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## WILTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION <u>MEETING Minutes</u> March 26, 2009

- PRESENT: Franklin Wong, Chairman; Jill Alibrandi, John Hall and Joe Fiteni
- NOT PRESENT: Richard Ziegler, Syd Gordon and Phil Verdi (noticed of absence)
- ALSO PRESENT: Patricia Sesto, Director of Environmental Affair; Franco Inannone, R.I. Pools
  - A. CALL TO ORDER
  - B. PUBLIC HEARINGS
    - 1. WET#1891(S) GOUDIS reconfigure a driveway and shed in a regulated area at 21 Trails End Road - cont.

Joe Fiteni made a motion to grant an extension of the public hearing to the next regularly scheduled meeting, seconded by John Hall and Carried 4-0-0.

- C. APPLICATIONS READY TO BE REVIEWED
  - **1. WET#1897(I) PEACOCK** construction of an inground swimming pool, spa, patio and a driveway turn around in a regulated area at 74 St. John's Road.

Site Walk Attendees: Franklin Wong, Jill Alibrandi and Joe Fiteni

Chairman Wong, Joe Fiteni, and Jill Allibrandi each stated that they had visited the site. Mrs. Sesto introduced the application, referencing WET#1270, the previous wetland application that originally permitted the house and associated development. The proposed pool falls within the previously approved limits of lawn.

Franco Iannone described pool proposal and the two areas of the driveway that will be expanded to solve logistical problems. The construction of the pool will cause the loss of multiple mature trees, but each of these is within the previously approved limit of lawn. Mr. Fiteni asked about the method of stabilization proposed for the 2:1 slope on the west side of the pool. He questioned the intent to use grass, citing concerns with fertilizers. Mr. Iannone noted the reservoir is approximately 200 feet away and the slope is fully wooded in between the pool and the reservoir. He also stated that he didn't expect the homeowners to maintain this slope in a manicured fashion, thus fertilizers were unlikely.

Discussion ensued and the commission expressed a preference for a groundcover other than lawn. Mr. Iannone concurred with the suggestion of pachysandra.

Chairman Wong made a Motion to approve WET#1897 with the commission's General Conditions, the applicable standard Special Conditions, and the additional Special Condition that the earthen slope on the downhill side of the pool be vegetated with an evergreen groundcover, Seconded by Joe Fiteni, and passed 3-0-1, with Mr. Hall abstaining.

- D. APPLICATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED -
  - 1. WET#1898(S) LUNG construction of a new dwelling, with associated development within an upland review area at 20 Riding Club Road.

Chairman Wong made a Motion to accept WET#1898 and schedule it for a public hearing once Mrs. Sesto is back from her leave of absence, Seconded by Mr. Fiteni, and carried 4-0-0.

## E. APPROVED MINOR ACTIVITIES -

There were no Minor Regulated Activities acted upon.

F. CORRESPONDENCE -

Request for a permit extension for WET#1343, 75 Ruscoe Road

Mr. Fiteni made a Motion to extend the permit for WET#1343 for a period of five years, Seconded by Mr. Hall, and carried 4-0-0.

Memorandum from Michael Conklin, Environmental Analyst, requesting a partial bond release for WET#1549, 59 Danbury Road in the amount of \$41,802.50.

A Motion was made by Mr. Fiteni to release \$41,802.50 in bonded funds associated with WET#1549, Seconded by Ms. Alibrandi and carried 4-4-0

- G. OTHER APPROPRIATE BUSINESS -
  - 1. Violations:

Ms. Sesto provided an update on the violation at 103 Twin Oaks Lane, Papakasmas, stating that Mr. Papakasmas has not met the deadlines for submission as outlined by town council. Staff has requested that town counsel proceed with legal action. It was the consensus of the commission to proceed with legal action.

## H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 12, 2009

The commission deferred the consideration of the minutes until the next meeting.

I. ADJOURN

Ms. Alibrandi made a Motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m., Seconded by Mr. Hall and carried 4-0-0.