

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY/CONSERVATION COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
June 5, 2024 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER ~ A meeting of the East Granby Inland Wetlands Agency/Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

Members present when Acting Chairperson Jennifer Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM were: Daniel Methot, Trisha Rondeau, Ronald Hunt, James Marquis, David Tobin, John Rusnock & alternate Brian Cosker. Absent: Alternate member Lisa Griffin.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS ~ Dan Methot made a motion to nominate Jennifer Frank as chairperson, Trisa Rondeau seconded the motion, votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried. Trisha Rondeau made a motion to nominate Daniel Methot as Vice Chairman, Chairperson Frank seconded the motion, votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried. Chairperson Frank made a motion to nominate Trisha Rondeau as Secretary, Dan Methot seconded the motion, votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried.

Jennifer Frank ~ Chairperson

Daniel Methot ~ Vice Chairman

Trisha Rondeau ~ Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING ~

7:02 pm Chairperson Jennifer Frank made a motion to open the public hearing for CC#24-06, Russell Road Associates- David Tobin seconded, votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried. Hearing opened.

CC# 24-06, Russell Road Associates, LLC; applicant, 38 Russell Road;
Construct industrial use building with parking, access drives, loading dock & related infrastructure, a portion of which falls within the upland review area (21,070 sf = 0.48 acres)

TJ Barresi of Barresi Associates in Windsor, CT made a presentation on behalf of Russell Road Associates.

The proposal is to construct the last of three industrial buildings proposed for this site, the first was built in 2005 and the second in 2019. This would be on the south & west side. Existing facility has access off Russell Road, this will be in the rear of existing facility.

Erosion control includes silt fence during construction and post construction sediment traps. The new building will be 90' x 90 (8100 square feet). The affected upland review area is 0.48 acres and 0 wetlands.

The plans have been reviewed by the town engineer, Thomas Grimaldi, with modifications requested and subsequently revised.

Farmington Valley Health District has reviewed and okayed the plan, just waiting for a formal letter.

7:11 pm, Chairperson Frank opened the floor to questions or comments from the commission. She commented that she had spoken with Tom Grimaldi, and he was satisfied with the modifications. No other comments from the commission.

7:12 pm, Chairperson Frank opened the floor to public comment.

Lisa Mendes, from Crystal Drive, expressed concerns about drainage on her property.

Commission suggested contacting DPW with drainage concerns as this project will not impact drainage on her property.

No further public comments.

7:26 pm, John Rusnock made a motion to close the public hearing, David Tobin seconded the motion, votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried.

MINUTES ~ Secretary Trisha Rondeau made a motion to approve the minutes from 05.01.2024, Vice Chairman Methot seconded. Chairman Frank voted in favor, Ronald Hunt, James Marquis, David Tobin, John Rusnock & alternate Brian Cosker abstained, as they were not in attendance at May 1, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS ~ Chairperson Frank reported on the Administrative Approval ~ CC# 24-07, 116 Kimberly Road, 10' X 18' storage shed, meets the criteria for grubbing with setbacks and building size.

OLD BUSINESS ~ None

REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS

Wetland Enforcement Report from Mark Goderre was reviewed with pictures of wetlands cleaning up on Turkey Hills Road, is being done to specifications and continues to be monitored.

37 Hatchet Hill Road- Filling in Wetlands and Driveway Crossing- Enforcement Order Agreement Update

By-Laws were given to each member ~ For informational purposes only

DEEP Training for IWWC Commissioners, Commissioner Frank will update list and Michele Leadbeater will send link to members still in need of training.

Wetlands Fine Ordinance ~ discussion among commission as to whether a fine ordinance should be implemented. All agreed that they would like Robin Newton, our town planner, to draw up a framework for this, to be discussed further at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

7:35 pm, James Marquis made a motion to approve application CC#24-06, Trisha seconded the motion, all in favor. James Marquis made an additional motion to amend this original motion to specify to approve the application:

CC# 24-06, Russell Road Associates, LLC; applicant, 38 Russell Road; Construct industrial use building with parking, access drives, loading dock & related infrastructure, a portion of which falls within the upland review area (21,070 sf = 0.48 acres) with **conditions reflected in the memos** from Robin Newton and Tom Grimaldi. Trisha Rondeau seconded this *modified* motion, votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried.

Secretary Trisha Rondeau made a motion to add application

CC#24-08, East Granby Park & Recreation, East Granby Farms (79-85 N Main Street) addition of basketball and pickleball courts, to agenda for receipt tonight. Vice Chairman Dan Methot seconded the motion, votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried.

Chairperson Frank opened the floor to TJ Barresi to present plan. East Granby Parks and Recreation has a significant grant to complete this phase of the recreation area at East Granby Farms. Plan would include repair of drainage pipe running to and under road that has broken. The impact on the upland review is less than original proposal of soccer fields from 2011. Issues due to poor drainage and proper maintenance of drainage post construction will be addressed. Suggestion was made to contact DOT to check the failing pipe under North Main Street (Rte 187) as that is a state road.

Secretary Trisha Rondeau made a motion to forego a public hearing and have a special meeting for consideration, David Tobin seconded the motion, 7 votes in favor, John Rusnock voted against, motion carried.

Special meeting will be via ZOOM on June 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT ~ 8:04 pm John Rusnock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chairman Methot seconded, votes in favor were unanimous, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Leadbeater
Building & Land Use Administrative Assistant