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Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Hill Road, Branford, CT

Thursday, June 8, 2017 7:30 PM

Present: Peter Bassermann, Jim Goggin, Richard Greenalch, James Sette, Eric Rose and Sandra Kraus.

Absent: Suzanne Botta and Rick Ross.

Staff Present: Enforcement Officer Diana Ross & Inland Wetland Assistant Jaymie Frederick

Chairman Bassermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. All Commissioners present were seated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Sette motioned to approve the May 11th, 2017 meeting minutes, Comm. Goggin seconded. Motion passed (6-0-0).

APPLICATIONS FOR RECEIPT: none

VIOLATIONS:

Notice of Violation: 113 Flax Mill Rd – clearing in upland review area without a permit

Miles Krischtschun, owner, passed out revised plan. Two rows of plants, silky dogwoods and summersweet along silt fence and four trees (white pines or red maples) along the back of the clearing. They will be mulching around plantings, the silky dogwoods are already in and they are hoping to get the summersweet in soon and hope to get the trees in shortly there after.

Comm. Greenalch motioned to approve the plan for the plantings to resolve the violation, Comm. Sette seconded. Comm. Greenalch amended the motion to add the condition that the plants survive for one year; Comm. Sette agreed. Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

M. Krischtschun added that he wants to add a little top soil where grass is going to be planted.

Commission confirmed that would not be a problem.

Notice of Violation: 7 Juniper Point – clearing in wetland and upland review area

Tabled until Stephanie Herzog could be present.

OLD BUSINESS:

IW#17.05.03 – 82 Mill Plain Rd – replace wooden deck with concrete slab

EO Ross passed out the plan for the proposed project. They want to replace the lower deck with a concrete pad, almost the same footprint.

Comm. Greenalch motioned to approve the application for 82 Mill plain Rd., Comm. Rose seconded. Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

BRIW#17.05.04 – 185 Damascus Rd – Walsh Intermediate School renovation & addition

Antonio Di Camillo, from Stantech, stated that the revised plans incorporated comments from the Inland Wetland Agent. The driveway has been shifted for sightline purposes. Some of the labels on manholes were clarified and existing pipes that are to remain have been identified. Sediment and erosion controls have been added along Damascus Rd and they are adding catch basin protection to basins in the street. A planting plan has also been submitted; comments made by the IW Agent have been responded to via email, the plan has not been revised yet to address these concerns.

EO Ross stated that she was satisfied with the response.

A. Di Camillo overviewed areas where snow can be stored; it should not be a problem.

Comm. Greenalch motioned to approve the application, Walsh Intermediate School Renovation at 185 Damascus Rd; Comm. Sette seconded. Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

ENFORCEMENTS (Cont.)

Notice of Violation: 7 Juniper Point – clearing in wetland and upland review area

Stephanie Herzog, of 8 Gaylea Dr, stated that the property is actually owned by the Juniper Point Association as common property. She received approval from the architectural committee and ultimately the executive board in March of 2016.

EO Ross stated that Dan McGowan saw the clearing and reported it. Stephanie was very responsive; would like to get this done as quickly as possible so they can get the plantings in. Overlooked that the clearing went down probably a little bit into the wetland.

S. Herzog stated she didn't know she needed approval beyond the Association. The Association is generally ok with homeowners doing landscape work on the common areas at their own cost; it has been done before and she went through the Association approval process. The area was broken trees and people dump there. It looks like it is their property and they want it to look nice.

Commission expressed that the Architectural group should be aware of the Inland Wetland requirements to avoid this happening again.

EO Ross stated that they are now. Stated that she thinks the tree removal stopped very close to the edge of the wetland, there are a lot of woodchips that need to be removed that they are aware of. She is fine with the plantings but there should be monitoring

Rich Visel, landscaper, stated that they will do monthly maintenance to keep the invasive plants out. They would like permission for small machine to remove wood chips outside of wetland area and would like to remove stumps so they can grade the area so that it can be mowed 1-2 times a year.

Commission stated machinery activity should occur after a couple of dry days.

EO Ross stated that she would like a written monitoring document submitted, time period should be indicated, three years should be enough, and mowing schedule should be included. They may want to increase diversity in plantings for hardiness.

S. Herzog stated that they have a vested interest in maintaining the area and keeping it looking nice.

Comm. Greenalch motioned to approve the plan with the conditions that they clean up the invasive species, remove the wood chips that are in and next to the wetland; grind up the stumps, that the plan is subject to monitoring by the Wetland Officer for the next three years, any changes are reviewed by the Wetland Officer and a written management plan is submitted; Comm. Rose seconded. Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

OTHER BUSINESS: none

AGENT APPROVALS:

IW#17.04.01 – 171 Stony Creek Rd – re-grade yard

EO Ross stated that this came to that Commission and she handled administratively.

IW#17.05.02 – 15 Hannah Dr – installation of aboveground pool

EO Ross aboveground pool

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Bassermann stated that John Rusatsky has resigned.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Sette motioned to adjourn the meeting at Comm. Rose, seconded. Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,



Jaymie Frederick, Inland Wetland Assistant