

DATE APPROVED:

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES FOR MAY 27, 2021 PAGE #21-10

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman, Ted von Rosenvinge, Vice-Chairman, Sarah Schlechter, Ed Schwarz, Bob Turner, Mike Reiner and Holly Charlesworth

Also present: Keisha Fink, Conservation Planner, Tracy Kulikowski, Land Use Director

Mr. von Rosenvinge opened the virtual Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

RECEIPT OF APPLICATION:

- Town of Weston, CT & The Nature Conservancy of CT [owners], Friends of Lachat, Inc. [agent]; 106 Godfrey Road West; Offutt Education Center at Lachat Town Farm
- Construction of multi-use community building and associated parking, storm water detention and septic system

MOTION TO RECEIVE

Mr. Reiner made a motion to receive the application for 106 Godfrey Road and Ms. Charlesworth seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (6-0).

MOTION TO SET SPECIAL MEETING DATE

Mr. von Rosenvinge made a motion to hold a Special Meeting on June 15, 2021 and Mr. Reiner seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (6-0).

DISCUSSION/DECISION: DONALD & ALISSA STOLTZ [OWNER], KOUSIDIS ENGINEERING, LLC [AGENT]; 87 NORFIELD ROAD; ADDITION, DECK CONNECTION, WALKWAY

Avin Baur, P.E. from Kousides Engineering, presented the application. He stated that half of the property in the back of the residence is wetlands. There is a stream flowing from north to south, and he indicated the edge of the lawn. Mr. Baur explained that the project proposes a 1,050 sq. ft. addition with a deck connection to the garage and driveway 41 ft. from the wetlands. The first floor will be elevated to match existing and will sit on columns with open space underneath. He indicated the location of the 2 cultek rechargers sized to mitigate a 50 year storm, and the double silt fence with hay bales around the construction area. Discussion ensued.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Reiner made a motion to approve the application for Stoltz, 87 Norfield Road, as shown on plans prepared by Kousidis Engineering dated 4/14/21, subject to Standard Conditions A-G and H. all excavated materials will be trucked off site. Mr. Schwarz seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (6-0).

DISCUSSION/DECISION: MEREDITH CAUVIN [OWNER], ARTEL ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC [AGENT]; 48 HILLSIDE ROAD; DRIVEWAY, PATIOS & PAVED PARKING AREAS, LANDSCAPING, SEPTIC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, FUTURE GARAGE

Michelle Micoli, from Artel Engineering, representing the owner, explained that the property is on the corner of Hillside Road and Georgetown Road and they propose a new driveway down from Hillside with a paved pull off area to the north side of property, a patio and future garage. She also pointed out the septic replacement area, and indicated that there will be 2 infiltration trenches on the driveway and a cultek system to treat stormwater runoff. Discussion ensued.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Charlesworth made a motion to approve the application for Cauvin, 48 Hillside Road, as shown on plans prepared by Artel Engineering Group dated 4/12/21, subject to Standard Conditions A-G. Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (6-0).

DISCUSSION/DECISION: OMAR SEVILLA [OWNER], ARTEL ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC [AGENT]; 251 NEWTOWN TURNPIKE; HOUSE EXPANSION / MAJOR ADDITION, DRIVEWAY, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Michele Micoli, from Artel Engineering Group, representing the owner, indicated the wetlands line and the infiltration trenches. She explained that the garage is 57.9 ft. from the wetlands and the edge of the driveway is about 20 ft. Mr. Sevilla explained that he had received his permit but didn't realize that conservation approval was needed. Questions and discussion about alternatives ensued. Following discussion, the applicant will return next month with possible alternatives.

SET WALK DATE

The walk date was set for Saturday, June 12, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 22, 2021 Meeting and Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (6-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

Removal of Trees on School Road -

Discussion on the dogwood trees which are in marginal shape and need to be removed for the proposed sidewalk. Impact from removal is negligible and may even improve grass in the area. Discussion ensued.

MOTION

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to approve the removal of the dogwood trees along School Road and Mr. Reiner seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (6-0).

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Schwarz made a motion to adjourn and Mr. von Rosenvinge seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delana Lustberg
Recording Secretary