

Members Present: Chairwomen, Sarah Schlechter, Kirby Brendsel, Abigail Squance

Also Present: Dr. Tom Failla, Conservation Planner

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Ms. Schlechter called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

119 Old Hyde, remove felled and dead trees, re-establish wetland vegetative buffer, reconstruct stone wall, establish lawn, Bhagia [23-18]

MOTION TO RECEIVE

Mr. Brendsel made a motion to receive the application for 119 Old Hyde and Ms. Squance seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (3-0).

Discussion/Decisions 21 Lords Highway, Addition, Passavant [23-16]

Jim Jamieson, representing the property owners, explained that the site plan has been updated based upon the notes from the site walk. He explained the bridge has been inspected, and are planning to add steel plates as a safety measure to the bridge. Additionally, concrete blocks will be placed in front of the well to prevent damage during construction. The temporary stockpile has been relocated downslope from the project. He explained, after further discussion with the applicant, they have decided to construct the foundation out of concrete block, therefore eliminating the need for a concrete truck as well as minimizing the traffic over the bridge. Excavations will be done using a small backhoe. He showed the extended silt fences and the cultec units on the plans. He confirmed there will be no adverse impact on the wetlands.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Squance made a motion to approve the application for 21 Lord's Highway prepared by Grumman Engineering LLC, revised on September 20, 2023, drawing 1 of 1, subject to standard conditions A-G and Mr. Brendsel seconded. All in favor, (3-0).

CT-DOT Bridge No. 07001 Michaels Way, Town of Weston [23-17]

Sean Laudati, P.E. showed the aerial view of Bridge No. 07001 located on Michaels Way. He noted the location is within a FEMA Flood Zone. He showed the existing structure built in 1955 with a timber deck supported by steel beams. He addressed the purpose of this project is that the bridge is in poor condition due to heavy rust and areas of section loss in the steel beams. He showed site photographs showing upstream and downstream elevations. He reviewed the wetland/watercourse impacts. He reviewed construction to be complete in fall 2024 as well as the construction cost to be funded by 80% Federal funds and 20% state. Ms. Schlechter reviewed that the Commission requires a double silt fence.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Schlechter made a motion to approve the plans for CT DOT Bridge No. 07001 on Michaels Way, Town of Weston, Environmental Permit Plans dated July 11, 2023, 7 pages, with standard conditions A-G

and additional condition that the plans be updated to show a double silt fence with hay bales in between. Mr. Brendsel seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (3-0).

Discussion/Election Vice Chair Vacancy

Ms. Schlechter made a motion to nominate Ms. Francois as Vice Chair of the Conservation Commission and Ms. Squance seconded. All in favor, 3-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2023 were tabled until the next meeting.

Ms. Schlechter made a motion to approve the September 9, 2023 site walk notes and Mr. Brendsel seconded. All in favor, (3-0).

28 Codfish Lane, Fence in and near wetlands, Babb [23-15]

Amanda Babb, Property Owner, introduced herself and stated she was there to answer any questions the Commission may have. Dr. Failla reviewed the Zoning Location Survey prepared for 28 Codfish Lane in August of 2004. He reviewed the map that the applicant submitted showing the fence hand drawn on. He referenced the Environmental Report submitted by Steve Danzer, Soil Scientist regarding the fence that was built on the property. The report confirms that the fence was built in the wetlands with four posts put into concrete with a direct impact to the wetlands. The Commission referenced their findings from the site walk; Ms. Schlechter reiterated that no work should be done in or near the wetlands until a proper permit is issued.

The Commission referenced a letter received on September 21, 2023 RE: Opposition of Application of Amanda Babb to Conduct a Regulated Activity. The Commission asked Ms. Babb to review the letter with her professional and to address those concerns.

Staff Update

The Commission reviewed the language required for Motions for approval and denial of applications.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Schlechter made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Squance seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Marina Zegarelli