

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
August 3, 2016 Minutes**

A meeting of the East Granby Inland Wetland/Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, August 3, 2016. Members present when Chairman George Cornelius called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. were John Rusnock, Daniel Methot, Frank Kilby, Michael Malloy, John Febbroriello and alternate member Russell Houghton.

PUBLIC HEARING

The legal notice was read.

- A. D.I. Paine's – 54 Floydville Road/significant activity within wetland/
watercourse for a driveway connection (CC#16-03)
(rec'd 7/06/16) (h/d 8/03/17) (d/d 9/07/16)

Kevin Clark, Professional Engineer for the project, was present along with owner Mike Paine and Jen Beno, soil scientist. Mr. Clark reviewed the existing conditions on the site and the purpose of the application. Mr. Clark discussed revised plans dated 8/02 as an additional wetland area was missing from the original submission. The main activity is the construction of a 1200 foot gravel driveway and the replacement of an existing culvert. He reviewed the construction details and any wetland impacts. The other wetland area was man-made and the plan was to recreate it elsewhere if allowed. The Town Engineer has approved the design and has submitted recommendations to which they have no objections. These will be added to the plans. He discussed the detention basins and future maintenance programs.

Jen Beno, soil scientist, submitted her report dated 8/2/16 to the Commission. She had reviewed Mr. Clark's plan dated 7/25 & 8/2 as well as having inspected the site on 6/30 & 7/21. The main wetland area/watercourse would be disturbed with the installation of the culvert replacement. The isolated wetland was man-made and created as a result of sand being excavated years ago. The area has disturbed soil conditions which support wetland vegetation and wildlife. The majority of the vegetation in that area is invasive species. She reviewed her report in detail including what wildlife and species she observed. She concluded that even though there may disturbance within the main wetland area, it would not lose any function, wildlife habitats etc. The rip rap and removal of the sedimentation will actually improve the wetland areas. She reiterated that the isolated wetland would be lost due to the driveway construction, but it was man-made and has limited function at this time. This wetland can be created elsewhere. She discussed the mitigation plan also. She reviewed the recommendations within her report.

In response to Commission questions, it was noted that erosion elsewhere on the site which is the cause of the sedimentation problems shall be addressed in the near future. An additional application to the Commission will be necessary and other property owners will need to be involved. The main issue is the construction of the driveway. A second

application would address all the other issues similar to doing the work in phases. Mr. Haynes reviewed his report which was written before the other issues were discovered and was based on the original plan submission. He noted two additional conditions of approval that the Commission should consider if they were willing to approve this application as revised. He explained his reasoning. The Commission discussed the issues and what information was still needed. The Commission also had the option of continuing the hearing to allow for time to receive further details. Staff felt comfortable with being able to review the new information for the Commission.

Mr. Rusnock questioned the use of pesticides and herbicides by the abutters and its impact on this property. The Commission was given much verbal information as to what will be on the future application minus some of the detail. There was no public present to comment and the Commission had no further questions.

The public hearing closed at 7:46 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

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A motion was made by Daniel Methot and seconded by Frank Kilby to approve Application CC#16-03 by D.I. Paine & Sons to perform a significant activity within a wetland and/or watercourse for property at 54 Floydville Road to construct a driveway to connect their properties subject to the following conditions:

1. On revised finalized drawings add reference note on SD-3 regarding Erosion & Sedimentation Control embankment treatment for proposed roadway grading.
2. On revised finalized drawings per Town Engineer approval add detailed site specific construction sequence for the 42 inch diameter RCP culvert installation to include headwalls, inlet/outlet protection, and any embankment stabilization within close proximity to the work to be performed.
3. On revised finalized drawings per Town Engineer approval add stone check dam down stream of proposed culvert during culvert installation, but prior to installation of the inlet & outlet protection. Note: the stone check dam can be demolished in place once the area is stabilized.
4. Prior to construction of gravel road and culvert applicant shall have pre-construction meeting with Town Engineer and Wetland Enforcement Officer to inspect perimeter erosion & sedimentation control measures and to discuss periodic inspections along with the sequencing of the project. Replacement of the culvert shall only be allowed during time of low flow periods in the brook.
5. On revised finalized plans applicant add in maintenance plan for two storm water detention basins to be approved by Town Engineer on sheet SD-3.

6. Applicant shall add Wetland Approval Block to finalized plans.
7. Applicant shall add proposed mitigation plan for newly found pocket wetland, storm water detention (with overflow protection), and maintenance plan for two detention basins per Town Engineer approval as proposed during the public hearing to the revised finalized plans.
8. Prior to submitting finalized plans for commission signature; applicant shall finish their research on the NDDDB and shall add any requirements from their DEEP application to the finalized plans. Proof of such response from DEEP shall be provided prior to submitting finalized plans for signature.

Votes in favor were six (Cornelius, Methot, Febroriello, Kilby, Houghton, & Malloy). Opposed one (Rusnock). Motion carried.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Frank Kilby and seconded by John Febroriello to approve the minutes of May 4, 2016 with the following correction: on Page 1 & 2 change “Jennifer Cook” to Jennifer Frank” wherever noted. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Commission also received:

JUNE

- PZC Minutes for 5/24/16
- The Habitat
- Landscape Architect

JULY

- CT Wildlife Magazine
- Application #CC16-03 by DI Paine & Sons for a significant activity for a driveway connection at 54 Floydville Road

AUGUST

- Staff comments & Town Engineer comments for Application #CC16-03
- PZC Minutes for 7/19/16 special meeting
- All items noted as received during the public hearing

OLD BUSINESS

A. Wetlands Enforcement Report – Mr. Haynes reviewed an issue at 50 South Main Street and the installation of a second driveway through a wetland without a permit. The homeowner will re-establish the area. Mr. Haynes updated the Commission on the issues at the Brignole Winery.

B. Director of Community Development Report

a.) Administrative Approvals – Mr. Haynes distributed copies of his approvals for 4 Tuckahoe Road for a deck and 7 Airport Park Road (NUFERN) for a shed

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Daniel Methot and seconded by Frank Kilby to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie McKenney
Land Use Administrative Assistant