

MEMBERS PRESENT: Holly Charlesworth, Kirby Brendsel, Richard Albrecht, Abigail Squance  
Also Present: Dr. Tom Failla, Conservation Planner

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Ms. Charlesworth called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

RECEIPT OF APPLICATION:

- 291 Newtown Turnpike, Griffin, Fill/Grade, Trails, Fence, Plantings [22-18]
- 51 Old Stagecoach, Cao/Ranganathan, Tree Plantings/ Pond Maintenance [22-17]

MOTION TO RECEIVE

Mr. Brendsel made a motion to accept the application for 51 Old Stage Coach Road, Cao/Ranganathan, Tree Planting/Pond Maintenance and Ms. Squance seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

Mr. Brendsel made a motion to accept the application for 291 Newtown Turnpike, Griffin, Fill/Grade, Trails, Fence, Plantings and Mr. Albrecht seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

DISCUSSION/DECISION: 8 FANTON HILL, MARTONE/GRUMMAN, POOL [22-11] (CONT'D)

Dean Martin PE, from Grumman Engineering stated that last month the Commission wanted additional information about the planting plan, siltation fencing as well as erosion control measures and retaining wall details. Mr. Martin reviewed the site plan with a revision date of September 15, 2022 showing the added wetland mitigation plantings prepared by JMM Wetland Consulting, as well as siltation fencing along the entry driveway, and a proposed biodegradable erosion control blanket placed on the slopes for stabilization. Mr. Martin outlined two additional yard drains to pick up runoff from the patio and nearby sloped area as well as an additional cultec unit.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Squance made a motion to approve the application for 8 Fanton Hill, Salvatore/Martone prepared by Grumman Engineering dated 9.15.22, 1 sheet subject to standard conditions A-G and Mr. Albrecht seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

DISCUSSION/ DECISION: 5 WAMPUM HILL, CASCIO/DALLAVECCHIA, SITE

DEVELOPMENT[22-14] Andrew Vaccarello, PE gave a brief presentation of the revised plan submitted on 9.14.22, the project is proposing a two story single family house with a driveway, septic system, storm water management system, well and propane tank located at the intersection of Cannondale Road and Wampum Hill Road. Mr. Vaccarello outlined the wetland on the site and highlighted the 100 foot buffer, noting the limit of disturbance does not encroach within the 100 foot buffer. Mr. Vaccarello showed the tree removal exhibit consisting of 37 trees to be impacted by the development with less than half of the trees on the site being removed. Ricky DellaVecchia, property owner, confirmed the proposed driveway will serve as the construction entrance.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Squance made a motion to approve the application for 5 Wampum Hill Road, prepared by RLC Thompson LLC with a revision date of 9.13.22, subject to Standard Conditions A-G and Mr. Brendsel seconded. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

DISCUSSION/DECISION: DAVIS HILL BRIDGE, TOWN OF WESTON, PRESERVATION [22-

15] Emanuel Dwight representing WMC Consulting Engineers, gave a presentation of the preservation of the Davis Hill Bridge over the Saugatuck River in Weston. Mr. Dwight showed the existing bridge consisting of steel beams supported by a concrete deck, rail system and sidewalk. The proposed construction of the bridge will consist of installation of a new sidewalk, new curbs and department of transportation approved bridge rail as well as new approach walls on all 4 approaches. During construction, temporary scaffolding will be installed on both sides of the abutments. Mr. Dwight outlined the temporary watercourse impacts, the temporary wetland impacts and upland review area as well as the permanent 100-Year Flood Impacts on the plans. He showed the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map of Davis Hill Bridge as well as the NDDB Mapping showing endangered lizard's tail located close to the project boundaries. Mr. Dwight stated species protection measures are in place, consisting of siltation fencing and close monitoring by a soil biologist. The proposed dry hydrant will have a permanent impact on the watercourse and corresponding wetlands. Additional Discussion Ensued.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Ms. Squance made a motion to approve the application for the Davis Hill Bridge for the Town of Weston preservation prepared by WMC Consulting Engineers consisting of 6 pages, dated 8.18.2022, subject to standard conditions A-G and Mr. Albrecht seconded. The motion carried (3-1).

DISCUSSION/DECISION: 5 KETTLE CREEK, 5 KETTLE CREEK LLC, SITE DEVELOPMENT

[22-16] Avid Baur, Project Engineer with Kousidis Engineering LLC presented on behalf of the applicant. The property is situated behind 3 Kettle Creek Road, a rear lot with an access way adjoining Kettle Creek Road. Mr. Baur outlined the flagged wetland area on the southwest and northeast corner of the property as well as the original limit of disturbance, driveway and house footprint. The owner is proposing to construct a six bedroom, single family residence with a new septic system and two new drainage systems. The northern drainage system will collect runoff from the driveway with the second in the south collecting runoff from the roof leaders. Mr. Baur stated that the new septic system has been approved by the Aspetuck Health District. Mr. Baur outlined the double slit fence with hay bales, as well as a proposed mud tracking pad in the front of the property. Mr. Baur referenced a letter from Otto Thell, Professional soil scientist indicating that the double slit fence with the hay bales is satisfactory to mitigate any adverse impact to the wetlands.

Adam Trudy, 11 Kettle Creek Road, questioned the proposed location of the septic tank. Mr. Baur responded that in order to get a code compliant septic system, there needs to be a minimum of 24 inches to any ledge, the current proposed location is the only suitable area.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Brendsel made a motion to approve the proposed site development plan at 5 Kettle Creek Road in Weston, CT documents dated 8.18.22, 2 pages and Mr. Albrecht seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (4-0).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Brendsel made a motion to accept the Minutes from the August 25, 2022 meeting and Mr. Albrecht seconded. (3-0 [Charlesworth abstain]).

Ms. Charlesworth made a motion to accept the site walk notes from September 10, 2022 and Mr. Albrecht seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried (3-0 [Brendsel abstain]).

OTHER BUSINESS: COMMISSION TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Dr. Failla explained online training is available for CT DEEP Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Comprehensive Training Program.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Brendsel made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Squance seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marina Zegarelli, Administrative Assistant

