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Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Hill Road, Branford, CT  
Thursday, January 12, 2017 7:30 PM

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Present: Peter Bassermann, Suzanne Botta, Jim Goggin, Richard Greenalch, James Grogan, Jaymie Frederick  
Absent: John Rusatsky, Merle Berke-Schlessel, Sandra Kraus and Eric Rose.  
Staff Present: Enforcement Officer Diana Ross, Inland Wetland Assistant Jaymie Frederick

Chairman Bassermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All commissioners present were seated.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Comm. Goggin motioned to approve the December 8, 2016 minutes. Comm. Ross seconded.  
Motion passed (4-0-2); Comm. Greenalch and Comm. Sette abstained.

**APPLICATIONS FOR RECEIPT:** none

**OLDBUSINESS:**

**BRIW#16.12.01 – 48-86 Tabor Drive – Shoreline Greenway Trail, segment B-3**

Kent Gannon of Stantec recapped that the proposed project is a stone dust trail that will run through the 48-86 Tabor Dr. Small parking areas on both ends will be built separately by the town. There are two add alternates: 1) continue the trail to the existing Birch Rd trail; 2) use bituminous concrete or asphalt (in place of stone dust). Trail primarily follows existing trails, deviates slightly to follow guidelines for multiuse. Surfacing will depend on where the bids come in. They are hopeful that bids will allow for asphalt surfacing. Parking lots are gravel, may use some millings that are on site. Trail is a 2% max grade and it is crowned or sloped so that water will runoff. Town is responsible for maintenance and the Greenway Trail organization will help maintain it.

Comm. Botta asked for clarification where millings would be used, millings affect PAHs levels.

Kent Gannon if millings are off the table they don't need to use them.

Mark Young disagreed that using millings is a problem. The State uses millings in the State Forests near wetlands.

Kent Gannon reviewed that the parking areas are both outside of the review area. They are not committed to any of the surfaces. The wetland issues are that the trail parallels the pond and they are widening the crossing for the multiuse. There are about 130 sqft of wetland impact (at crossing).

EO Ross asked what will keep the trail material from going into the pond.

Kent Gannon stated that they are looking to keep a lot of the vegetation there and hoping to be able to pave the trail.

EO Ross stated even if the whole trail can't be paved, maybe they can do the areas near the wetland.

Kent Gannon affirmed they will not use stony creek dust and the printing of "preliminary" on the plans was a printing error. Stated that they are hoping to start the project in late spring.

Comm. Greenalch motioned to approve the Shoreline Greenway trail application, BRIW#16.12.01 48-86 Tabor Drive, with the condition that area in close proximity to the pond be treated preferably with paving, if not at least with some more specific care to avoid washing of the trail components into the pond. Comm. Botta offered an amendment to the motion that the revision is noted on the plan and reviewed by office staff. Amendment was accepted by Comm. Greenalch. Comm. Sette seconded. Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).



**IW#16.12.02 – 91 & 87 Stony Creek Rd – site plan review, joint drive & house on one lot**

Mark Young, Land Surveyor for Waldo Associates, reviewed the proposed house and septic location and stated that they are located outside of the 100ft review. Road and utilities are the only activities in the upland review area. Limit of clearing is outside of the review area (aside from driveway). Some clearing happened years ago and that will probably be cleaned up. EO Ross had concerns about the culvert; there should be minimal grading and it would all take place outside of the review area. The steep part of the driveway will be paved. Driveway follows the existing path and grade will not change significantly. Pioneer species that have popped up in the driveway area will be cleared out. They are proposing to change a lot line which will go through zoning.

EO Ross stated that if they find they need to fill to change the grade on either side of the culvert that will need to be reviewed by the Agency. Stated that grade for driveway may not meet zoning requirements, any modifications will need to come back for review.

M. Young stated there will not be much rock clearing, probably just for utilities. If he does decide to excavate a basement then he may bring a crusher in and use the material to surface the driveway.

EO Ross stated some possible conditions of approval: submission of bond per bond estimate; Land Trust would like to be contacted prior to land clearing; and conservation posts should be reset.

EO Ross stated there was a violation in the past, it has been complied with. There are bonds that need to be returned, she will go through and get that lined up.

Comm. Botta asked where the wetland goes.

M. Young stated that there is a culvert and a wetland across the street that extends to the N/NE.

Comm. Botta stated the bottom of the drive looks like it will get muddied up, asked about trackpad and how the wetlands would be protected.

M. Young stated that the driveway is in good condition with a sub-base in place. Water will run down to the north, not to the side. Biggest problem may be sediment running down the driveway into the street. Could put hay bales across the driveway when site is not being accessed. He will submit a revised plan with the hay bales.

Chairman Bassermann motioned to approve IW#16.12.02, 91 & 87 Stony Creek Rd, with the conditions that a bond is submitted, notification to the Land Trust as to when operations commence, resetting the conservation posts [where necessary] and the protection of the driveway as it nears the Town road with hay bales and a revised plan submitted. Comm. Greenalch seconded. Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

**AGENT APPROVALS:** none

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

CAWS meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

EO Ross mentioned that this is a notice only, there is no agenda yet.

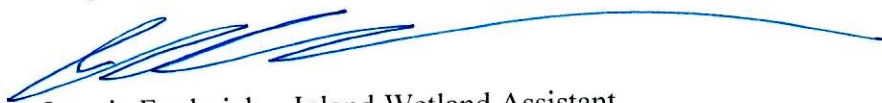
Comm. Botta stated that she wants to go.

Passed out proposed amended regulations that were sent to DEEP on Dec. 14, 2016

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Comm. Ross motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., Comm. Goggin seconded. Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted



Jaymie Frederick – Inland Wetland Assistant

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