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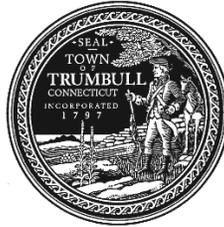
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MINUTES
JULY 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Richard Girouard Vice-Chairman John Lauria
Secretary Richard Deecken Carmine DeFeo
Mark MacKeil David Verespy (Alternate)

ABSENT: Ennio DeVita, Andrew Lubin (Alternate), Guido Picarazzi

ALSO

PRESENT: William Maurer, P.E., L.S. and Town Attorney Vincent Marino

The following is a brief summary of the meeting. A complete record is on tape, on file, in the office of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission located in the Trumbull Town Hall.

The Chair opened NEW Business at 7:08 p.m.

Application 16-12 Paul Sobel-Permit approval for subdivision of property, proposed house and associated site improvements within a regulated area at 41 Hedgehog Road.

Mr. Kevin Solli, Licensed Professional Engineer, Solli Engineering presented. The current property is about 2.6 acres. It is currently approved with a house and with driveway access from Hedgehog Road. It is serviced by well and septic system. There are wetlands on the property. There is a stream that runs along Hedgehog Road from east to west and there is a very small corner of a wetland pocket that goes along the property line. They are proposing to subdivide the property into 2 lots. The proposed subdivision line will run from Hedgehog Road up to the northern property boundary. The existing house will be maintained in its current condition. The driveway from Hedgehog Road which currently crosses the stream will remain. They are looking to maintain the existing well service for the property however they are proposing to connect that house to the sewer system. There was a sewer installed in Harvest Hill after the house was constructed so part of the application is to include the sewer connection from existing house across the proposed parcel. Included in the application was not only an application for subdivision referral for the proposed split of this property into 2 parcels but also the regulated activity associated with the new home construction on the new lot on Harvest Hill. To keep it somewhat generic they simply provided a large residential box access from Harvest Hill. All the utilities would

be serviced from Harvest Hill and would connect to public water and public sewer. The new parcel is just over an acre and the existing parcel will be approximately 1.6 acres. The lots have been designed in accordance with the subdivision regulations for the Town of Trumbull. It is zone AA. They've been able to avoid any direct wetland impacts for the property. There is some work within the upland review regulated area however they've been able to design the sites so that they could incorporate the appropriate soil erosion sediment control measures. The Commission requested that the engineer show a deck on the plan. This would avoid having the "future" homeowner from having to come back to the Commission for an outdoor amenity that would be in the upland review area. The Commission questioned the amount of runoff water that will be present with the large driveway for the 3-car garage. Mr. Solli stated that it has been designed so it maintains a consistent cross slope so any stormwater will sheet flow through there and the lawn itself will act as a vegetative filter medium for that stormwater to continue down that hill. The Commission asked how many trees are anticipated to be cut. They have not quantified the precise number of trees to be cut in order to accommodate the grading for the proposed house. Connecting the sewer line through Harvest Hill Road there are some trees along that frontage that would have to be taken down in order to accommodate the sewer line. They can certainly determine the exact quantity and location and bring the information to the next hearing. The Commission asked in regards to stormwater management there is nothing showing if there is anything required. Mr. Solli said they will show the location for the roof leaders and they will wrap those through infiltrators prior to discharge into the municipal system on Harvest Hill Road. The Commission asked Mr. Solli if he would have any objection to making the maintenance of the infiltration part of the deed and will be the homeowners' responsibility. There was no objection by Mr. Solli. The Commission wanted to know the limit of disturbance? Is there any area where trees will not be cut? Per Mr. Solli according to the plans they do have a limited disturbance line which is labeled on the plan. Aside from where the utilities are going they are not proposing any other removal of trees other than what's required in order to put in the proposed driveway. In the area of the proposed home construction that would obviously have to be cleared in order to provide grading however a lot of this area is currently lawn so it's not as if this entire area is fully wooded. The Commission asked that prior to going out for a walk if they would be able to stake out the box and where the driveway is. The center line of the driveway, the corners of the big rectangle where the driveway is, impervious area and the box itself. Add to that the sewer lateral for both properties. Mr. Solli confirmed that a stormwater report would be submitted. The Commission asked that Mr. Solli mark the trees that are planning to be cut outside the box.

Motion (Deecken), seconded (MacKeil) to CLOSE New Business VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.
New Business Closed at 7:25 p.m.

The Chair opened OLD Business at 7:25 p.m.

Application 16-09 Richard Uva-Permit approval to build an in ground gunite swimming pool within a regulated area at 36 Melrose Ave.

Mr. Richard Uva of Aqua Pool & Patio was present. The Commission stated that it was fairly obvious the property owner has been discarding debris onto town property right behind the stone wall. There is wire fence, grass clippings and general debris that the town did not put there. According to Mr. Uva, Mr. Nicolson has explained to him that he is removing debris that was there when he purchased the home and he is slowly cleaning it up. The Commission asked if there would be any pool decking and/or planting as they would like to maintain 10-15ft of vegetative buffer between the stream and any of that activity. Mr. Uva stated that as of right now the homeowner has no plans for a deck. He would like grass right up against the pool. The pool will be raised about 6" above current elevation so some of this excavated material will be placed around the pool in a very limited area. There is no area for stockpiling the soil because it will be hauled out same day. The Commission asked about a construction access way or a anti tracking apron and what the plan is to taking out

material. Mr. Uva stated it would be going out on the west side of the house. Confirming they would use the existing driveway. The preference by the Commission that the access be farther away from the wetlands, utilizing the western half of the existing driveway and there should be anti tracking apron added to the plan and the construction access way as well as a soil stockpile plan. The pump will be put on lightweight portable slabs which will go right against the back of the house in the corner area of the existing house. The pool water will need to be pumped out and brought offsite. The homeowner is aware that any other activity after this would have to be brought back before the Commission. There is a standard swimming pool fence that will be going around pool. The distance away from the pool is not known yet. There was talk about putting it directly around the pool.

Application 16-10 Giacobbe Construction LLC-Permit approval to construct a three bedroom dwelling, a driveway, associated land clearing and grading. Installation of subsurface sewage disposal system and stormwater management system. Build a 14'x16' deck and rear and front porch and remove fallen tree within a regulated area at 10 Winhall Lane.

The applicant was not in attendance.

Application 16-03 Benjamin W. Grant-Permit approval to replace sub-surface sewage disposal system, install new inground pool, build two-story addition, extend rear patio area with new retaining walls and re-grade slopes to create a lawn area, landscape screening and removal of trees within a regulated area at 1487 Huntington Turnpike.

Anna Rycenga was present to represent the Applicant. At the last meeting the Commission requested a revised site plan reflecting the proposed plantings which was submitted to the Agent on June 24th. However there was a complication last week and their professional engineer left out 4 notes on the site plan. Those have been added to the plan. Ms. Rycenga addressed the items that were discussed at the previous meeting.

- Detailed backwash plan-a note has been added to the plan that states the property owner will hire a contractor to come pool the water into a truck to be hauled offsite for a release prevention plan.
- Stormwater retention plan-the impervious area calculations are shown on the plans and are in compliance.
- Stormwater quality manual-the impervious area calculations are shown on the plans and are in compliance.
- Trees-there are 100 shrubs proposed and 115 trees as noted on plans. However, there is one error in the highlighted area on the plan it says all trees 12-15' on center makes up apple, pear and orchard. The PE referenced the screen tree instead of the apple tree to be noted for the record.
- Silt fence be maintained under the erosion control notes it specifically states all control measures will be maintained in effective condition throughout the construction period.
- Transplanting tree #24 & 26. A note has been added that the trees #24 & 26 will be transplanted if feasible and if not they will be replaced with like species and size.
- Trees on town property. Trees #5, 19 and 20 were inspected with the tree warden. Tree #5 was a decayed white oak extensively damaged – it has no value to the woodland. Tree #19 was a single trunk it was red maple. It was covered extensively with vines and has no screening or value to the woodland. Tree #20 was a multi trunk red maple that has extensive damage and no value to the woodland so therefore the town will not be removing any of the trees.
- Pond and watercourse clear of debris-the existing debris adjacent to the pond and watercourse area to be removed and remain clear of any debris – that note has been added to the plans.
- Maintenance and construction plan – construction stabilization narrative is on the plans.

- Inland Wetland markers-the Commission requested-there is a note the Town of Trumbull placards will be placed along the northwestern/southern portion of the property on 4x4 posts per final approval by the Town Engineer and/or his authorized Agent.
- The diseased tree-the State of CT DOT right of way-they emailed the State of CT DOT district 3 engineers and the State of CT tree warden for evaluation of the tree. They said they would be out there to inspect it as time permits. They said they would contact the Trumbull tree warden when they go out to inspect it out of—courtesy.
- The invasive species that are on town property-still willing to remove the species on town of trumbull property as discussed in previous meetings.

The Agent remarked that tree #5 that is on town property that is endangered and needs to be taken down. A permit is needed from the Town and they have to be bonded and insured with the town. The Commission offered caution on Bradford pears because they are a tree that is very susceptible to storm damage. There are other varieties in the pear family that are much safer to grow. The Commission asked if the applicant had any objective to using organic fertilizer. The Applicant stated they are using is organic called bioplex. The Applicant is stating that the trees are dying and have broken limbs however the Commission stated that easily 60% they though were in good shape. The Applicant stated trees #2, #3 and #4 and if they are familiar with the bioplex it was highly recommended and they are going to make every effort to save these trees. He would prefer to have old growth trees. The effort will made to tree these trees with the product. The Commission provided the Applicant with a list of trees that listed if they thought they were OK to stay or OK to remove. Ms. Rycenga went over the list for the record of the ones with the OK with the Commission:

Tree 6 ok to be removed

Tree 7 ok to be removed

Tree 8 trim

Tree 9 ok to be removed

Tree 13 ok to be removed

Tree 14 ok to be removed

Tree 16 ok to be removed

Tree 22 ok to be removed

Tree 25 ok to be removed

24 and 26 were already discussed

29 was already removed for the septic

Tree 30 next to the road that was already discussed and is DOT

Tree 17.

She noted for the record that tree 1 is in the way of construction.

The Commission stated that some of the trees do have a purpose and they are an integral part of the wetlands system itself because they are right on the banks of the wetlands. Ripping them up may cause some damage.

Mr. Cole addressed the Commission to clarify that the trees that are proposed to be removed in that area would be cut. There would be no stumping or ground disturbance. It is his professional opinion that the removal of 2 trees in this area would not substantially disrupt the environment or somehow reduce the natural capacity of the wetlands.

On a previous drawing there was a tree #29 and it does not appear on the new drawing according to the Commission. According to the Applicant if it's not on the new plan they decided not to cut it.

The Commission went over the list from last month to make sure everything was covered.

MOTION to CLOSE Old Business (Deecken) seconded (MacKeil) VOTE to CLOSE Old Business CARRIED unanimously.

MINUTES

By unanimous consent the Commission VOTED to ACCEPT the June 7, 2016 meeting minutes as submitted.

The Commission acknowledged and welcomed Joey V, Boy Scout from Troop 68 who was working on his communication merit badge.

The Commission entered Work Session to discuss the applications.

Application 16-09 Richard Uva

Motion (Deecken) seconded (MacKeil) to APPROVE as submitted subject to the general conditions as established by the Commission and the following specific conditions:

1. Fill to be hauled off site.
2. No discharge into wetland.
3. No further encroachment toward stream.
4. Nothing shall be buried on site.
5. Pool water backwash shall be discharged into drywell.
6. For complete pool drainage all pool water shall be trucked offsite.
7. All nonorganic debris and waste to be removed before building permit issued.

VOTE to APPROVE CARRIED unanimously.

Application 16-10 Giacobbe Construction LLC

MOTION (Deecken) seconded (Verespy) to DENY WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

VOTE to DENY WITHOUT PREJUDICE CARRIED unanimously.

Application 16-03 Benjamin W. Grant

Motion (Deecken) seconded (Verespy) to APPROVE as submitted subject to the general conditions as established by the Commission and the following specific conditions

1. All invasive plants on site or on approved town property shall be removed. No new invasive plants shall be planted.
2. Plants, trees and other vegetation that are removed shall not be buried on site.
3. There shall be no increase in impervious surface.
4. A detailed backwash plan and release prevention plan shall be created by the Applicant and approved by the Town Engineer and/or his Agent.
5. Pool water backwash shall be into a drywell.
6. For complete pool drainage, the pool water shall be trucked off site.
7. All work shall conform to the Storm water quality manual.
8. Permanent demarcation of property line and/or wetland limits shall be marked with IWWC placards at intervals to be determined.
9. Siltation protection measures including silt fencing shall be installed and/or maintained.

10. A phasing and staging plan shall be created by the Applicant and approved by the Town Engineer and/or his Agent.
11. Only organic fertilizers including but not limited to bioplex shall be utilized.
12. No trees shall be stumped or shaved.
13. Tree removal on town property shall be conducted by licensed arborist, bonded and insured.
14. All new plantings shall survive a viability period as determined by the tree warden and/or his designee._____
15. The following trees shall be removed 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 22, 25, 1 and 29.

VOTE to APPROVE CARRIED unanimously.

SCHEDULE FIELD INSPECTION(S)

By unanimous consent the Inland Wetlands Watercourses Commission scheduled a field inspection for Application 16-12 (41 Hedgehog Road) on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 leaving Town Hall at 3:30 p.m.

The Commission discussed streamlining the standard condition approval by creating a checklist that would have a base level of information.

By unanimous consent the Inland Wetlands Watercourses Commission adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Lombardo
Clerk