

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES

May 6, 2009

7:30 P.M.

Room 206, Town Hall

Chairman Hillman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Commission Members Present: Peter Hillman, Susan Cameron, Michael Tone, Rick Rohr, Craig Flaherty, and Ellen Kirby.

Staff Present: Richard Jacobson

Court Reporter: Bonnie Syat

Mr. Hillman read the first agenda item:

Mr. Flaherty was recused for this application.

EPC-60-2008, VR Associates, 305 Middlesex Road, proposing demolition of an existing residence, construction of a new residence, and related site construction within a regulated area.

Mr. Hillman said he watched the DVD of the April 1 public hearing and listened to the tapes of the deliberations on April 20. He thanked Ms. Cameron for chairing those meetings. He said he was in agreement with the other Commission member's statements made during the deliberations.

The Commission reviewed the proposed draft resolution and made additions and changes to the wording. There were no additional conditions added to those discussed during the April 20 deliberations. Mr. Tone made a motion to approve the resolution to application as amended. Ms. Cameron seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mr. Jacobson informed the Commission of a request from Park & Recreation Director Sue Swiatek regarding the Weed Beech boat house. The Commission unanimously consented to add this item to the agenda.

Mr. Jacobson described the existing situation including a failing septic system and dangerously low hanging electrical wires. The Health Director may not allow the beach to open if the septic is not abandoned and the building connected to the sanitary sewer in Nearwater Lane. The Park and Rec. Department is requesting permission to excavate a trench for both the sewer line and electrical line within a regulated area. The contractor currently working on the playground and is available to do the work before Memorial Day.

The Commission decided that the work is necessary to correct health and safety issues. Mr. Hillman requested that the neighboring property owner be provided with a copy of the plan before construction. Mr. Flaherty requested they look at the possibility of going around the south side of the building if the grades permit. Mr. Tone requested erosion controls. Mr. Hillman made a motion to allow the work with the above conditions. Mr. Tone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hillman called the public hearing to order at 8:00 P.M.

Amendment of Wetland Boundary Map for the Town of Darien, revised to incorporate specific site soil surveys approved by the Environmental Protection Commission. The Town amends its wetland

boundary map periodically to reflect new information regarding soils and wetlands, and watercourses, collected throughout the year.

Mr. Hillman described the Commission's reasons for periodically updating the wetland map based on new information.

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

Ms. Cameron made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Tone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hillman made a motion to approve the changes to the wetland map. Ms. Cameron seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Rohr made a motion to approve the minutes of April 1. Mr. Tone seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Mr. Hillman and Mr. Flaherty abstained.

Ms. Kirby made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20. Mr. Tone seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Mr. Hillman and Mr. Flaherty abstained.

Ms. Cameron made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Tone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard B. Jacobson  
Environmental Protection Officer