

TOWN OF NEWINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL
131 EAST CEDAR STREET
NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT
CONFERENCE ROOM L-101
LOWER LEVEL, TOWN HALL
7:00 PM NOVEMBER 18, 2014

These minutes are not verbatim, but represent only a summary of major statements & comments.
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I. MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Philip Block (absent)
Commissioner John Igielski
Commissioner Kathleen-Marie Clark
Commissioner John Cassasanta
Commissioner Andreas Sadil
Commissioner Benjamin Ancona (absent)
Commissioner Alan Paskewich
Commissioner Deborah Anne Krawiec
Commissioner Timothy Manke
Commissioner Jeffrey Zelek (Chairman this evening)

PRESENT: Christopher Greenlaw, Town Engineer

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Bachand expressed his conservation view points. .

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular meeting September 16, 2014

Commissioner Krawiec made a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Cassasanta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Zelek abstained.

B. Regular Meeting October 21, 2014

Commissioner Clark had a correction on page 1 and Commissioner Paskewich had one on page 7. Commissioner Igielski made a motion to accept the minutes and Commissioner Andreas Sadil seconded the motion. There was one abstention from Commissioner Manke. The motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Inland Wetlands Regulation Changes - L.I.D. (Low Impact Development)

Peter Arbur spoke on L.I.D. and reported an update from DEP & the Town Council.
John Bachand spoke on the topic of L.I.D. as it relates to the Toll Bros. application.

B. The Chairman was requested by Comm. Clark to revise the agenda to include 2 items.
1. TPZ meeting - topics discussed at 11/12/14 meeting - The Saputo site which is 100 Milk Lane and CACWIC - annual meeting and seminar.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Inland Wetlands Regulation Changes - L.I.D. (Low Impact Development)

Town Engineer, Chris Greenlaw submitted no input at this time.

B. Community Litter Pick-Up

Commissioners Krawiec, Zelek and Igielski had positive reviews of the event and Town Engineer Chris Greenlaw reads an e-mail to be put into the record (to Mr. Brown Director Central Ct. Health District with regard to a request for assistance with litter/refuse ordinances -#278 and #332-6.

C. New initiative - Vernal Pools

Commissioner Paskewich read from Science magazine and provided a copy for Town Engineer, Chris Greenlaw entitled "The Hydrological Legacy of Deforestation on Global Wetlands".

D. Invasive Plants

Commissioner Clark reported there was no new information and Commissioner Paskewich explained the evidence of brackish water as a contributor to this condition.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Rose Lyons discussed property along Mill Brook was owned by the State of Ct. and additionally she proposed the cleaning of the waterway. Mr. Bachand thanked Alan Paskewich for his article on nutrient loading to wetlands.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

A. Mill Pond Park - Tennis Courts, Material Filling, Regulated Area

Town Engineer Chris Greenlaw introduced Mr. Clint Web, of C.Web&Associates LLC, an environmental scientist and wetlands expert..

Mr. Web outlined the following plan with regard to the Mill Pond Tennis Courts:

1. He reviewed the report and discussed the fill material and proper disposal methods
2. The remaining material at the base of the trees should recommend removal by hand shovel and buckets.
3. Restoration: Mr. Web recommends a 35' vegetative wetland buffer in accordance with the NRCS Buffer Restoration Bulletin dated Nov. 1, 2013.
4. Placards - recommends installation of placards designating WETLAND AREA.
5. Wetland application: Mr. Web is to serve as an environmental consultant in developing wetland application remediation efforts, wetland reconstruction and/or restoration. This will require some homework. He added, what does the commission recommend/
Town engineer Chris Greenlaw recommends working with Mr. Web in a renewal process;
Comm. Paskewich suggested designer planting.

Commissioner Igielski then suggested that this issue would no longer be an agenda item.

B. Northeast Utilities Substation Site - Garfield Street, Paving Operation, Regulated area.

Town Engineer Chris Greenlaw has moved to present e-mail correspondence with the Town Attorney, Peter Boorman

Application 2014-13 100 Milk Lane, modification and installation of infrastructure for treatment of waste water per DEEP permit.

Commissioner Zelek commented on the hydro separator that was installed as Town Engineer Greenlaw stated that he did not want to interrupt Comm. Zelek and went on to explain that Suputo Dairy on Milk Lane which produces dairy foods and specifically was leveled with a notice of violation in its processing and sewer operations.

The Vice-Chairman attended the TPZ meeting where this issue was requested to go to this commission and he spoke to Buck and Buck from whom he received a letter which was read into the record

X. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Town Engineer, Chris Greenlaw reported on a seminar he attends every year.

Commissioner Zelek brought up the subject of having town regulations put on line and passed out a communication entitled "What's free advise worth".

Commissioner Clark reported reading a commentary regarding flood lights on town property which could the affect the wetlands.

Commissioner Zelek reported attending a meeting with Commissioner Clark with the Town Planner. Town Engineer Chris Greenlaw queried if the information Commissioner Zelek was r referring to Sec. 4.4.4.26 was the zoning regulation, and that 4.4.6y is the regulation and it can be modified upon. Commissioner Zelek stated that there will be a public hearing on this subject and that he will propose a subcommittee to be formed on this issue.

Commissioner Clark made a motion and Commissioner Krawiec seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Zelek spoke highly of all of the volunteers who cleaned up the litter at Mill Pond recently.

Commissioner Paskewich discussed whether or not there are zoning regulations regarding propane tanks.

Town Engineer, Chris Greenlaw spoke regarding Garfield Street's storage container and the Capitol Improvement Program with Eric Hinkley.

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Northeast Utilities Substation - Town Engineer, Chris Greenlaw reported that this matter was being reviewed by the Town Attorney.

Application 2014-13 - 100 Milk Lane

With the consensus of the commission and at their request, this application will be received and reviewed by the full commission at the next wetland meeting scheduled for December 16, 2014.

CACWIC

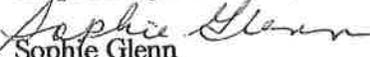
Commissioners Clark and Zelek discussed topics of seminars that they attended at the annual CACWIC meeting.

SAPUTO of 100 Milk Lane - Commissioner Zelek reported to the commission that this site also had an application that was discussed at the November 12, 2014 TPZ meeting. Town Engineer, Chris Greenlaw recommended no specific details of this application be discussed until formally received at the next Inland Wetland meeting scheduled December 16, 2014.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Zelek seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Sophie Glenn
Recording Secretary