

NORWALK CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

MARCH 14, 2005

ATTENDANCE: Matt Caputo; Elizabeth Ackerman; Susan Llorca; Chris Handrinos

STAFF: Alexis Cherichetti, Senior Environmental Officer

OTHERS: Don Strait, Grumman Engineering.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Cherichetti called the roll.

DISCUSSION/DECISION I

#S06-245 – 33 & 35 Glenwood Avenue - Lenhart – Demolition of existing and construction of two (2) three-unit residential buildings with associated parking, stormwater drainage and landscaping in and adjacent to a watercourse.

Mr. Caputo said they had the opportunity to vote on this item if they wished this evening. Ms. Cherichetti agreed and said that her memo on the application was received at the last meeting and there were two comments. However, as staff started to draft a draft resolution, staff came to the realization that the applicant was moving a watercourse and the grading would be in excess of 150 cubic yards that were specifically specified in the newly adopted regulations, under the definition of a regulated activity. The new regulations say that this application must go before a public hearing.

Ms. Ackerman said this must be considered a significant application according to their regulations.

**** MS. ACKERMAN MOTIONED TO CONSIDER APPLICATION #S05-245 33 & 35 GLENWOOD AVENUE A SIGNIFICANT APPLICATION; THEREFORE, RECOMMEND IT GO BEFORE A PUBLIC HEARING, SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 28, 2006.**

**** MS. LLORCA SECONDED.**

Mr. Handrinos asked if there were enough time for this. Ms. Cherichetti said that the regulations have been changed and ten days are required. Mr. Don Strait, landscape

architect, Grumman Engineering, stated that ten days would be enough time to notify everyone.

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MINUTES

- a) January 10, 2006 minutes
- b) February 14, 2006 minutes
- c) February 28, 2006
- d) March 6, 2006 minutes

Ms. Cherichetti indicated that, due to the count of Commissioners attending the various meetings and the number of Commissioners attending this evening, the only minutes eligible for being acted on tonight are the March 6, 2006 minutes.

**** MS. ACKERMAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2006 MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**

**** MR. HANDRINOS SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMENTS OF STAFF

- a) Declaratory Permits and other Enforcement Actions

Ms. Cherichetti stated she had issued two Declaratory Permits, one for a new single-family residence at 79 Comstock Hill Avenue where the owner proposes site disturbance just within fifty feet of a wetland, and the rear patio removal and construction of a rear deck at 31 Geneva Road which is surrounded by wetlands but will require a very small area of disturbance.

Ms. Ackerman asked if there were any enforcement actions. Ms. Cherichetti said that there are quite a few complaints on her desk to be acted on.

Ms. Cherichetti informed the Commissioners she will be out of the office during the next week.

- b) Report of Senior Environmental Officer

Ms. Cherichetti said the commissioners were finishing up the open space rankings. They next need to determine who to have as a public liaison with the private property owners. She also suggested that as it had been some time since the Commission has seen the old Plan of Conservation and Development, they review it again for any additional comments.

c) DEP Municipal Commissioner Training Program

Ms. Cherichetti said she would bring this item up at the next meeting. She said the training program is coming up soon, and additionally they have come out with a DVD that hits the broader points of being an inland wetland agency. She said some of the chapters were interesting. The training program is open to any Commissioners who wish to take part.

COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

a) Open Space Ranking update

Ms. Cherichetti stated that Ms. Cagnina and Ms. Destefanis have not yet had a chance to meet since the last Open Space meeting.

Ms. Ackerman asked if there had been any response to the letter sent in Ms. Cagnina's name to the Zoning Commission regarding the Zoning Regulation amendment. Ms. Cherichetti said the Zoning Commission did receive the letter. She said she has not received any direct comments from the Zoning Commission but has received some comments from staff. Ms. Ackerman asked if there were any comments on restricting the scope of subtracting wetlands from their calculations. Ms. Cherichetti said not that she knew of.

Mr. Caputo said the Zoning Commission was waiting for the Conservation Commission to complete their hearing on the application. Ms. Cherichetti said that the Zoning Commission does not want to move until they receive a report from the Inland Wetlands Agency. General discussion regarding a referral report versus a permit decision followed.

Ms. Ackerman asked what has happened to the idea of a building moratorium on condominiums that she remembered reading about in the newspaper six months ago. Ms. Cherichetti said she has no information on that subject.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. HANDRINOS MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
- ** MS. ACKERMAN SECONDED.
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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