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INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION (IWC)  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012, 6:30 PM  
THIRD FLOOR, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MEMORIAL BUILDING, TOWN HALL  
14 PARK PLACE  
ROCKVILLE/VERNON, CT

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Kalina, Jeffrey Pescosolido, Lynda Morhardt, Frank Galat

STAFF PRESENT: Len Tundermann, Town Planner  
Craig Perry, Wetlands Enforcement Officer  
Terry McCarthy, Town Engineer

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Mark Kalina at 6:41 P.M.

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

2.1 Communications.

None

2.2 Adoption of Agenda.

Motion was made by Mark Kalina to revise the agenda by adding a new Cease & Desist order for 21 Terrace Drive. Second to motion was made by Lynda Morhardt. Motion carried unanimously.

2.3 Approval of Minutes.

Motion was made by Frank Galat to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2012 Special Meeting. Second to motion was made by Lynda Morhardt. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mark Kalina to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2012 Regular Meeting. Second to motion was made by Frank Galat. Motion carried unanimously.

2.4 Call for filing(s) of Intervener petition(s) and determination of status.

None

### **3. PUBLIC HEARING:**

3.1 Application (**IWC-2012-01**) of Town of Vernon & EKE Associates for a wetlands Redesignation and a Wetlands Permit for drainage improvements on Mount Vernon Drive (Assessor's ID: Map #38, Block # 0068, Lot/Parcel #00021).

Len Tundermann read the legal notice published in the Journal Inquirer.

#### **Public Hearing Open 6:48 P.M.**

Terry McCarthy, Town Engineer and the co-applicant, presented the Commission with a map and explained the details to construct improvements to the existing drainage structures and install drainage piping and filling at the entrance to Mount Vernon Drive at its intersection with Hartford Road. The purpose of the project is to provide access to 1116 Hartford Turnpike. John Ianni, Professional Soil Scientist, explained that the open water course channel will be eliminated and a closed pipe system will be constructed. The pipe will replicate the conveyance of water and a riprap area will be added at the flared end of the pipe on the north side of Hartford Turnpike.

Mark Kalina said he had observed the site and had concerns about the surface water being discharged.

Lynda Morhardt expressed the same concerns as stated in the letter from the Conservation Commission dated January 24, 2012. The concerns were that the drainage improvement may increase the volume of water removed from the total wetland area and could potentially change the resource value of the wetland and that the drainage work may increase the velocity of inflow to the pond and also alter its ecology value. She was also questioning potential fertilizer runoff into the wetlands and felt something more environmentally friendly should be used.

Frank Galat had concerns about the loss of trees and vegetation.

No comments from the staff. No Public comments.

#### **Public Hearing Closed 7:12 P.M.**

Motion was made by Jeffrey Pescosolido to approve the wetlands redesignation as presented. Second to motion was made by Frank Galat. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Jeffrey Pescosolido to approve the wetlands permit with the stipulation that the project be modified to (1) add riprap at the discharge of the pipe, and (2) the applicant shall use organic seeding and fertilizer in accordance with the recommendations of the Conservation Commission. Second to motion was made by Frank Galat. Motion carried unanimously.

3.2 Application (**IWC-2012-02**) of Dave Schluntz for a wetlands permit for drainage improvements at #103 Jonathan Drive (Assessor's ID: Map #20, Block #0018, Lot/Parcel #00051).

Len Tundermann read the legal notice published in the Journal Inquirer.

**Public Hearing Open 7:14 P.M.**

Russel Heintz, representing the applicant, discussed the drainage improvements by removing the existing headwall and extending pipe 48 L.F. and installing riprap outlet protection. Mr. Heintz added a berm due to the concern of runoff and had no objection to adhere to the Conservation Commission concerns (Letter dated January 25, 2012) as part of an approval.

The Conservation Commission suggested the slope be vegetated and remain undisturbed to provide slope stabilization and capture potential pollutants from the lawn. It also suggested that the applicant adhere to an organic, 3-season lawn care program that includes only 1 herbicide application. It was also recommended to preserve mature trees if possible.

No Comments from the staff. No Public Comments.

**Public Hearing Closed 7:30 P.M.**

Motion was made by Jeffrey Pescosolido to approve the application with the stipulation that the applicant abide by the Conservation Commissions suggestions regarding fertilizer and that low growth vegetation along the riprap be minimal. Second to motion was made by Mark Kalina. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. DISCUSSION/ACTION/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

4.1 Receipt of Application:

4.1.1 Application (IWC-2012-05) of Subpeak, Inc. and Peter Krause and James Martin, Trustees, Krause Realty Trust, for a wetlands redesignation and a wetlands permit to install a stormwater drain culvert and stormwater discharge into a watercourse on property of Suburban Subaru #6 and #14 Hartford Turnpike ( Assessor's ID: Map #01, Block #0159, Lots/Parcels #0001A and #0001B).

Attorney Len Jacobs, representing the applicant, and John Ianni, Soil Scientist, attended the meeting.

John Ianni described the purpose to expand and modernize an existing building used by Suburban Subaru. The watercourse will be disturbed by activities including the installation of a stormwater drain culvert.

Craig Perry asked why the channel does not flow properly. John replied saying the open channel is full of sediment and overflows into the parking lot during heavy rains.

Lynda Morhardt asked if the existing pipe is clean. Mr. Ianni said he can see through the end of the pipe but the sediment piles up and must be cleaned out requiring constant maintenance. Mr. Ianni suggested the Commission visit the site.

Motion was made by Mark Kalina to hold a Public Hearing for redesignation. Second to motion was made by Lynda Morhardt. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4.2 Status of Cease & Correct Orders.

- 199 Tunnel Road – Craig Perry has not received a response from Mr. Logan. Craig visited the site and feels there is no reason for concern and suggests the Commission remove this from the agenda.

Motion was made by Mark Kalina to withdraw this order. Second to motion was made by Frank Galat. Motion carried unanimously.

- Talcottville Mill, 47 Main Street – Craig Perry feels the erosion problem has been stabilized. The Commission agreed to visit the site and this will remain on the agenda another week.
- 21 Terrace Drive – This is an issue for the Town Attorney.
- 280 Phoenix Street – There has been deposits of material in the regulated area. The property owners attended the meeting and stated they were unaware of their misdoings. The Commission suggested that the homeowners meet with Craig Perry to discuss the maintenance.

Motion was made by Mark Kalina to leave this issue in place until it has been resolved. Second to motion was made by Frank Galat. Motion carried unanimously.

- 70-72-74 Campbell Avenue – Craig Perry observed material being deposited in a regulated area from the watercourse. Mr. George Jan, property owner attended the meeting and agreed to do whatever was necessary to stabilize the area. Craig Perry suggested silt fence be installed at the end where the material is placed, and stack hay bales behind silt fencing. Lynda Morhardt suggested material be removed close to the trees otherwise the trees may not survive.

Motion was made by Mark Kalina to leave this issue in place and have the homeowner work with Craig Perry and report back to the Commission on the progress. Second to motion was made by Jeffrey Pescosolido. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 4.3 Wetlands Enforcement Officer – Report

No Action

#### 4.4 Inland Wetland Agent – Report

No Action

4.5 Rescheduling of April 24, 2012 meeting.

The next IWC meeting will be rescheduled to April 26, 2012 as a Special Meeting. Motion was made by Mark Kalina to change the meeting schedule. Second to motion was Made by Frank Galat. Motion carried unanimously.

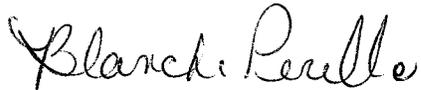
4.6 Items added

None

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mark Kalina to adjourned at 8:38 P.M. Second to motion was made by Lynda Morhardt. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blanche Perillo".

Blanche Perillo, Recording Secretary