental Officer

Ms. Cherichetti said that she would not be at the next meeting but Ms. Williams would be in her place.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

***** MR. VINETT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**
***** MS. BRESLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Palmentiero