

**TOWN OF NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, March 16, 2009**

TOWN HALL- Board Room 7:30 PM

REGULAR MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Mr. Stepanek, Chairman
Ms. Turrentine, Secretary
Mr. Begoon
Dr. Englund
Mr. Tiefenthaler
Mr. Tonkovich**

REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Dobbyn

ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Mr. Blauvelt
Mr. Kinne
Mr. Pauley**

ALTERNATE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Also in Attendance:

Kathleen Holland, Agent
Christopher Jarboe, Town Attorney

1. Chairman Stepanek called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call. Mr. Kinne was seated for Mr. Dobbyn.
3. The Agenda was unanimously approved upon motion of Dr. Englund and second of Mr. Tonkovich.
4. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 9, 2009 were unanimously approved upon motion of Mr. Tonkovich and second of Mr. Begoon.
5. Discussion of Floodplain Development Draft Regulations – Christopher Jarboe, Esq.

The Commission had received copies of the most recent draft of the Floodplain Development Regulations, and Town Attorney Christopher Jarboe was present to answer their questions. Mr. Jarboe said that the draft is based on regulations prepared by the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, who have revised their flood insurance rate maps. Town regulations were last updated in March 1995 and are now being updated because FEMA is updating its maps and DEP its regulations. New Canaan must meet minimum federal requirements with regard to its regulations in order to remain in the flood insurance program. The Commission will review the draft regulations before the item is presented at a public hearing.

Dr. Englund had a number of comments as to definitions not included in the draft, and some of the terms that were used.

After further discussion, Mr. Jarboe said that he will do a summary of significant changes and come back before the Commission at their April meeting. A few items he will research include the definitions of “license”, “permit” and “appeal”, the term “manufactured homes”, the definition of “floodplain” itself, and the inclusion of drawings and a fee schedule in the Appendix. The Town regulations must be complete by the time the updated FEMA maps take effect.

The following applications were received and scheduled for the April 20, 2009 meeting:

Application number 09-05 - 65 Bayberry Road - To propose a pool and patio within a wetland upland review area and including wetland mitigation. Environmental Land Solutions, LLC, - Agent.

7. **License Number 1966a-M** - 81 Benedict Hill Road – Modification request for additional upper and lower detention galleries to install French drain across driveway, install alternate pipe and manhole to drainage ditch with 8' x 14' rip rap outlet, install silt fences and other required temporary erosion controls, and restore leaf and wood chip mulches in all disturbed wooded areas. Complete topsoil and plantings in areas adjacent to driveway.

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8. **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.

Jamie Stopelsted, property owner, presented the application to the Commission and answered their questions. Mr. Stopelsted explained that minimum setback disruption will occur. He explained that the framing of the sunroom will be done at the factory, and the structure will be brought to the site and put together there. The components will be brought in off of Gower Road, into the driveway and clockwise around the house. No equipment is expected to be in the wetland portion of the property.

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

9. **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.

Ted Milone, Redniss and Mead, Inc., presented the application to the Commission and answered their questions. Mr. Milone explained that the previous permit had lapsed and the homeowner wished to renew it. Nothing has changed and the plans remain the same as previously presented and approved.

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

Request for Modifications/Transfers/Extensions Commission action required:

10. None.

Agent Report – Administrative Actions

11. **License number 09-01a** – issued to William T. & Anne W. Finan, owners, Lot 173 Dogwood Lane. To construct new single-family home, septic system, driveway and associated site improvements. APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.
12. **License Number 09-06a** - issued to Matthew R. and Russlyn M. Seiler, owners, 1580 Ponus Ridge. To construct a three-car attached garage and interior renovations. APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.
13. **License Numbers 1755a and 1823** – 266 Michigan Road – Request for three-year extension. (See attached request). APPROVED WITH ONE CONDITION.

Other

14. Conservation Commission – Appointment of one Environmental Commission member as liaison to Conservation Commission. Dan Stepanek.

Mr. Stepanek will attend the next meeting of the Conservation Commission and report back to the Environmental Commission as to the status of a need for a liaison.

Adjourn

Upon motion of Mr. Tonkovich and second of Dr. Englund, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Attest: Toddy Turrentine, Secretary