

Town of Weston  
Conservation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
February 15, 2024 7:30 p.m.

*Conducted remotely via Internet and Telephone*

**MINUTES**

Chairwoman Sarah Schlechter called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. Present were Michael Lubell, Kirby Brendsel and Abigail Squance. Also present were Dr. Tom Failla, Conservation Planner and Felippo Scandizzo, Recording Secretary.

**Presentation**

**Permitted As of Right Use Activity Notification for Saugatuck Reservoir Dam  
Aquarion Water Company - Streamflow Release Project Valley Forge Road**

Daniel Valentine, Engineer from Tighe & Bond, presented plan for the Saugatuck Dam Streamflow Release Project at Valley Forge Road - Aquarion Water Company. Mr. Valentine explained to the commission that the Aquarion Water Company will be installing a new stream flow release pipe and flow meter at the Saugatuck Reservoir Dam property. The proposed activity is to install a new 16-inch tap on the 30-inch supply main downstream of the Lower Gatehouse. The new 16-inch tap will run parallel to the existing 16-inch stream flow release pipe and terminate immediately west of the existing 16-inch stream flow release pipe. An extension of the existing wing wall and additional rip rap for energy dissipation are anticipated. Work proposed will directly impact an inland watercourse. Construction will include erosion and sedimentation controls and will use construction Best Management Practices. The proposed work is a permitted as of right activity as defined in the Town of Weston Inland Wetlands and watercourses Regulations Section 4.1e. The activity is defined as the construction and operation, by water companies of facilities necessary to the impounding, storage, and withdrawal of water in connection with public water supplies. The anticipated timing of the project is within the next year, currently in the process of selecting contractors. The work on the site would be about a month in duration.

**Receipt of Applications**

**60 Georgetown Road**, filling and grading, Germak [CC-24-02-COM]

**16 Hemlock Ridge**, site development, Millman [CC-24-03-COM]

**TBD -154 Newtown Tpke - Bisceglie Park Pickleball Courts** [CC-24-04-COM]

Chairwoman Schlechter acknowledged the applications received as of February 15, 2024.

**Discussion/Decisions**

**20 Martin**, pool/patio, equipment, drainage system, Chen [CC-23-25-COM]

Harry Rocheville, Engineer for McChord Engineering Associates Inc., Addressed questions and comments from the Commission with a revised site plan. Mr. Rocheville stated, as requested by the Commission, that the General Sediments and Erosion control notes and Construction Sequence were added to the plan. Mr. Rocheville addressed the concerns about the erosion controls being too close to the riprap slope, with offset double row of silt fence and hay bales 8

to 10 feet from the slope, for a mini excavator to fit and not impact any of the existing trees. Relocated stockpile area to be outside of the 100 ft upland review area and added a stockpile specifically for riprap protected by silt fence. Mr. Rocheville and Cory Jorgen from Wesley Stout Associates presented the Pool plan and answered questions from the Commissioners. Cory Jorgen stated once he obtains the structural drawings, he can share with the Commissioners and Dr. Failla. Chairwoman Schlechter reminds the engineers that the plan provided to the Commission is the plan the Commission expects to be built and any changes should be reviewed by Dr. Failla.

Commissioner Brendsel made a MOTION to APPROVE the plan for **20 Martin Rd**, Commissioner Lubell SECONDED; the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**5 Tiffany**, Storm Water Sys. & Plantings, CLC Asset Holdings [CC-24-01-COM] Bryan Nesteriak, Engineer presented the plan and answered questions from the Commissioners. Commissioner Squance discussed the site visit and stated the plan should include contours to see the flow of water across the site, and to include the proposed location for the hydrant in the plan. Commissioner Squance stated the location of the clean out in the plan is closer to the pool and on the site walk she noticed that the clean out is closer to the wetlands. Commissioner Squance shared concerns about the detention system and the depth of the system. Dr. Failla asked about the drainage in the driveway, and if the drainage can pick up all the water and keep it out of the road. Mr. Nesteriak stated that it is better than originally designed and mitigated the water flow with trench drains. Chairwoman Schlechter asked if the driveway pitched appropriately to catch water in the drains, Mr. Nesteriak stated yes. Chairwoman Schlechter stated the Commission would like to add spot elevation to make sure the water is flowing correctly, and a dry hydrant be installed. Commissioner Squance stated that on the plant list Day Lilly's are not native to the U.S. Mr. Nesteriak stated they would choose a different plant.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Jan. 18, 2024; Walk Notes Feb. 3. 2024

Commissioner Brendsel made a MOTION to APPROVE the Regular Meeting minutes for January 18, 2024, Commissioner Lubell SECONDED; the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioner Lubell made a MOTION to APPROVE Walk Notes from February 3, 2024. Commissioner Squance SECONDED; Chairwoman Schlechter and Commissioner Brendsel ABSTAINED. The MOTION CARRIED 2/0/2.

8:46PM Chairwoman Schlechter made a MOTION to ADJOURN the meeting. Commissioner Brendsel SECONDED; The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Felippo Scandizzo

Recording Secretary