

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION &
INLAND WETLAND AGENCY MINUTES
June 25, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Verel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Cherichetti took the roll call.

PRESENT: John Verel, Chair; Ed Holowinko; Steven Klocke; John Moeling; Thomas Keegan; and Cheryl Brown

III. RECEIPT & DISCUSSION

Ms. Cherichetti noted no new applications had been received.

IV. DISCUSSION &/OR DECISION I

- a) **#S19-533 – Kellee Drive – City of Norwalk DPW** – Maintenance of existing drainage ways in and adjacent to a wetland and a watercourse
- b) **#S19-534 – Hunters Lane – City of Norwalk DPW** – Maintenance of existing drainage ways in and adjacent to a wetland and a watercourse
- c) **#S19-535 – Lloyd Street – City of Norwalk DPW** – Maintenance of existing drainage ways in and adjacent to a wetland and a watercourse
- d) **#S19-536 – June Avenue – City of Norwalk DPW** – Maintenance of existing drainage ways in and adjacent to a wetland and a watercourse
- e) **#S19-537 – Friendly Road – City of Norwalk DPW** – Maintenance of existing drainage ways in and adjacent to a wetland and a watercourse

Mr. Verel asked for comments regarding these permit applications.

Ms. Cherichetti noted the public hearings on the applications had opened and closed at the previous meeting on June 11th. She reviewed the discussion following the public hearings and tried to address any concerns with Special Conditions contained in the draft resolution to approve with conditions. There was a discussion regarding the conditions under consideration.

There was an extended discussion regarding the timing of the work and the length of time for each section of stream. A longer period of time, months not weeks, was considered.

Mr. Moeling expressed his concern regarding downstream impacts and where the additional water would go.

***** MR. KLOCKE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATIONS WITH THE RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN THE MEMORANDUM BY MS. CHERICHETTI.**

***** MR. KEEGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0-1) WITH ONE ABSTENTION (HOLOWINKO) AND ONE RECUSAL (BROWN)**

- f) **#S19-538 – 14 Purdy Road - Arundartchuk** – Corrective Action landscaping in and adjacent to a wetland

Ms. Cherichetti indicated she had not received any additional information from the applicant. She referred to email communication she had with the applicant's agent.

She distributed copies of a letter she had written to the applicant earlier that day detailing the deficiencies of the application.

Mr. Verel indicated the matter would be on the next agenda for continued discussion.

- g) **#S19-539 – 218 New Canaan Avenue - Grey** – Construction of a single-family home with access driveway in and adjacent to a wetland and watercourses

Ms. Cherichetti recalled that the public hearing on this application had also opened and closed during the previous meeting.

Mr. Verel added that by the end of the discussion there seemed to be consensus on the project.

Ms. Cherichetti recalled that Ms. Destefanis had expressed dissatisfaction with the amount of change from the previously denied application.

There was discussion regarding the need for monitoring due to the tight nature of the site.

*** **MR. MOELING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION WITH ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION IN THE MEMORANDUM BY MS. CHERICHETTI.**

*** **MR. KLOCKE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

*** **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0-0) WITH ONE ABSTENTION (BROWN).**

- h) **#S19-540 – 8 Holiday Drive - Kalmanidis** – Corrective Action landscaping and grading in and adjacent to a wetland and watercourse

Ms. Cherichetti noted there was no one in the audience representing the applicant. She noted that both the applicant's attorney and wetland scientist were out of town.

Ms. Cherichetti stated that she had emailed the applicant's wetland scientist, George Logan, and indicated that the submitted maps did not accurately reflect the extent of the clearing on the property.

There was a discussion of public hearing dates. Scheduling of the public hearing was tabled to the next meeting in July.

V. BOND RELEASES/REDUCTIONS

- a) **#S17-509– 3 Old Kings Highway – Glazer Group LLC** – Request for reduction (\$2,180.00) of bond held (\$3,680.00) for the construction of new single-family residence with associated site improvements adjacent to a wetland and watercourse

Ms. Cherichetti noted this was the original bond required for the construction of the new residence and related activities. The portion requested for release had been held for sedimentation and erosion control. She indicated the site was now stabilized and recommended the reduction. The other portion of the bond was for buffer plantings and the permit language required that portion be held for at least two full growing seasons.

*** **MR. MOELING MADE A MOTION TO REDUCE THE BOND.**

***** MR. KLOCKE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0).**

- b) **#S17-509B– 3 Old Kings Highway – Glazer Group LLC** – Request for reduction (\$4,000.00) of bond held (\$5,500.00) for Corrective Action landscaping in and adjacent to a wetland and watercourse

Ms. Cherichetti indicated that a recent site inspection found all of the required plants thriving. This bond was required as part of the required modification of the permit and covered the additional buffer planting plan.

Ms. Cherichetti noted the plants had not been in for more than a single growing season.

There was discussion regarding the plants and the two full growing season duration.

Mr. Klocke suggested that the permittee return after a full growing season had passed to ask for a reduction because it seemed there might be positive consideration of such a request.

***** MR. KLOCKE MADE A MOTION TO DENY REDUCTION OF THE BOND.**

***** MR. KEEGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0).**

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) June 11, 2019 meeting minutes

***** MR. KLOCKE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES.**

***** MR. KEEGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

VIII. COMMENTS OF STAFF

Ms. Cherichetti had no comments.

IX. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

There were none.

X. ADJOURNMENT

***** MR. MOELING MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

***** MS. BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

***** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.