

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2016

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, Lucia Zachowski, Jim Millard, and Keith Kearney

Staff: Jacobson

Reporter: Syat

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Mr. Joosten said that Ms. Riccardo is resigning and thanked her for her years of service to the Town and Commission.

Mr. Joosten called the following agenda item:

EPC-01-2016, David & Ashley Dineen, 20 Bayberry Lane, proposing a house addition within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #34 as Lot #17.

Ashley Dineen represented the Applicants. She said they are proposing a small addition not closer to the wetland than the existing house.

Mr. Jacobson said, because of the small size of the addition and location of the property in the lower third of the watershed, that storm water detention would not typically be required. He said a planted buffer along the stream would be more valuable and would improve the wetland on the property.

Mr. Sweeney moved to approve the application with a planting plan to be approved by staff and subject to conditions that will be set forth in the approval to be sent to the applicant. Ms. Zachowski seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mr. Joosten called the following agenda item:

EPC-02-2016, Everett Schenk, 19 Salisbury Road, proposing site development related to a new single family home within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #1 as Lot #101.

Doug DiVesta, P.E. represented the Applicant. He said the Health Department reviewed the plan and requested they move the drainage. He said they are not proposing a basement because of the high water table.

Ms. Zachowski asked about the drainage and piping referred to in Ms. Moch's report. Mr. DiVesta said he does not believe there is any drainage on the property based on his soil testing but he will investigate further.

Mr. Sweeney moved to hold a public hearing because it would be in the public interest. Ms. Zachowski seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

The Commission scheduled the hearing for February 3, 2016.

Mr. Joosten called the following agenda item:

EPC-03-2016, Villager Pond Condominium Association, Pond Lane, proposing maintenance dredging of a detention pond. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #14 as Lot #39.

Doug DiVesta, P.E. represented the Applicants. He said the pond was constructed for stormwater detention and aesthetics. He said they propose to remove the accumulated sediment and line the pond. The sediment removed will be place over the liner. A trench with pipes will be installed to allow groundwater to recharge the pond.

Ms. Zachowski asked if the work will impact the Goodwives River Mr. DiVesta said they are removing a small amount of water by tapping into a large groundwater system.

Mr. Sweeney asked if the pond was designed to provide groundwater recharge. Mr. DiVesta said it was only designed for detention.

Ms. Zachowski asked about future maintenance. Mr. DiVesta said they will need to see how much sediment accumulated but cleaning the catch basin sumps will minimize future maintenance.

Mr. Millard asked if the pipes will extend above the surface. Mr. DiVesta said they will be below the water level.

Mr. Joosten asked about mosquitos. Mr. DiVesta said this should improve the situation and they will also use an aerator.

Jim Geyer, condominium resident said the pond has become stagnant and they hope to improve the health of the pond.

Mr. Sweeney moved to approve the application subject to conditions that will be set forth in the approval to be sent to the applicant. Ms. Zachowski seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mr. Joosten called the following agenda item:

EPC-04-2016, Doherty & DeLeo Development, LLC, 11 Sunswyck Road, proposing site development related to a new single family home within an upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #62 as Lot #34.

Doug DiVesta, P.E. represented the Applicant. He said they are proposing a replacement house. He said the wetland is a depression with no inlet or outlet. He said it is not a vernal pool. He said they are considering only providing water quality treatment and not detention. He said they could provide a boulder wall and substantially reduce the filling and grading.

Ms. Zachowski said she is concerned about impervious surface area near the pond. Mr. DiVesta said they would be treating that but they will look at the pool location.

Mr. Sweeney moved to hold a public hearing because it would be in the public interest. Ms. Zachowski seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

The Commission scheduled the hearing for February 3, 2016.

Mr. Joosten called the following agenda item:

P&Z Commission referral: Subdivision Application #615 Flood Damage Prevention Application #189-A, Land Filling & Regrading Application #372, Michael Nikolas, 2 Silver Lakes Drive

The Commission discussed the application in their role as the Conservation Commission. Their concerns for the project include flooding impacts, construction methods, and the need for a site monitor on a sensitive site. Mr. Sweeney said the size of the proposed flood vents do not match the detail. Mr. Jacobson will prepare a memo to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the members to review

Mr. Joosten called the following agenda item:

Update on Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations

Mr. Jacobson said the Town Attorney will be reviewing the draft and the item will stay on the agenda for Commissioners to provide comments up until a hearing is scheduled.

Ms. Zachowski moved to approve the minutes of November 4 as amended. Mr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Mr. Sweeney abstained.

Mr. Kearney moved to approve the minutes of December 2 as amended. Mr. Millard seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Jacobson  
Environmental Protection Officer