

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
July 1, 2015
7:30 P.M.
Room 206, Town Hall

Mr. Joosten called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M

Commission Members Present: Eric Joosten, Ed Sweeney, Keith Kearney, Jim Millard, and Lucia Zachowski

Staff: Jacobson

Reporter: Syat

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Mr. Joosten called the following agenda item:

EPC-24-2015, Gloria Veeder, 16 Little Brook Road North, proposing septic system construction within an upland review area, and associated fill within a regulated area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #34 as Lot #8.

Doug DiVesta, P.E. represented the Applicant. He introduced David Knauf, Director of Health. Mr. DiVesta described the existing site conditions. He said untreated effluent is coming out of the ground. He said the existing system has been repaired twice in the past and cannot be replaced in the same location. He said the proposed filling within the upland review area and wetland will provide horizontal treatment of the effluent. He said they are proposing an advanced treatment system. He said the Parks & Recreation Commission has given permission for the grading work in Selleck's Woods.

Ms. Zachowski asked if the area in the front of the house was suitable. Mr. Knauf said that area is steeper and too close to the pond to allow for treatment.

Ms. Zachowski asked about long term monitoring of the pond. Mr. Knauf said they could not determine where bacteria in the pond is coming from. He said the effluent from the new system would not migrate toward the pond. He said they will monitor daily water use.

Mr. Sweeney asked if the aeration system has been used before in Darien. Mr. Knauf said it has been used before. He said it will provide aerobic conditions within the leaching fields.

Mr. Kearney moved to approve the application. Mr. Millard seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mr. Joosten said the following agenda item was withdrawn.

EPC-20-2015, Thomas Santaniello, 14 Weeds Landing, proposing fence construction within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #53 as Lot #61-C.

Mr. Joosten called the next agenda item.

EPC-21-2015 Michael & Elizabeth Gosk, 15 Winding Lane, proposing an addition and terrace within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #64 as Lot #6.

Neil Hauk represented the Applicants. He said they are replacing an existing porch with an addition and constructing a patio. He described the proposed construction process.

Mr. Sweeney asked about the additional impervious surface. Mr. Hauk said they additional area will be 133 square feet.

Mr. Jacobson said that for the minor increase in runoff it would be appropriate to extend the natural planting bed along the stream bank.

Ms. Zachowski asked about the flow in the stream. Mr. Gosk said it only flows when it rains.

Ms. Zachowski moved to approve the application with the condition that the buffer along the stream be extended. Mr. Sweeney seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mr. Joosten called the next agenda item.

EPC-22-2015, Brett & Heather Tucker, 18 Driftway Lane, proposing house additions and septic system construction within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #66 as Lot #120.

Brian Mullen, P.E. represented the Applicant. He said they have received septic approval. He said the only regulated activity is the fill for the septic in the upland review area. He said there will be a net decrease in the impervious surface area of 200 sq. Ft.

Ms. Zachowski moved to approve the application. Mr. Sweeney seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mr. Joosten called the next agenda item.

EPC-23-2015, Curtis & Nancy Troeger, 1 Park Place, proposing a deck, and installation of a stormwater detention system within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #42 as Lot #83.

Tessa Jucaite, P.E. represented the Applicants. She said they are proposing a small addition outside the upland review area and a deck. She said they are proposing to detain the peak runoff rates.

Mr. Kearney moved to approve the application. Mr. Millard seconded the motion.

Mr. Joosten said he was concerned about work done near the stream in the past. Ms. Zachowski said the construction may be too much for the size of the lot. The motion passed with 3 in favor, Ms. Zachowski opposed and Mr. Joosten abstained.

Show Cause Hearing:

Mr. Joosten called the next agenda item.

George & Jill Sullivan, 235 Brookside Road, an Order to Cease and Correct was issued on June 22, 2015 regarding a violation of a conservation easement and wetland permit conditions. Section 13.3a. of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Regulations requires a hearing be held within 10 days of the notice to give the person an opportunity to show cause why the order should not remain in effect.

Mr. Sullivan represented himself. He said he has taken steps to remove the grass and expected to plant the area before the August 5 meeting.

Mr. Kearney moved to keep the order in place until the work is complete. Mr. Sullivan will not need to appear at the August meeting. Mr. Jacobson will review the progress until then.

Mr. Joosten called the next agenda item.

Request from residents of Spring Grove Street for the EPC to act as the Applicant, in their capacity as the Flood & Erosion Control Board, to allow the residents to apply for a DEEP grant for flood mitigation.

Patricia Leger, 10 Spring Grove Street represented the Spring Grove Neighborhood Association. Ms. Leger described the DEEP grant program

Ray McCall of 45 Camp Avenue, Anne Rush of Hoyt Street, Kathleen Holko of 237 Hoyt Street, and Jeff McCullagh of Spring Grove Street described the flooding issues they hope can be corrected with grant funds.

Mr. Kearney moved to approve the request to allow the Spring Grove Street residents to apply for the grant with the Flood and Erosion Control Board as the applicant. Mr. Millard seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mr. Kearney moved to approve the minutes of June 3 as amended. Mr. Sweeney seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mr. Sweeney moved to adjourn. Mr. Kearney seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Jacobson
Environmental Protection Officer