

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES

August 6, 2014

7:30 P.M.

Room 206, Town Hall

Chairman Riccardo called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M

Commission Members Present: Vickie Riccardo, Ed Sweeney, Rick Rohr, Keith Kearney, and Eric Joosten.

Staff: Jacobson

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Ms. Riccardo called the meeting to order. She thanked Wynne Shapiro, who has resigned from the Commission, for her service on the EPC.

Ms. Riccardo called the following agenda item:

EPC-22-2014, Thomas Feng & Lu Ye, 54 Nearwater Lane, proposing replacement house construction in an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #51 as Lot #74.

Mark Lebow, L.S., represented the applicant. He said he was present to hear any questions or requests for additional information.

Ms. Riccardo said that the Commission typically holds a public hearing for new construction.

Mr. Sweeney asked if they would provide a cross-section of the building with elevations so the Commission can see the basement elevation relative to the test holes and ground water elevation.

Mr. Lebow said they will provide that information.

Mr. Rohr asked if the new basement will be bigger than the existing basement. Mr. Lebow said there is a partial basement and partial crawl space. He will check with the architect.

Mr. Rohr asked for more information on the volume of flow from the sump pump. He asked about tree replacement for the proposed tree removal. Mr. Lebow said they would propose a two for one replacement and he expects to provide more detailed planting plans in consultation with staff.

Mr. Sweeney asked if they would consider some pervious pavement since there is significantly more impervious surface area. Mr. Lebow said they would discuss it. He said they have designed the stormwater system to handle all of the new runoff.

Mr. Jacobson asked the applicant to address whether it is necessary to provide peak runoff attenuation because of the location of the site at the bottom of the watershed, and could there be more effort placed on invasive species removal and restoration of the upland review area.

Ms. Riccardo asked for a maintenance plan for the stormwater system.

The Commission determined that public hearing would be in the public interest and Mr. Joosten made a motion to schedule the public hearing on the application for September 3. Mr. Sweeney seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Ms. Riccardo called the following agenda item:

2014 court cases which may impact Inland Wetland Agency actions and decisions

Mr. Jacobson said the court cases provided in the Commission's packets were the topic of the annual DEEP seminar on wetland legal issues. The Commission discussed the cases and their relevance to their procedures and decisions.

Mr. Joosten made a motion to approve the minutes of June 4 with corrections. Mr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Mr. Rohr abstained.

Mr. Sweeney made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Joosten seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Jacobson
Environmental Protection Officer