

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
INLAND/WETLANDS AGENCY  
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT  
June 21, 2017 Minutes**

A special meeting of the East Granby Inland Wetland/Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017. Members present when Chairman George Cornelius called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. were John Rusnock, Daniel Methot, Michael Malloy, Frank Kilby and with alternate member Russell Houghton.

**MINUTES**

Note: the agenda incorrectly noted the meeting minutes date for approval as 4/5/17. The last meeting was 3/1/17.

A motion was made by Michael Malloy and seconded by John Rusnock to approve the minutes of March 1, 2017 as submitted. The votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Timothy Brignole/Lot 8 Creamery Brook/upland review (CC#17-02)  
(rec'd 6/07/17) (d/d 8/02/17)**

Mr. Haynes explained the history of the issue with the wood chips. He noted that the stumps were left in place so that no disturbance of the natural soils occurred. The wetlands have been flagged. After the clear cut, the chips were left on site. Mr. Brignole was asked to remove them from the wetland area. He did so but placed them in the upland review area. They are approximately 6-8 inches deep. Recent photos were distributed. In his report, Mr. Haynes recommended removal of the chips as there is a reasonable alternative to leaving them in the upland review.

Mr. Brignole stated that no chips were added to the property. They were from the existing brush that was removed. He did remove them from the wetland area and they are placed along the side of the road as a part of the road bed. He spread them evenly so that it looked better. He noted that the clear cut was done in the winter when the ground was frozen. He also stated that he had a farm on the property and a permit to clear cut was not required. Because of the the road cut, the area was not sensitive or vital. He stated that he owned this parcel and the adjacent piece which he hoped to develop a 17,000 sq. ft. building. He currently has an application before the Army Corps of Engineers.

A motion was made by George Cornelius and seconded by Frank Kilby to deny Application #CC17-02 by Timothy Brignole for Lot#8 Creamery Brook. Mr. Cornelius noted the Commission can not justify allowing the chips to remain in violation of the regulations when there was a feasible alternative. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

**B. Jose Berrios/78 North Main Street/amend existing permit (CC#17-03)  
(rec'd 6/07/17) (d/d 8/02/17)**

T. J. Barresi, engineer representing the applicant, gave the Commission details of the building lot – location on North Main, PRD zone, 14.9 acres. The lot was a part of an earlier subdivision. Construction will require minimal grading, no tree removal and no wetland impacts. The applicant is looking to amend the existing permit in order to re-orientate the house. Mr. Barresi distributed a plan displaying the old and new orientation side by side. The purpose of the change was to face a southerly exposure and to buffer the house from the high winds off the mountain. The new orientation impacts the upland review slightly more than the original location. The house would be difficult to move further away from the upland review because of the driveway design and the desire to save existing trees. Erosion and sedimentation controls will be similar to the original plan.

Mr. Haynes noted that the original plan was for the house location to be 112 feet from the wetlands. The current plan is 77 feet away. The septic was 78 feet away and is now 89 feet away. Mr. Haynes recommended approval in his report subject to a few minor conditions.

A motion was made by Daniel Methot to approve Application #CC17-03 by Jose Berrios subject to the conditions in staff report dated 6/16/17. Votes in favor were five (Rusnock, Methot, Malloy, Kilby, Houghton). Opposed one (Cornelius). Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Commission also received:

**May 2017**

- PZC Minutes for 4/11/17
- DEEP approval letter for the Airport Authority for vegetative cutting

**June 2017**

- PZC Minutes for 5/09/17 & 5/23/17
- CACIWC – Conservation Commission handbook
- CT Wildlife
- Application #17-02 by Timothy Brignole for an upland review for Lot #8 Creamery Brook
- Application #17-03 by Jose Berrios to amend an existing permit for 78 North Main Street
- Staff reports with information from the original permit dated 6/16/17 for Application #17-02 by Timothy Brignole for Lot #8 Creamery Brook & Application #17-03 by Jose Berrios for 78 North Main Street
- The Habitat
- An email comment from alternate member Jennifer Frank regarding Application #17-02 by Timothy Brignole for Lot #8 Creamery Brook

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Wetlands Enforcement Report** – No report submitted.

### **B. Director of Community Development Report**

a.) **Administrative Approvals** – Mr. Haynes distributed and reviewed an approval for a shed at 15 Austin Brook Drive.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made Michael Malloy by and seconded by Daniel Methot to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Votes in favor were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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