

CITY OF NORWALK
CONSERVATION COMMISSION/INLAND WETLAND AGENCY
June 7, 2023

PRESENT: Steve Klocke, Chair; Cheryl Brown, Vice-Chair; Matt Pentz; Ed Holowinko; Heather Breslin; Kathryn Knight

STAFF: Alexis Cherichetti, Sr. Environmental Officer; Amelia Williams, Land Use Planner

OTHERS: Bryan Baker, Principal Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Klocke called the meeting to order at 6:03 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. Mr. Klocke introduced new Commissioner Heather Breslin.

III. DRAFT ZONING REGULATIONS

a) Presentation and Discussion

Bryan Baker began with an overview of the decision and process to rewrite the zoning regulations. He ended the presentation speaking about sustainability, grading, tree removal, and drainage regulations changes as they are more pertinent to the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Pentz asked for clarification on rain barrels and maximum parking requirements which Mr. Baker provided. Ms. Knight inquired about overlay zones and subdivisions, and Mr. Baker reviewed the overlay zones, highlighting the major changes in the flood regulations. Ms. Brown asked about the proposed tree removal regulations and Mr. Baker explained the requirements of required tree replacements. A discussion of the changes to the Coastal Zone regulations ensued.

Mr. Klocke facilitated a discussion of the Commission's priorities. Following this discussion, Ms. Cherichetti explained stormwater management processes. Conversation turned to the proposed sustainability regulations and new roofing requirements. Street tree requirements and potentially requiring shade trees in parking lots were discussed.

Ms. Cherichetti left the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Mr. Klocke asked about landscaping and requirements for tree removal or clear-cutting approval.

Mr. Pentz left the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Ms. Breslin asked about brownfield remediation and Mr. Baker explained it is not addressed in the proposed zoning regulations as it is mostly under the jurisdiction of the EPA. Mr. Klocke inquired about air quality and how it could be included in the new regulations.

Mr. Klocke summarized the items of concern that they will write a recommendation letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission about: water management, landscaping, and heat island effect.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

***** MS. BROWN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**
***** MS. KNIGHT SECONDED THE MOTION.**
***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amelia Williams