

MINUTES

Members Present: M. Harper, Q. Kessel, E. King, C. Rittenhouse, J. Silander, M. Soares, and W. Ouimet

Members Absent:

Alternates Present: M. Davis

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Staff Present: J. Kaufman

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Soares called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present are M. Harper, Q. Kessel, E. King, C. Rittenhouse, J. Silander, M. Soares, and W. Ouimet and alternate M. Davis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

King MOVED, Ouimet seconded approval of the August 18, 2021 minutes as presented.

Motion PASSED (6-0-1) with Rittenhouse abstaining

The Commission recognizes notes from September 25, 2021 field trip for conservation easement monitoring. The minutes and field notes will be added to the packet for this meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- none

OLD BUSINESS

Conservation Easement Monitoring

Soares provided a summary of the conservation easement field trip.

Scoping next conservation easement field trip tentatively set for November 6, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Mansfield Road Work – Discussion with Mansfield Public Works

Derek Dilaj from MPW joined the meeting to provide clarification regarding when permits are sought for roadwork. Permits always submitted when “in the water”, e.g., replacing drainage and water structures. Sometimes they are removing impervious surface when possible, e.g., standardizing road width.

Dilaj provided a list of upcoming road and replacement projects. Kaufman clarified that maintenance is not a regulated activity; improvement is regulated.

Dilaj suggested stronger communications between CC, IWA, and town staff would be helpful to achieve goals of improved water quality. The CC expressed interest in the “in the moment” decisions by MPW when maintenance becomes repair or improvement.

B. W1443-1 Application of P. Abbott for Regulated Activities Associated with a Single Family Dwelling on Mulberry Road at the Intersection with Wormwood Hill Rd. (Assessor's Parcel ID 24.74.7B)

W1443-1 Application

W1443-1 Site Plans

W1443-1 SIWWF

W1443-1 Watershed or Aquifer Area Project Notification Form.pdf

W1443-1 Neighborhood Notification

W1443-1 Windham Water Correspondence

Kaufman introduced the application and noted that it was first approved in 2005, renewed in 2010, and expired in 2015. This is considered a new application. Changes from previous application include a larger footprint for the house and smaller footprint for the septic field due to changes in health code.

Soares asked about septic changes and health code.

Quimet asked how current the wetland delineation is – it is from 2005 and field delineated – and noted that the Town GIS wetland layer is not consistent with the wetland delineation.

Kessel MOVED and Silander seconded that the project as proposed would not have a significant negative impact to wetlands provided appropriate erosion and sedimentation measures are employed during construction and those control measures are removed after the site has stabilized.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. W1613-1 Application of CMC Storrs SPV, LLC for a permit to conduct regulated activities associated with a proposed multi-family residential community at 497 Middle Turnpike (Assessor's Parcel ID 8.14.19) and three parcels fronting on Cedar Swamp Road (Assessor's Parcel IDs 8.14.14-2, 8.14.14-3, and 8.14.14-4)

a. TABLED TO NOVEMBER MEETING

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Kessel shared observations from a meeting where 4-corners developments and water usage were discussed. He will raise his concerns in a forthcoming meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were noted:

- CT Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission Annual Meeting/Conference Saturday, 11/6. www.caciwc.org
- Last Green Valley Mailing (click the link in the agenda).
- DRAFT Winter Parks and Preserves Brochure
 - Spring brochure deadline is coming soon
- Town developed an ArcGIS StoryMap “[Mansfield, CT Development Activity](#)” of the planning and zoning applications and pre-applications
- Kaufman shared that CFPA is applying for a grant to improve signage at a new town property and install crosswalk at the new Elementary School. Related, Kaufman is working on a new website for Parks and Recreation that will have improved trail maps. CTrailFinder is the town’s intended one-stop for trails.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for November 17, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature appears to read "Chadwick Rittenhouse" in a cursive script.

Chadwick Rittenhouse
Secretary