



Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

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APPROVED MINUTES

Thursday, February 14, 2019 7:30 P.M.
Canoe Brook Senior Center
11 Cherry Hill Road, Branford, CT

Commissioners Present: Suzanne Botta, James Sette, Sandra Kraus, Rick Ross

Commissioners Absent: Peter Bassermann, James Goggin, Richard Greenalch, Eric Rose

Inland Wetlands Staff Present: IWEO Diana Ross & IW David McCarthy

Sitting Chairman Botta called the meeting into order at 7:30 P.M. All Commissioners present were seated.

Sitting Chairman Botta motioned to add an item (28 Branford Road) to the agenda under Correspondence and Announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Ross motioned to approve the minutes of January 10th, [2019] Regular Meeting Minutes
Comm. Kraus seconded. The Motion passed (2-0-2).

NEW BUSINESS:

None

APPLICATIONS FOR RECEIPT:

Tentative – Lot 6 for agent approval

IW#19.01.02 – 26 Iomartra Lane - Lot 6 - (for receipt), possible agent approval as authorized by IWC

- EO Ross reminded the Commission that they made a determination at December's meeting that they wanted to review the Lot 6 application and possibly give authority to EO Ross for administrative approval. Today is the Receipt date.
- Comm. Botta asked if anyone was present to represent Lot 6.
- Timothy Herbst: Attorney for Donmar Development informed the Commission that Michael Digioia of Donmar Development was stuck in traffic on I91 and asked to wait till he arrived.
- Comm. Botta agreed to wait until MDigioia arrived.
- Commissioners reviewed the site plans.
- Comm. Botta asked if "there a recent inspection report?" Comm. Botta reminded the Commission that there were issues that were happening at Lot 6 that needed to be addressed quickly and appropriately.
- EO Ross stated that she never received updates or reports.

- T. Herbst: Attorney for Donmar Development stated that his client, MDigioia is planning to discuss measures that have been contemplated, and or, taken, to the site plans to address Commission concerns from the previous meeting.
- T. Herbst stated that he and his client were here tonight to request for agent approval on Lot 6.
- Comm. Botta: “The Commission tends to hold dearly lots where you can see a direct line from the lot to the wetland; we have a history of bringing those in for Lot Commission approval.”
- Commissioners reviewed the site plans.
- Michael Digioia: The new plot plan has taken into consideration comments made by the Commission and EO Ross’s – “we’ve made the changes that she’s asked us to” – “additional splash pad details and increase in size as requested last meeting.”
- M. Digioia: with respect to the Commission’s concerns from the last meeting - runoff to the rear of the lot sloping down to the pond. The revised plan splits up the footing and leader drain outlets and splash pads. The footing drains rarely run at all, and only trickle when they do, so they were left where they were. They slid the roof leader drains to the opposite side of the house and they propose to install a splash pad that’s not downgradient and on the slope to avoid erosion. Their engineers have said that by discharging here will allow the water to dissipate before running down the hill.
- EO Ross: “Is the erosion control blanket biodegradable?”
- M. Digioia: “yes, it’s all biodegradable.”
- Commissioners and EO Ross reviewed the site plan’s upgraded splash pads and footing drains. There was a discrepancy on a possible typo regarding the size of the new footings drains - 2x2 or 3x3. M. Digioia believes this to have been a typo, stating that they are all 3x3.
- Comm. Botta stated that the plans would need to be updated to remove errors/typos.
- Comm Botta inquired about the maintenance inspections reports that were requested by the Commission.
- M. Digioia: “I don’t have those with me, I believe they are submitted to EO Ross.”
- EO Ross stated that she does not think she received the latest one.
- M. Digioia: In preparation for a large rain event, they have recently attempted to muck out some of the areas in front of the berm that buffers the wetland, but were unable to due to the ground being frozen; the engineer said to leave it alone. There has not been any breaching.
- Comm. Botta stated that she did not want to give Lot approval without the weekly reports.
- EO Ross said she would check to see if she has it.
- Comm. Kraus made a motion for agent approval, with the condition that they get the maintenance reports. Motion carried (4-0-0).

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS ISSUED:

IW#19.01.01- 67a Stony Creek Rd – clearing and installation of solar panels (for receipt), possible agent approval as authorized by IWC

- EO Ross reminded the Commissions that they have received this and elected her to take care of administratively.
- EO Ross issued approval administratively.

IW18.12.01- 46 Maltby Cove Rd – replace swing set- install stone pad

- EO Ross reminded the Commissions that they have received this and authorized her to take care of administratively.
- EO Ross issued approval administratively.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- EO Ross reminded Commissioners about the CT Land Use Law for Municipal Land Use Agencies, Boards, and Commissions at Wesleyan University, Middletown on Sat March 23rd, 2019. Most afternoon sessions (12:30-4:10) apply to wetlands — cost is \$55, and there is funding for Commissioners if they wish to attend.
- Comm. Botta welcomed David McCarthy to Branford’s Inland and Wetlands Dept.

28 Branford Road – application in N. Branford

- EO Ross informed the Commission that this is a current application in North Branford - that will have drainage into a wetland shared by Branford and North Branford - she just found out about today. EO Ross contacted Carey Duques, North Branford’s Planning and Zoning Administrator/Town Planner and asked for drainage numbers. C. Duques informed EO Ross that they had not received stormwater calculations yet.
- EO Ross told the Commission that she wants to take a look at those numbers.
- Bill Horn mentioned that he saw this project in today’s edition of The Sound.
- EO Ross passed around maps/site plans for Commissioners to review and discuss.
- Commissioners discussed the application
- Comm. Botta asked if EO Ross will get more information.
- EO Ross stated that she will not bring this back to the commission unless North Branford is not managing the stormwater within the Town of Branford with no discharge increase to the shared wetland.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Botta made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 P.M, Comm. Kraus seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



David E. McCarthy

Town of Branford Inland & Wetlands