A regular meeting of the East Granby Conservation Commission was held on May 4, 2016. Members present when Chairman George Cornelius called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. were John Rusnock, Daniel Methot, Frank Kilby, John Febbroriello, Michael Malloy and alternate members Jennifer Frank and Russell Houghton.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Cardwell Homes Inc./11 Hamilton Road /upland review
   (#CC16-02) (rec’d 4/06/16) (d/d 6/01/16)

Gary Giordano, engineer for the applicant, reviewed the application. He explained the site was for a single family dwelling on .689 acres. He discussed the wetland and conservation area previously established. This site was previously approved by the Commission in 2008 but the permit had expired. He discussed the new manta septic system which would allow for a three (3) bedroom home. The previous approval was limited to two (2) bedroom. He reviewed the amount of fill needed for both the house and septic areas. Town Engineer comments had been received and maps were revised to address all those concerns. F.V.H.D. approval has yet to be received. This shall be a condition of approval. There was discussion on swales, well locations, and sheet flow off the roadway.

Clint Webb, soil scientist (along with Ian Cole) addressed the issues of the drainage swale, water velocity and wildlife enhancement. As with the previous permit conditions of approval, they were agreeable to removing the invasive species to the extent that it is possible. It was noted there was an error on the map. They were not planting barberry and the maps will be revised to plant shrub willows for better water absorption. It was also agreed to as a condition of approval to re-seed the disturbed areas outside the swale with a New England Conservation mix.

Mr. Haynes reviewed his report dated 4/29/16 and that of the Town Engineer dated 4/25/16 and stated he recommended approval with the conditions noted in his report as well as the three (3) additional conditions as agreed to earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Cornelius named Jennifer Cook as a voting member in place of the vacant regular member seat. A motion was made by Daniel Methot and seconded by Frank Kilby to approve Application CC#16-02 By Cardwell Homes Inc. for a regulated activity within an upland review for a regulated activity within an upland review area subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to submitting revised finalized plans for signature, FVHD approval shall be submitted which grants an increase in the number of bedrooms from the previously approved two (2) bedrooms to three (3).
2. Plans shall be revised to include a double row of silt fence and staked hay bales in the area of WF #1 to WF #5 to help better protect the wetland area for erosion and sedimentation control.

3. Revise maps to clearly delineate the Conservation Restriction Area and have the volume and page number written on the plans to correspond with the restriction filed on the land records.

4. Revise finalized plans to redirect 2% grade in front of the garage away from the garage instead of toward it.

5. The “Wetland Approval Block” shall be added to finalized plans.

6. A note shall be added to the maps that invasive species within the Conservation Restriction Area shall be removed to the extent possible before issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

7. Revise finalized maps to remove the planting of “barberry” and replace with “shrub willows”.

8. Revise maps to show the reseeding of the disturbed areas outside of the swale shall be planted with a New England Conservation mix.

9. Prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy, placards designating limits of the Conservation Restriction Area shall be in place with the location approved by the Wetland Enforcement Officer.

10. The Conservation Restriction area will be graphically displayed on the proposed plot plan and final as-built.

The votes in favor were 6 (Methot, Cornelius, Kilby, Febbroriello, Malloy, Cook). One opposed (Rusnock.) Motion carried.

MINUTES
A motion was made by John Rusnock and seconded by Frank Kilby to approve the minutes of March 2, 2016 as submitted. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried. (Michael Malloy did not vote as he was not present at the meeting.)

Mr. Cornelius questioned the status of the Brignole application approved at the March meeting. Information that was to be received within 30 days has yet to be submitted. Mr. Haynes is following up with the applicant.

COMMUNICATIONS
The Commission also received:

- PZC Minutes for 3/08/16 meeting
- Notice dated 3/08/16 from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding general permits
- CT Wildlife
- DEEP notice of approval for the Tennessee Gas Pipeline permit
- Appl#16-02 by Cardwell Homes for an upland review for 11 Hamilton Road

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- PZC minutes for 4/12/16
- CT Wildlife
- PZC Special Meeting minutes 4/26/16
- Staff reports for 11 Hamilton Road

May Meeting
OLD BUSINESS

A. Wetlands Enforcement Report – No report. See Minutes for comments on the Brignole March application.

B. Director of Community Development Report

a.) Administrative Approvals – Mr. Haynes distributed a copy of an approval for 3 Tuckahoe Road for a shed.

b.) DOT Permit to DEEP & Lake Basile update – The information was distributed at a previous meeting. The DOT permit was informational only and very detailed. If anyone had further questions, they can direct them to Mr. Haynes. The lake Basile discussion was mainly on the use of the terms “pesticides” vs. herbicides”. The application was title noted as a pesticide permit but the use was actually herbicides. Mr. Haynes gave an overall brief history of the lake controls over the past several years.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Rusnock and seconded by Daniel Methot to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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