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**WILTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 12, 2009
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Franklin Wong, Chairman; Jill Alibrandi, Joseph Fiteni, Jr., Richard Ziegler and John Hall

NOT PRESENT: Syd Gordon and Phil Verdi (noticed of absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Patricia Sesto, Director of Environmental Affairs; Karen DeSantis, Recording Secretary; Jon Defeo, Model Properties

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wong called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. WET#1891(S) – GOUDIS – reconfigure a driveway and shed in a regulated area at 21 Trails End Road.

Patricia Sesto read the list of documents into the record.

Jon Defeo, agent reviewed the proposed site plan. He described the current driveway and the changes that are proposed that includes widening a curve for better access of vehicles. The existing stone wall would be replaced with a brick wall that would line the revised driveway.

Mr. Defeo stated that the ash trees along the driveway would be removed and commented that the trees were not healthy. He continued to review the proposed mitigation plan.

Richard Ziegler expressed his displeasure in removing the ash trees that are in the regulated area.

Joe Fiteni agreed with Mr. Ziegler.

Mr. Defeo responded to Mr. Ziegler and Mr. Fiteni by saying that he felt the ash trees were in decline but would consider leaving them in place.

Mr. Fiteni expressed concern for the proposed wall at the intersection with Trails End and the

topography to support the wall. He felt that the grading plan in that area may have been miscalculated.

John Hall requested that the area be reevaluated.

Patricia Sesto asked Mr. Defeo if he had prepared a cross section that they had discussed earlier in the week.

Mr. Defeo reviewed a cross section of the proposed driveway by the guard house.

Mr. Fiteni stated that if there was curbing stormwater would run down the driveway and would require something to catch the water.

A discussion ensued with a general preference for soft drainage.

Mr. Defeo offered to remove the curb from the site plan and would investigate the current drainage system.

Ms. Sesto suggested spot evaluations of the topography and questioned the accuracy of the information. She noted that there is likely an outfall from Trails End and this should be shown.

After further discussion, Mr. Defeo was requested to stake out the driveway and guard house locations, confirm and locate the two catch basins at the bottom of the driveway, reevaluate the curbing, and provide an arborist reports for the ash trees.

Chairman Wong MOVED to carry WET#1891 to the next scheduled meeting.

C. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED

- 1. WET#1881(I) – PIERREBOURG** – remove existing carport and construction a garage and air conditioning compressor unit in a regulated area at 363 Newtown Turnpike

Ms. Sesto reported that the applicant still has unresolved issues with Zoning.

Chairman Wong MOVED to carry WET#1881 to the next scheduled meeting.

- 2. WET#1885(S) – ANSPACH** – new single family residence with in-ground swimming pool in a regulated area at 232 Ridgefield Road – cont.

The Commission reviewed the draft resolution and Jon Hall MOTIONED to approve WET#1885 with the amendment to clarify that required information shall be subject to approval by this commission or its staff, SECONDED by Chairman Wong and carried 5-0-0.

- 3. WET#1893(S) – FINKLESTEIN** – “emergency” septic repair in a regulated

area at 4 Rockhouse Road.

Ms. Sesto reviewed the application.

Chairman Wong MOTIONED to approve WET#1893, SECONDED by Richard Ziegler and carried 5-0-0.

It was noted by Ms. Sesto that the application should have been presented as a public hearing. Accordingly, Mr. Wong opened the hearing and had Ms. Sesto read the list of documents into the record.

Chairman Wong closed the public hearing for WET#1893 and Jill Alibrandi MOTIONED to approve WET#1893, SECONDED by Richard Ziegler and carried 5-0-0.

D. APPLICATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED –

1. **WET#1894(I) – BRODY** – construction of a barn in a regulated area at 19 Hillbrook Road.
2. **WET#1895(I) – WAUGH** – construct a barn within an upland area at 23 Appletree Lane.

Chairman Wong MOTIONED to accept WET#1894(I) and 1895, SECONDED by Joe Fiteni and carried 5-0-0.

E. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES –

No minor applications had been submitted.

F. CORRESPONDENCE –

Request for partial bond release for WET#967, 40/60 Danbury Road, LLC, 40 Danbury Road.

Ms. Sesto explained that the site had been inspected months ago and the work cited as complete is correct. The applicant is requesting that the bond be reduced to reflect completed work.

John Hall MOTIONED to approve a partial bond release for WET#967, SECONDED by Richard Ziegler and carried 5-0-0.

Ms. Sesto reported that she had delivered a letter to Tony Ramadani warning him of an impending violation to his permit and that if not addressed as specified in the letter, a citation and a fee would be imposed.

G. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS –

1. Violations:

Papakasmas, 103 Twin Oaks Lane, - Permit Violation
Show Cause Hearing

Ms. Sesto said she received a letter from the Papakasmas' attorney dated February 11, 2009 requesting that the application be submitted at the next meeting.

The Commission requested staff to draft a letter stating that this would be the last extension granted.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

January 22, 2009, February 8, 2009

January 22, 2009 minutes were not available.

John Hall MOTIONED to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2009, SECONDED by Richard Ziegler and carried 5-0-0.

I. ADJOURN

Joe Fiteni MOTIONED to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., SECONDED by Chairman Wong and carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen DeSantis
Recording Secretary