

Town of Weston
Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
August 29, 2024 7:30 p.m.

Conducted remotely via Internet and Telephone

MINUTES

Vice Chairwoman Mary Francois called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Present were Abigail Squance, Michael Lubell and Kirby Brendsel. Also present were Richelle Hodza, Land Use Director, Dr. Tom Failla, Conservation Planner and Felippo Scandizzo, Recording Secretary.

Receipts:

349 Good Hill – Garage/Breezeway – Groves [CC-24-15-COM]

Lot 15, Newtown Tpk – Single Family Residence – Abel Construction [CC-24-16-COM]

35 Steep Hill – Driveway/storm water system – Kemery [CC-24-17-COM]

32 Kettle Creek – Single Family Residence – Harmon/Rogers [CC-24-18-COM]

Vice Chairwoman Francois acknowledged the applications received as of August 29, 2024.

Discussion/Decisions

237 Godfrey – Solar Array Municipal Landfill, Greenskies Clean Energy [CC-24-13-COM]

Project Developer Dennis Hicks, from Greenskies Clean Energy, along with Abby Fedus, Engineer, and Dean Gustafson, Soil Scientist, presented the plan for Solar array at the closed municipal landfill. The parcel currently contains the Weston Transfer Station and the closed town landfill. The cap currently has a wetland that formed unintentionally as a result of soil/waste settling. It needs to be filled and re-graded. Filling and regrading would include importing fill similar to existing soil and grading of material to ensure proper drainage in compliance with CT DEEP Solid Waste Guidelines.

Commissioner Brendsel made a MOTION to APPROVE the Plan for 237 Godfrey – Solar Array Municipal Landfill, Greenskies Clean Energy [CC-24-13-COM]. Commissioner Lubell SECONDED; The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

38 High Noon – Detached Studio/Central Septic System, Roethe LLC [CC -24-14-COM]

Tom Quinn, Peak Engineers LLC, presented the proposed plan to construct a detached studio and new central septic system. The existing septic system is in poor condition. The plan is to (1)Install access route (2) Install septic system (3) Construct studio (4) Complete Grading and (5)Remove erosion controls. Kate Throckmorton, Landscape Architect, shared the planting plan with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Brendsel made a MOTION to APPROVE the Plan for 38 High Noon – Detached Studio/Central Septic System, Roethe LLC [CC -24-14-COM]. Vice Chairwoman Francois SECONDED; The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Modifications:

20 Hillcrest – As-Built Pool Patio – Leone [CC-23-09-COM]

Dr. Failla provided the Commissioners with a letter from Homeowner Joseph Leone, requesting a modification of the site plan previously approved by the Commission in connection with the pool and patio project. Specifically, regarding drainage mitigation, and request not installing the Cultec system and rain garden shown in the site plan. Dr. Failla presented the Commissioners with a revised engineers' report and as-built survey.

Vice Chairwoman Francois made a MOTION to request Dr. Tom Failla sign off on the as-built Plan for 20 Hillcrest – As-Built Pool Patio – Leone [CC-23-09-COM]. Commissioner Brendsel SECONDED; The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9 Calvin – Remove gill/Restoration – Quimi [CC-23-05-COM]

Mr. Quimi requested an extension for the permit at 9 Calvin Rd. Mr. Quimi stated that the work has been started as per the plans but has not been completed. The Commissioners shared concerns about the amount of time that has passed, and the lack of work being done in the past two growing seasons. The Commission did not make a decision on the extension of the permit. The Commission agreed to table the discussion until the next Conservation Commission meeting, so that the Commissioners can see what progress has been made and to be in a more informed position to decide on the extension.

Staff Update:

154 Newtown Tpke – Pickle Ball Courts – Town of Weston [CC-24-04-COM]

2 Woodland Way – Pond restoration – Ascher [CC23-04-COM]

40 Wildwood – Replace drainage pipe – Goldstein [CC-24-10-COM]

August 18 storm aftermath

Dr. Tom Failla updated the Commissioners with existing permits. Dr. Failla provided a memo from McChord Engineering Associates, Inc. The memo stated that there has been a minor design change to the stormwater management system for the Bisceglie Park Pickleball Courts. Dr. Failla shared with the Commissioners that work will begin in September for 2 Woodland Way. Dr. Failla stated that the culvert at 40 Wildwood has been installed, improving the drainage system and the driveway will be repaved. Dr. Failla also updated the Commissioners about the August 18 Storm aftermath.

Approval of Minutes:

June 20, 2024; Walk Notes: July 27, 2024, June 1, 2024

Vice Chairwoman Francois made a MOTION to APPROVE the Regular Meeting minutes for June 20, 2024, Commissioner Brendsel SECONDED; Chairman Lubell ABSTAINED. The MOTION CARRIED 3/0/1.

Vice Chairwoman Francois made a MOTION to APPROVE Walk Notes from July 27, 2024. Commissioner Squance SECONDED; The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice Chairwoman Francois made a MOTION to APPROVE Walk Notes from June 1, 2024. Commissioner Squance SECONDED; The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9:03PM Commissioner Brendsel made a MOTION to ADJOURN the meeting. Vice Chairwoman Francois SECONDED; The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Felippo Scandizzo

Recording Secretary