

**TOWN OF NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

TOWN HALL- Board Room 7:30 PM

REGULAR MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Ms. Turrentine, Secretary
Dr. Englund, Chairman Pro-tem
Mr. Tiefenthaler
Mr. Tonkovich**

REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Mr. Stepanek, Chairman
Mr. Begoon
Mr. Dobbyn**

ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Mr. Pauley
Mr. Blauvelt**

ALTERNATE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Kinne

Also in Attendance:

Kathleen Holland, Agent

1. Ms. Turrentine called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Dr. Englund was appointed Chairman Pro-tem.
3. Roll Call. Messrs. Pauley and Blauvelt were seated for Messrs. Stepanek and Dobbyn.
4. The Agenda was unanimously approved upon motion of Mr. Tonkovich and second of Mr. Pauley.
5. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 20, 2008 were unanimously approved upon motion of Mr. Tonkovich and second of Mr. Pauley.
6. The Schedule of Meetings – 2009 was unanimously approved upon motion of Mr. Tonkovich and second of Mr. Blauvelt.
7. Discussion and possible endorsement of proposed Amendment to Ordinance regarding flood plain regulations-Kathleen Holland.

Ms. Holland explained that Chris Jarboe, Town Attorney, needed the endorsement of the Environmental Commission to go before the Ordinance Committee and request changes in the Flood Plain Regulations. The changes are administrative in nature and will bring the regulations current with the responsibilities of the Commission.

Upon motion of Ms. Turrentine and second of Mr. Tonkovich the Commission voted unanimously to endorse the proposed amendment to Ordinance regarding flood plain regulations.

The following applications were received and scheduled for the December 15, 2008 meeting:

- 8. Application number 08-72** - 394 Main Street- Town of New Canaan - Waste Water Treatment Plant-Construct riprap settling basin within wetlands at outfall of 12" pipe under Old Kings Highway to provide storage of high flows and reduce the flow, and velocity, in the downstream channel and pipe system. Mike Pastore, Town Engineer-Agent.

Application to be heard at the regular meeting on December 15, 2008.

- 9. Application Number 08-70** - 90 Beacon Hill Lane –Remove existing pool, spa and terrace. Construct new pool, spa and terrace. Add surface drains. Re-locate wetlands and construct rain garden with native plantings. Jeff Kuffel-Hoffman Landscapes, Inc-Agent.

Application to be heard at the regular meeting on December 15, 2008.

10. Application number 08-71 - 226 Indian Rock Road- Install 20' x 24" culvert with headwalls within existing stream channel to access proposed tennis court location. Construct tennis court, chain-link fence and stormwater retention system, partially within 100 yr. floodplain of Five Mile River. Excavate a portion of existing floodplain to increase area for flood storage. Relocate play set within 50' wetland setback. Dean Martin-Grumman Engineering-Agent.

Application to be heard at the regular meeting on December 15, 2008.

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11. Application Number 08-62 - 48 Green Meadow Lane – Alzaca LLC c/o Lina D. Furnari – To demolish existing house and construct new single-family residence with reconfigured driveway. Holt McChord, McChord Engineering Assoc. Inc., Agent. (Consider vote to go to Public Hearing).

Upon motion of Ms. Turrentine and second by Mr. Blauvelt, the Commission voted 4-2 to schedule a Public Hearing for December 15, 2008 since the proposed activity may have a significant impact on wetlands. Ms. Turrentine and Messrs Blauvelt, Pauley and Tonkovich voted yes. Dr. Englund and Mr. Tiefenthaler voted no. Motion passed.

12. Application Number 08-63 – 505/507 Country Club Road – John and Joanna Fahy/Estate of James D. Bronson, Jr. c/o Dorothy C. Bronson – To restore existing pond to original depth and shape. Remove accumulated sediment from pond. Nazzaro Inc., Agent.

Gene Nazzaro, Nazzaro, Inc. presented the application. Mr. Nazzaro explained that accumulated debris needed to be removed from the pond. The intention is to restore the pond to its original state, and the material removed will be taken off site and disposed of. The Commission discussed an appropriate mitigation buffer.

Upon motion of Mr. Tonkovich and second of Mr. Pauley, the Commission voted unanimously to approve with one special condition - a proposed three to five foot buffer of native wetland plantings with a list of proposed plantings to be submitted to the Inland Wetlands Director.

13. Application Number 08-64 – 27/55 Wahackme Road - Elizabeth Vigano/Winchester Park LLC – Construct driveway across portion of wetlands. B & D Developers, Agent.

Bill Luckie, B & D Developers, presented the application. Mr. Luckie explained that the access to this property is from 938/934 Weed Street. If the property is sold or the title transferred, the driveway will be inaccessible. The area of wetland disturbance is approximately 1,250 square feet. A rain garden has been designed to mitigate this disturbance. One neighbor, the Becks, have expressed concern with regard to possible basement flooding, and Mr. Luckie stated that in order to avoid this, the owners of the subject property have agreed that if a new septic system is built, the discharge downspouts will be rerouted into the rain garden.

Upon motion of Mr. Pauley and second of Mr. Tonkovich the Commission unanimously approved the application

14. Application Number 08-65 – 107 Lambert Road - Anita F. Houston & J. Hayne c/o Arthur Potts Esq. – Two Lot subdivision, each with a single-family residence, septic system, pool, and associated site improvements. Land-Tech Consultants, Inc., Agent.

Tom Ryder, Land Tech Consultants, presented the application. Mr. Ryder explained that the intention was to split the parcel in two, creating one 2.59 acre and one 2.73 acre parcel. He also presented a Soil and Erosion Control Plan.

Upon motion of Mr. Pauley and second of Mr. Tonkovich, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the application.

Upon motion of Mr. Pauley and second of Mr. Tonkovich, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the proposed Soil Erosion Control Plan. A memo will be sent to Planning and Zoning regarding the acceptance of the Soil and Erosion Control Plan.

Agent Report – Administrative Actions

15. License Number 08-66a issued to James P. III & Kimberlee A. Fahey, 26 Hillcrest Road. Mitigate disturbed wetland setback with restoration plantings. Install storm water detention system and add onto and renovate single-family house. APPROVED.

16. License Number 08-67a issued to Ann & James Petrus, 490 Lost District Drive. To construct a stone retaining wall with grading along the front of the existing residence. APPROVED.

17. License Number 08-68a issued to Kevin and Kirsten Arrix, owners, 971 West Road. Partially dewater pond, install dry hydrant components, and anchor PVC pipe with concrete pre-cast block. Agent: Town of New Canaan/Fire Dept/Nazzaro Inc. APPROVED

18. Request for Modifications/Transfers/Extensions

None.

Other

There was discussion of the Inland Fisheries Division Habitat Conservation and Enhancement Program, Stream Crossing Guidelines.

Adjourn

Upon motion of Dr. Englund and second of Mr. Blauvelt, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Attest: Toddy Turrentine, Secretary