

**TOWN OF NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, December 15, 2008**

TOWN HALL- Board Room 7:30 PM

REGULAR MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Mr. Stepanek, Chairman
Mr. Begoon
Mr. Dobbyn
Dr. Englund
Mr. Tiefenthaler, Acting Secretary
Mr. Tonkovich**

REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Turrentine, Secretary

ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Blauvelt

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**Mr. Kinne
Mr. Pauley**

Also in Attendance:

Kathleen Holland, Agent
Mike Pastore, Town Engineer

1. Chairman Stepanek called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
2. Roll Call. No Alternates were seated.
3. The Agenda was unanimously approved upon motion of Mr. Tonkovich and second of Dr. Englund.
4. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 17, 2008 were unanimously approved upon motion of Dr. Englund and second of Mr. Tonkovich.

The following applications were received and scheduled for the January 12, 2009 meeting:

5. **Application number 08-77** - Wahackme Road (Bridge 089-013) over the Noroton River, Town of New Canaan - To re-establish the existing bridge. BL Companies-Agent.

Application to be heard at the public hearing on January 12, 2009.

6. **Application number 08-78** - 807 Smith Ridge Road, Julie B. Dent - To subdivide property into two single-family residential building lots. McChord Engineering Associates, Inc.-Agent.

Application to be heard at the regular meeting on January 12, 2009.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

7. **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. (Discuss use of COMPLEX APPLICATION FEE Section 3.3 Fees).

Chairman Stepanek read a letter from the applicant requesting to postpone the public hearing until the January 12, 2009 meeting. The applicant will investigate alternative plans and submit all revisions. The discussion on the complex application fee was also put on hold.

Upon motion of Dr. Englund and second of Mr. Tiefenthaler, the Commission voted unanimously to postpone discussion of this application until January 12, 2009 meeting. No presentation was made. Application moved to the public hearing on January 12, 2009.

OPEN REGULAR 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.

Mike Pastore, Town Engineer, presented the application, provided diagrams of the proposed work and showed photographs of the affected area. The proposed berm will be 50 feet wide and two and a half feet high. Mr. Pastore estimates a 40% reduction in flow velocity. Mr. Perkins, 45 Holly Road, stated that heavy rains cause overflow and flooding onto his property.

Upon motion of Mr. Tonkovich and second of Dr. Englund, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the application, with the condition that the channel be cleaned.

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.

Jeff Kuffel, Hoffman Landscapes, Inc. explained that an area of open lawn will be created once the pool is relocated. Thirteen trees will be removed and replaced with over 100 native wetland shrubs and trees. Mr. Kuffel read a letter from Rob Frangione, Frangione Engineering, into the record. Mr. Pastore recommended that approval be conditional on his review, as he had not adequately looked at the area.

Upon motion of Mr. Dobbyn and second of Mr. Tonkovich, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the application with approval conditional on Town Engineer review and site inspection.

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 storm water 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.

Dean Martin, Grumman Engineering, LLC, provided a flood line diagram. Mr. Martin provided a copy of a memo from Mike Pastore, expressing concern with the flood line and soil testing issues.

Upon motion of Dr. Englund and second of Mr. Tonkovich, the Commission voted unanimously to continue this application to January 12, 2009 so that proper documentation may be obtained concerning the flood line information and existing fill material.

Agent Report – Administrative Actions

11. **License Number 08-74a** issued to Mead Park - Town of New Canaan, owner(s), 64 Richmond Hill Road. To demolish two-bay garage. APPROVED.
12. **License Number 08-76a** issued to IWD Corporation, 42 Indian Waters Drive and Thomas G. and Margaret M. Cavanagh, 52 Indian Waters Drive, owners. To extend wall along private roadway and widen leak-off from roadway, repair existing walls along embankments, and install rip-rap areas along slope to watercourse. Agent: George Blauvelt. APPROVED.

Request for Modifications/Transfers/Extensions

None.

Other

Kathleen Holland has provided the draft information for updating the current flood and erosion control regulations. All Commission members were asked to review the

proposed standards for discussion at the next meeting. There was discussion to rename the Environmental Commission. After discussion, the Commission decided to rename the Environmental Commission the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Adjourn

Upon motion of Mr. Tonkovich and second of Mr. Tiefenthaler, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Attest: Don Tiefenthaler, Acting Secretary