

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION &
INLAND WETLAND AGENCY MINUTES
April 12, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Moeling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Cherichetti took the roll call.

PRESENT: John Moeling; Cheryl Brown; Matt Pentz; Matt Merluzzi; Kathryn Knight and Jennifer Balliett (6:04PM)
Alexis Cherichetti, staff

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

IV. RECEIPT & DISCUSSION

There were none.

V. DISCUSSION &/OR DECISION

- a) **#S22-591 – 14 Appletree Lane – Grumman Engineering** – Construction of a new residence, with associated grading and stormwater management, adjacent to a wetland and watercourse

Ms. Cherichetti noted the applicant submitted a revised plan with a proposed boulder demarcation at the edge of the proposed wetland buffer. At its narrowest, the proposed buffer is 37 feet wide.

Mr. Moeling indicated he had read CT DEEP Bulletin 34 regarding tree protection and asked Mr. Martin to confirm proper tree protection and the timing of installation.

Dean Martin, Grumman Engineering, indicated the tree would be protected with tree protection fencing.

Ms. Cherichetti reviewed the draft special conditions and suggest Condition #8 begin with “Prior to the start of commencement of site work...”.

***** MR. MOELING MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION IN THE MEMORANDUM BY MS. CHERICHETTI AND APPROVE THE APPLICATION.**

***** MR. PENTZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b) **#S22-592 – 47 Richards Avenue/651, 667 & 677 Connecticut Avenue – MBI** – Proposed demolition of existing buildings and parking lot and construction of new multi-building retail development with associated parking and stormwater management adjacent to a wetland and watercourse

Ms. Cherichetti provided a brief recap of the prior meetings discussion. She indicated she had provided the members with a draft resolution with special conditions that should cover any concerns.

Mr. Moeling recalled no members of the public spoke during the public hearing.

***** MR. MOELING MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION IN MS. CHERICHETTI’S MEMORANDUM TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION.**

***** MR. PENTZ SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- c) **#S22-593 – 1 Old Kings Highway – Glazer Group LLC** – Construction of a new residence adjacent to the Silvermine River

Ms. Cherichetti noted a revised site plan had been submitted and was added to the webpage of pending application materials. She asked the applicant to described what portions of the plan were changed.

Andy Glazer, applicant and property owner, described the property as being currently vacant, stated they had added the note about no change beyond the silt fence line, noting it now said, 'Limit of disturbance'. He stated he had looked at the area downhill of where the silt fence would be installed and he was fine leaving that as it is.

Ms. Brown noted the silt fence would be temporary and a permanent physical demarcation of the buffer boundary would be preferred. Options for a suitable demarcation were discussed.

Mr. Glazer replied he revise the plan to show something along the buffer line.

VI. MEETING MINUTES

- a) March 22, 2022 meeting minutes.

Acceptance of the minutes was tabled to the next meeting.

V. COMMENTS OF STAFF

- a) Report of the Senior Environmental Officer

Ms. Cherichetti noted CIRCA would be presenting information about the Resilient SoNo project to the Common Council's Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability and Resilience this Thursday. She would send them information on the meeting.

VII. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

- a) Report of the Commission Chair

Mr. Moeling noted he had completed DEEP's Inland Wetland course and, other than the difficulty navigating the digital course, recommended it.

Mr. Pentz asked about wetland violations.

Ms. Cherichetti stated this is the time of year when they typically see the most violations. She explained the compliance inspections that occur by staff.

Mr. Pentz suggested a letter could be sent to all residents with wetlands or watercourses on their property.

Ms. Cherichetti noted this had been discussed over the years. She discussed the potential hurdles and stated she would determine the number of households within the IWA jurisdiction.

Ms. Knight, noting that most people hire landscapers, suggested sending information to directly to the landscapers to make them aware of the regulations.

Ms. Cherichetti noted they would look into the options and report back.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***** MR. MOELING MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

***** MS. BALLIETT SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.