

**TOWN OF NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, February 9, 2009**

TOWN HALL- Auditorium 7:30 PM

REGULAR MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Mr. Stepanek, Chairman
Ms. Turrentine, Secretary
Mr. Begoon
Mr. Dobbyn**

REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Dr. Englund
Mr. Tiefenthaler
Mr. Tonkovich**

ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Blauvelt

ALTERNATE MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Mr. Kinne
Mr. Pauley**

Also in Attendance:

Kathleen Holland, Agent

1. Chairman Stepanek called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call. Mr. Blauvelt was seated for Mr. Tonkovich.
3. The Agenda was unanimously approved upon motion of Mr. Blauvelt and second of Ms. Turrentine
4. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2009 were unanimously approved upon motion of Mr. Begoon and second of Mr. Blauvelt.

The following applications were received and scheduled for the March 16, 2009 meeting:

5. **Application number 09-02** - 113 Gower Road - To construct a sunroom in lieu of existing stone patio, relocation of existing patio, expansion of walkway and ancillary landscaping.

Application received and scheduled for March 16, 2009 meeting.

6. **Application number 09-03** – 50 Old Studio Road – To develop lot with single-family home, driveway, utilities and storm water management system. Redniss & Mead, Inc., Agent.

Application received and scheduled for March 16, 2009 meeting.

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. Steve McAllister, PE, McChord Engineering Associates, Inc., Agent. (The hearing has been carried over to the February 9, 2009 meeting).

Steve McAllister, PE, McChord Engineering, presented the application. The 1.3 acre property was purchased in 2006 and approximately .35 acres of it is inland wetlands. The eastern border is the Five Mile River. The footprint of the proposed new house sits further away from the flood zone and the existing shed is being removed eliminating the need for the flood storage area. The revised plan minimizes activity in the regulated area as well as improving the overall potential flood impacts of the property. Ms. Holland reported that all of the concerns noted in a December 11, 2008 memo from Town Engineer Mike Pastore had been addressed.

Upon motion of Mr. Blauvelt and second of Mr. Begoon, the Commission voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

Upon motion of Ms. Turrentine and second of Mr. Begoon, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the application.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

- 8. 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. (Carried over to February 9, 2009 meeting).

Dean Martin, Grumman Engineering, presented the application and submitted revised plans to the Commission. The revisions adjusted the 100-year flood line, removing disturbance from the flood plain. Results of soil testing found approximately five feet of fill, and two to four feet of loamy organic material and some boulders. The box culvert is two by two, and the travel way is approximately fifteen feet wide, but can be narrowed if necessary. A small boulder wall and swale will discourage water collection on the tennis court. Ms. Holland reported that all of the concerns noted in a December 11, 2008 memo from Town Engineer Mike Pastore had been addressed.

Upon motion of Mr. Blauvelt and second of Mr. Begoon, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the application with the condition that the permanent tennis court access road be reduced to ten feet after completion of the tennis court.

Agent Report – Administrative Actions

- 9. License number 1966a-m** – Revocation of the approval of the Legal Notice dated January 8, 2009 to modify license issued to Pieter J. and Kelly J. Engel, owners, 81 Benedict Hill Road, due to the fact that the requested regulated activity on the accessway was not on property owned by the Engel's. (Copy of letter dated January 22, 2009 sent to Commissioners). Kathleen Holland, Agent. REVOKED.
- 10. License Number 08-69a** - issued to Adele Donati, owner, North Wilton Road, Lot 89. To construct new single-family home, pool, septic system and driveway. APPROVED.
- 11. License Number 08-75a** - issued to Betsy A. Greene owner, 442 Michigan Road. To construct a new two-car garage/barn at the end of the existing driveway. APPROVED.

Request for Modifications/Transfers/Extensions

Commission action required:

- 12. License Number 07-22** - 104 Dan's Highway - request for a five-year extension of time.

Upon motion of Ms. Turrentine and second of Mr. Blauvelt, the Commission voted unanimously to grant the 5-year extension of time.

Other

- 13. Conservation Commission** - update - Dan Stepanek and Kathleen Holland.

Ms. Holland and Mr. Stepanek both attended a meeting of the newly formed Conservation Commission and have also met with the new chairman, John Rice. At the Conservation Commission meeting, Ms. Holland reviewed the land-use application process and examples of a subdivision map, conservation easement and wetlands license. There was discussion as to the role of the Conservation Commission and that it would serve in an advisory capacity to the Environmental Commission and not as a regulatory commission. A liaison from the Environmental Commission will be considered at some point in the future.

14. Floodplain Development Regulations – reminder for February 23, 2009 special meeting.

Ms. Turrentine asked that the February 23, 2009 Special Meeting be rescheduled so that Commission members could attend an event being held at the Public Library on the same night. The event will feature Margaret Catley Carlson, who will speak with regard to water issues. After discussion, the Commission rescheduled the Special Meeting to be held after the Regular Environmental Meeting of March 16, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Upon motion of Mr. Blauvelt and second of Mr. Begoon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Attest: _____
Toddy Turrentine, Secretary