

TOWN OF SOMERS
Conservation Commission
600 Main Street
P. O. Box 308
Somers, CT 06071
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 2, 2016
7:00 p.m. Town Hall

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Joan Formeister at 7:05 P.M.

Commissioners in attendance were Chairperson, Joan Formeister, Daniel Fraro, Candace Aleks, Karl Walton, Todd Whitford, Henry Broer, Greg Genlot and Alternate Lise Wood.

Also in attendance, Joanna Shapiro, Somers Wetlands Agent, Jennifer Roy, Recording Secretary, Carl Landolina, Town Attorney

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Application #700: 589 Main Street.** Convenience Store and Filling Station with associated parking and utilities in Upland Review Area. Hendels Inc.

Ms. Formeister invited Attorney Carl Landolina to join the board for discussion. Attorney Landolina discussed with the board the steps that should be taken at this meeting, and clarified language from the state wetland statute and town wetland regulations as needed.

Greg Genlot stated for the record that he obtained and listened to in its entirety, the recording of October 5, 2016 Conservation meeting.

Discussion was held regarding what conditions may be stipulated should the board vote to approve the application, including items such as requiring the applicant notify the Town Engineer prior to conducting stormwater structure maintenance so that he may inspect, and increasing the frequency of the site operator's inspections and stormwater maintenance reports.

Greg Genlot made a motion, regarding application #700 for 589 Main Street, based on the evidence presented as a whole at the public hearing, to move for a finding that the selected alternative represents the most prudent and feasible alternative, which presents the least impact to the wetland and watercourse. Karl Walton seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding next action to be taken by the board.

Candace Aleks made the motion to approve application #700, 589 Main Street, Convenience Store and Filling Station with associated parking and utilities in the upland review area, as presented on plans revised October 5, 2016 subject to the conditions as set forth in Wetlands Agent memo dated November 2, 2016. Karl Walton seconded the motion.

Todd Whitford expressed his concerns about the effect that the filling station will have on the wetlands. Based on the information provided regarding potential for ongoing pollution entering the wetland, Mr. Whitford stated that he will not vote to approve this application.

Further discussion was held.

Commissioners Walton, Genlot, Broer, Aleks, and Fraro voted in favor, Commissioners Whitford and Formeister opposed; motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Modification of Application #608:** 204 Root Road (originally under 142 Root Road-Driveway within wetland and upland review area for new house). Modify plan to now improve existing right-of-way to become permanent driveway within the upland review area. James Patsun.

Mr. Patsun gave an explanation of the modification the applicant is requesting. The relocated driveway will result in additional activity within the upland review area, but will utilize an existing woods road and will be constructed using pervious material to allow runoff to reach the wetland. Discussion was held.

Karl Walton made a motion to approve the modification of application #608, 204 Root Road. Dan Fraro seconded the motion, motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. **Application #704:** 5 Bilton Road. Construction of a new two bedroom house in the upland review area. Nicholas Pappas.

Ms. Shapiro gave an explanation to the board regarding the application. The wetlands had not previously been delineated; this has now been done. The applicant wishes to build a single family dwelling on this lot where previous home was destroyed by fire. Application was received.

3. **Application #705:** 118 Shaker Road. Construction of an addition to an existing house in the upland review area. Daniel P. Murphy.

Ms. Shapiro gave an explanation to board regarding the application. The applicant wishes to construct an addition, where a small portion of the addition will be in the upland review area. Application was received.

The commission tentatively scheduled meeting on November 16, 2016 at 6:00pm, Town Hall, to render decisions on applications #704 and #705.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: none

V. STAFF REPORT: Henry Broer made a motion to approve staff report, Todd Whitford seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE AND BILLS: Journal Inquirer bill for \$47.22. Candace Aleks made a motion to approve current bills, Greg Genlot seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

VII. MINUTES APPROVAL: Karl Walton made a motion to approve the October 5, 2016 minutes, with a correction to statement: Todd Whitford “listened” to recording, and October 19, 2016 minutes as submitted. Henry Broer seconded motion, motion carried by unanimous vote.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Candace Aleks made the motion to Adjourn. Dan Fraro seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Roy, Recording Secretary

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