

NORWALK CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

October 14, 2003

ATTENDANCE: MATT CAPUTO,
CHAIRMAN; KAREN DESTEFANIS, VICE-
CHAIRMAN; (6:17 p.m.); JANE CORCILLO;
SUSAN LLORCA; ALTERNATE; ANDREW
KYDES; MARNY SMITH; ANNE CAGNINA
(6:15 p.m.); BETH ACKERMAN, ALTERNATE;
ED HOLOWINKO, ALTERNATE

STAFF: **ERIN LEONARD, ACTING
SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at
6:10 p.m.

RECEIPT & DISCUSSION

- a). **19 Park Street-Somma #SO3-17-**
Construction of a detached storage building and
paving of exterior parking spaces adjacent to a
wetland and watercourse.
- a. **21 Park Street-Somma-SO3-171** – Paving of driveway adjacent to
a wetland and watercourse.

The Chairman requested to hear both items at the same time.

Mr. Somma said he was at the meeting to represent himself and his three brothers. He said that they would like to request to construct a storage building. He said that it would be used for storage of rakes, lawnmower, shovels, anything that would help to maintain the grounds at the duplexes. He added that the residents would use the building for storage as well. Mr. Somma said that they would plant additional seasonal plants to make it more decorative. He said it would be 26 feet from the street and 20 feet plus from the wetlands. He added that the building would be a 20 by 20 building. Mr. Somma said he and his brothers would do whatever the Commission requested them to do to move the plan forward.

Mr. Kydes asked if a foundation would be needed for the storage building. Mr. Somma responded that it would need a foundation and could be built in a day. He added that there would be a single door for the storage building, not an overhead door. He said the building is about 1 ½ story with no second floor.

Ms. Cagnina arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Somma said that they are requesting to pave the driveway because it would be easier to maintain. He said they would like to add curbing as well. Ms. Smith said she was concerned about the storm drainage. Mr. Somma said that all water from the parking area would drain into the storm drain and not the brook.

Ms. DeStefanis arrived at 6:17 p.m.

Ms. Llorca said she was concerned about the buffer for the vegetative area. Mr. Somma responded that they would put additional plantings for restoration of that area. He added that he would like to pave before the asphalt plants close in November.

DISCUSSION/DECISION

- a. **310 Ely Avenue – Sedona Group (310 Ely Ave.,LLC)-#SO3-160-**
Construction of a 10 unit apartment building and parking lot adjacent to a wetland and watercourse.

Ms. Leonard said the office has received a written extension for 65 days from the applicant. She added that the applicant is working on another alternative plan that will be submitted at the next meeting. Dave Waters of Lepofsky, Lepofsky and Lang represented the applicant for this item. He said that they are working on a revised plan and the plan would be filed tomorrow.

- b. **5 Ledgewood Drive-Quintana=#SO3-169-"Corrective Actions"-**
Deposition of fill, construction/repair of stone retaining wall, construction of rear house addition adjacent to a wetland and watercourse.

Ms. Leonard gave the Commission a revised plan. She said that the amendment to the resolution states that the native seed mix will grow to 2 ½ to 3 feet in height.

John Anderson from Environmental Landscape Solutions said that they would correct the buffer to reflect the native seed mix the Commission was requesting. He added that the asphalt fill would be removed and replaced with organic fill per the request of the Department of Public Works.

**** MS. SMITH MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION #SO3-169-5 LEDGEWOOD DRIVE WITH CONDITIONS 1 THROUGH 6 AS SET FORTH IN A MEMORANDUM TO THE NORWALK CONSERVATION COMMISSION FROM ERIN LEONARD, ACTING SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER DATED OCTPBER 14, 2003.**

**** MS. CAGNINA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7- 0 WITH 2, WHO DID NOT VOTE.**

(MS. ACKERMAN AND MR. HOLOWINKO)

- c. **24 Southwind Drive –Southwind Equities, LLC - #VO3-728 – "Cease & Desist Order"**- Construction of single family residence and associated site work in and adjacent to a wetland.

Ms. Leonard said that this item is a follow-up to the October 8th meeting. She said the applicant was asked to do a sewer report for the property. She added that the environmentalist was out at the site to conduct a soil test also. Ms. Leonard said the owner has applied for a permit to build a single-family house. She added that the Commission should take action on the Cease and Desist order tonight.

Mr. Waters said that there was an issue before the Commission last week whether or not there was indeed wetland at the property site. He confirmed that a soil report was conducted and wetlands are on the property. He said that all work has stopped at the site. He added that the appropriate thing to do is wait for the two weeks until the next meeting under receipt/discussion items.

Ms. Leonard said the applicant was seeking approval of work on the property and to submit a site plan. She said the Commission has the right to amend or remove it.

Mr. Waters said that a silt fence is erected around the area. Ms. Leonard said that hay is to be put down so there is no runoff.

**** MS. CORCILLO MOVED TO APPROVE OCTOBER 16, 2003 FOR THE \$800 DEADLINE FEE AND APPROVE OCTOBER 17, 2003 FOR SPREADING HAY IN THE AFFECTED AREA.**

**** MS. SMITH SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0 WITH 2, WHO DID NOT VOTE.**

(MS. DESTEFANIS AND MS. LLORCA)

BOND RELEASES &/OR REDUCTIONS

- a. **25 Felix Lane-Bakken-#SO2-90-** filling and grading to level front yard adjacent to a wetland

Ms. Leonard said the plantings have been in one year per approval. She said the staff recommends release of bonds.

**** MS. DESTEFANIS MOVED TO RELEASE THE PLANTINGS BOND AT 25 FELIX LAND-BAKKEN-#SO2-90**

**** MS. CAGNINA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0 WITH 2, WHO DID NOT VOTE.**

(MR. HOLOWINKO AND MS. ACKERMAN)

- b. **1 Hollow Spring Road-Reynolds-#SO2-114-** Installation of sanitary sewer lateral adjacent to wetlands.

Ms. Leonard said there were no regular plantings at this site. She said the staff recommends release of the bonds.

**** MS. CAGNINA MOVED TO RELEASE THE PLANTINGS BOND AT 1 HOLLOW SPIRNG RD-REYNOLDS#SO2-114.**

**** MS. CORCILLO SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0 WITH 2, WHO DID NOT VOTE.**

(MR. HOLOWINKO AND MS. LLORCA)

ACCEPTANCE OF MINTUES

- a. September 23, 2003

Corrections:

Page 3, "Mr. Kydes asked if there is proper septic or sewer on the property, should read "Mr. Kydes asked if the property has proper septic or sewer."

Page 6, change 'resolution' to 'condition' for #5 and #7.

Page 8, third paragraph, should read 'swap' not 'squat'

**** MS. CAGNINA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED.**

**** MS. DESTEFANIS SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH 7-0 WITH 2, WHO DID NOT VOTE.**

(MS. LLORCA AND MR. HOLOWINKO)

COMMENTS OF STAFF

a). Declaratory Permits and Enforcement Actions

Ms. Leonard said that there is no update on this item. She added that the agenda for next week's meeting needs to be updated. Mr. Caputo recommended that the open space issue be put on the agenda.

Ms. Smith said that recycling of plastics; numbers 3 through 10 was stopped about a year ago. She said she would like to see the item on the agenda for discussion.

Ms. Corcillo said she wanted to add the Wilton wetlands for discussion to next week's agenda. Ms. Leonard said that she would give a summary at the meeting. She said it is a very complicated issue. Mr. Caputo said he would like to review the report and how it affects the Commission.

Ms. Leonard said next week Alexis will work part time for four weeks, then will start full time.

COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Kydes asked if an applicant appealed a decision made by the Commission and won, would the commission be liable for damages. Mr. Caputo responded no. Ms. Leonard recommended adding this item to a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

**** MS. CAGNINA SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Lane

Telesco Secretarial Services

