



MINUTES

October 8, 2015

PRESENT: John Hall (Chair), Liz Craig, Tom Burgess, Nick Lee, Rick Stow, Mark Andrews, Dan Falta

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Conklin, Environmental Analyst; Liz Larkin, Recording Secretary; James Hutton, GZA GeoEnvironmental; Stanley Dynia, GZA GeoEnvironmental; Chris Soroka, Eversource; Mike Lindquist, Wilton Auto & Tire

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hall called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. WET#2343(S) – HOLMDIN – 17 Greenbriar Lane – “emergency” septic replacement

Mr. Conklin read the documents into the record and explained that this was a true emergency situation where staff provided a temporary permit right away. He confirmed the work is already completed.

With no further questions or comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Ms. Craig MOVED to APPROVE WET#2343, SECONDED by Mr. Burgess and CARRIED 7-0-0.

B. WET#2344(S) – EVERSOURCE – 658 Danbury Road – remediation of environmentally impacted soils

Mr. Conklin, Mr. Hall, Ms. Craig, and Mr. Burgess indicated they visited the site. Mr. Conklin read the documents into the record.

Mr. Hutton explained the site is under a Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) property transfer program whereas environmental testing is completed prior to a sale and purchase agreement. While in this program, the seller is required to complete a Phase I inspection to investigate any environmental issues with the land. Mr. Hutton explained that there was one area found during this inspection that requires action to meet the DEEP standards.

Mr. Hutton described the contamination found as petroleum most likely due to asphalt fill historically used around the time this site was developed in the 1950s. He stated the petroleum level was only slightly elevated above the allowed amount. The applicant is proposing the excavation of this material and disposal off site. Mr. Hutton noted that the depth of removal will be about 5 – 6 ft in this one area.

Mr. Dynia confirmed silt fence and haybales will be placed along the worksite to satisfy soil and erosion measures. He also stated they are moving contaminated fill directly into trucks for off site disposal. The intent is to restore the area with native seed and vegetation. He then stated the notification process and construction sequence is included on the plans submitted. He indicated the work would start at the wetland and move up the slope with no stockpiling.

Mr. Hutton confirmed that they did enough test borings to know exactly where the fill is and they will only take away contaminated soil. Once the contamination is removed, there will be clean fill brought back in, which will be covered with top soil and topped with grass mats. Ms. Craig asked how big the contamination area is. Mr. Dynia responded that the area is 2,000 sq. ft. Mr. Hall confirmed that they would replenish the understory and re-define the wetland area. Mr. Hutton confirmed the plans will be in the new owner package handed over at closing. Ms. Craig asked how long the seed mix takes to stabilize. Mr. Dynia stated that as long as there is moisture, it will be okay and will not require mowing. Mr. Conklin asked how the applicant can ensure the fill material will be able to receive and percolate the stormwater that the future system is designed for. Mr. Dynia stated it will be natural and permeable soil.

Mr. Soroka noted that Eversource is responsible for cleaning up and restoring the area and Mr. Lindquist, the contract purchaser will install the galleries much deeper than the digging for remediation. Mr. Lindquist stated that any amount of soil that is removed will be replaced. Mr. Hutton added that it is up to the earthwork contractor to obtain acceptable fill, which is granular. Mr. Soroka added that the contractor is required to provide samples of the fill prior to delivery. Mr. Lee suggested including some rocks to help stabilize the area.

Mr. Conklin noted that the map shows the same line for the flood line and the wetland line. He stated they need to ensure the same amount of fill that is removed from any floodway is replaced or it will change the floodplain. Mr. Hutton stated that the floodway is at the toe of the slope where they will pull off material and expose good wetland soils. Mr. Hutton added that fill will be placed up to the paved area, until it's stable, then they will stop.

Mr. Conklin stated that a more detailed topographic map is required, as is an as-built topo map with a letter from the engineer attesting that the amount of material in the floodway has not increased once the project is complete. Mr. Hall asked if trees could be planted to enhance the area. Mr. Hutton stated this would be at the discretion of the new owners, who had a planting plan presented and accepted at their hearing. Mr. Dynia attempted to get approval to stake the floodway during construction in lieu of an additional map but Mr. Conklin explained the details need to be ironed out prior to granting an approval including the exact volume removed and slopes on record.

Ms. Craig asked where the water table is on this site. Mr. Hutton responded that it is 13 ft. below grade and stated that the digging for the remediation is only 5 – 6 ft. Ms. Craig asked what would happen if the water table is exposed during the activity. Mr. Hutton responded that they would not get that low as the work will be completed in the dry season.

Mr. Dynia asked once again if he could stake the area and do the as built with topo later. Mr. Conklin confirmed that the commission needs a current conditions topo map prior to making a decision.

With no further questions or comments, the application was continued until the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 22, 2015.

III. APPLICATIONS TO BE REVIEWED - None

IV. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

A. WET#2355(I) – HAGGERTY – 157 Huckleberry Hill Road – “emergency” septic replacement

B. WET#2359(I) – ENGLISH – 189 Westport Road – “corrective action” for above ground swimming pool and topping of trees in a regulated area

Mr. Lee MOVED to ACCEPT these new applications, SECONDED by Mr. Falta and CARRIED 7-0-0.

V. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES

A. WET#2348(M) – LEPORE – 44 Saddle Ridge Road – proposed shed 55 ft. from wetlands

B. WET#2352(M) – CRISCUOLO – 12 Wilton Acres – construction of a covered porch approximately 80 ft. from a wetland and a single story addition approximately 95 ft. from wetlands

C. WET#2353(M) – CAPALBO – 20 Juniper Place – installation a generator and above ground LP tank 35 ft. from wetlands

Mr. Conklin briefly reviewed all of the above minor applications that have been approved by staff.

VI. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE ACCEPTED

Mr. Lee MOVED to ADD WET#2360 – Town of Wilton to the agenda for acceptance, SECONDED by Ms. Craig and CARRIED 7-0-0.

A. WET#2360(M) – TOWN OF WILTON – Horseshoe Pond Park – construction of multi-use trail

Mr. Lee MOVED to ACCEPT this application, SECONDED by Mr. Burgess and CARRIED 7-0-0.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE – None

VIII. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 24, 2015

Mr. Lee MOVED to APPROVE the minutes as drafted, SECONDED by Ms. Craig, and CARRIED 7-0-0.

IX. ADJOURN

Ms. Craig MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:24 pm, SECONDED by Mr. Burgess and CARRIED 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Larkin
Recording Secretary, Environmental Affairs