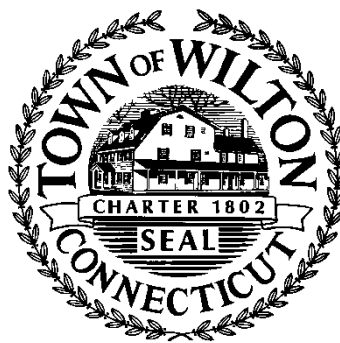


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WILTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

DATE: March 25, 2010
PLACE: Town Hall Meeting Room A
TIME: 7:30 P.M.

Present: Joseph Fiteni; John Hall; Jill Alibrandi; Phil Verdi; Franklin Wong; Paul Calzone

Not Present: Syd Gordon– Noticed of intended Absence

Also Present: Patricia Sesto, Director of Environmental Affairs

A. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Verdi called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **WET #1934(S) – DRISCOLL** - construct addition to existing house and install new septic system in regulated area at 149 Wolf Pit Road – cont'd.

Ms. Sesto noted that no new information had been received.

The extension approved at the February 25, 2010 meeting will continue.

C. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

1. **WET #1935(I) – ROGINSKI** – “corrective action” to remove debris, restore clearing and grading adjacent to a wetland at 73 Vista Road – cont'd.

Ms. Sesto reported that she has received no further information from Mr. and Mrs. Roginski.

Commissioner Verdi continued the application.

2. **WET #1950(I) – CALZONE** – “corrective action” to address flooding and restore wetland in a regulated area at 11 Blue Ridge Lane.

Paul Calzone submitted photos of water backup and flooding on his property. He described his application and the related work he has done on the property. Specifically, he installed a culvert in an old area of filled wetlands to allow stormwater to that couldn't pass under Blue Ridge Lane to divert to the south. Fill was added to the area to cover the pipe. He also described the conditions existing before he installed the relief pipe and fill.

There was discussion of diverting the water to neighbors' property and work that the neighbors have done to address the problem. Mr. Calzone added that his neighbor is aware of his work and has not experienced any problems as a result.

There was discussion of the function of the wall along the creek, and the new pipe installed, as to the advantages of either.

There was discussion of the regulations requirements and restrictions on filling in wetlands.

Mr. Hall pointed out that the conditions and the problem may have been addressed differently if it were presented as a prima facie application, rather than an after the fact corrective action.

Mr. Wong expressed concern about the impact of removing the fill, and the fact that the fill used is non-native, non-wetlands soil.

Mr. Fiteni suggested the best solution may be to replace the existing pipe with a smaller diameter pipe, which would require less fill. He stated the maximum fill needed would be just enough for native grasses to take root, as the area does not get any foot traffic.

Mr. Wong suggested an alternate solution being one of mitigation. Mitigation could consist of reclaiming some lawn area and creating a buffer adjacent to the swale. This may provide a better buffer from the typical pollutants associated with lawn. Ms. Sesto responded that wetland impacts are supposed to be avoided to the greatest extent practical before the use of mitigation is sought to compensate for impacts.

There was consensus that much of the fill should be removed, leaving the minimum necessary to stabilize the pipe and blend the fill into the natural grade.

Conditions of approval would allow that the existing pipe can remain with at most 4-6 inches of fill to cover. The fill can extend with a 3-to-1 slope, tapering to 0 inches.

Commissioner Verdi MOTIONED to approve WET#1950 with the General and normal Special Conditions and the additional Special Conditions as described by Ms. Sesto; Commissioner Alibrandi SECONDED. There was discussion of the time frame required. The Commission will require that the plantings be in place this season, no later than May 15th. Ms. Sesto noted that the normal special conditions include a bond for soil removal and planting. The Commission will require a \$500 bond posted by April 1, 2010, to be returned when the plantings are

stabilized. The motion PASSED with these changes, 5-0-0.

D. APPLICATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED

1. **WET#1952(I) – DELANEY** – proposed addition and associated relocation of septic system to within 50 feet of a wetland at 38 Woods End Drive.
2. **WET#1954(I) – CLARK** – emergency repair of septic system within a regulated area at 68 Cannon Road.
3. **WET#1955(S) – SONDERGAARD/ARMIDA** – proposed installation of in-ground pool with bluestone terrace and buffer planting within a regulated area at 35 Chessor Lane.
4. **WET#1956(I) – BROCK** – proposed residential addition and removal and replacement of driveway within a regulated area at 42 Charter Oak Drive.

Commissioner Fiteni MOTIONED to accept WET#1952, WET#1954, WET#1955, and WET#1956; Commissioner Verdi SECONDED; PASSED 5-0-0.

E. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

1. **WET#1948(M) – MATHEWS** – construction of flagstone patio and addition approximately 80 feet from a pond at 560 Belden Hill Road.
2. **WET#1949(M) – REZA** - installation of 2 air conditioning units approximately 25 feet from a wetland, and installation of a liquid propane tank within a regulated area at 74 Grey Rocks Road.
3. **WET#1951(M) – SLOUGH** – proposed addition 80 feet from a stream at 6 Wilton Acres.

Ms. Sesto described the conditions that she looks for in approving a minor application. There was no discussion of the specific applications approved.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

G. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS

H. BONDS

1. **WET #1674 – SALDUTTI** – 6 Tall Oaks Road – plantings inspection

Ms. Sesto described the plantings, and noted that the bond is now eligible for release. Commissioner Alibrandi MOTIONED to release the bond; Commissioner Verdi SECONDED; PASSED 5-0-0.

2. **WET #1801 – CHRISTENSEN** – 37 Bob White Lane – soil and erosion control inspection

Ms. Sesto stated that the bond would be eligible for release once an as-built prepared. Commissioner Hall MOTIONED to release the bond conditioned upon the receipt of the as-built; Commissioner Verdi SECONDED; PASSED 5-0-0.

3. **WET #1324 – CUMMINS** – 143 Old Boston Road

Ms. Sesto noted that the activity has met the intent of the permit and is eligible for release. Commissioner Alibrandi MOTIONED to release the bond; Commissioner Verdi SECONDED; PASSED 5-0-0.

4. **WET #1280 – 195 DANBURY ROAD ASSOC.** – 195 Danbury Road

Ms. Sesto noted that the bond will be eligible for release once an as-built has been filed. Commissioner Hall MOTIONED to release the bond conditioned upon the receipt of the as-built; Commissioner Verdi SECONDED; PASSED 5-0-0.

I. VIOLATIONS

1. **ROBERTSON** – 182 Chestnut Hill Road - WARNING
2. **WISDOM** – 19 Blue Ridge Lane
3. **PAPAKASMAS** – 105 Twin Oaks Lane

Ms. Sesto noted that she does not anticipate any contact from Mr. Papakasmass until April.

4. **BOCCAROSSA** – 107 Twin Oaks Lane

Ms. Sesto has spoken to contractor who stated he did stop work upon receipt of the Stop Work notices, but alleged that his equipment continue to be used by other people. She also noted that Atty. Ken Bernard has filed an injunction on behalf of the town, and a court hearing is set for April 12. Ms. Sesto stated that Mr. Boccarossa's daughter, Robin Steadman, had contacted the Environmental Affairs office, stating that she does not live at the property and has been out of town, and that Mr. Boccarossa himself is ill and staying in Florida.

J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 11, 2010

Commissioner Verdi MOTIONED to approve the minutes of March 11, 2010; Ms. Alibrandi SECONDED; passed 4-0-1, Commissioner Hall abstaining.

K. ADJOURN

Chairman Wong MOTIONED to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison McConnell for Karen Padowicz
Recording Secretary

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