

**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Norm John Noble  
Pat O'Reilly  
Brian Casinghino  
Will Hermann

**CONSULTANT:** Keith Morris

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER-7:00 P.M.**

Acting Chairman Noble called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and Consultant Keith Morris read the agenda. Will Hermann will be a voting member in place of Ray Wilcox.

**PARKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

The Park Superintendent was not present.

**PLAN ACCEPTANCE:**

**Permit # 1636 – Sales (owner) – Single family home – Halladay Ave. West. This property is located on the south side of Halladay Ave. West, nearest intersection being Blossom Street.**

**Permit # 1638 – Town of Suffield (applicant) – Drainage improvements. This property is located on the south side of Thompsonville Road, east of the intersection of Rawlins Brook Road. Assessor's Map Number 75H, Block 45, Lot 4R, and Map 75H, Block 45, Lot 661-R.**

Consultant Morris updated the Commission on applications # 1636 and # 1638. The applications are complete. Commissioner Reilly made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casinghino, to accept applications # 1636 and # 1638 and to put them on the October 13, 2015 meeting agenda for possible decision. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

**Permit # 1637 – Tennessee Gas Pipeline (owner) – Pipeline construction – East Granby town line north to the Agawam, MA town line within/adjacent to the existing right of way.**

Consultant Morris updated the Commission on the application for permit # 1638 from Tennessee Gas Pipeline. After discussion, Commissioner Reilly made a

motion, seconded by Commissioner Casinghino, to accept the application. The motion was made and carried. This application will be put on the October 13, 2015 meeting agenda in order to set a public hearing date. The Commission has also asked Consultant Morris to request that the applicant have a representative present at that meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING (7:30 P.M.)**

**Permit #1631 – Moriarty (Applicant) – Wetland Map Amendment – 860 Boston Neck Road. This property is located on the east side of Boston Neck Road, nearest intersection being Heritage Trail. Assessor’s Map Number 68H, Block 47, Lot 145.**

Acting Chairman Norm Noble declared the public hearing opened and Consultant Keith Morris read the legal notice. Consultant Morris then discussed the information that has been handed out to Commissioners. The wetland boundary has been reviewed by Barbara Kelly of the North Central Conservation District. Ms. Kelly has agreed with the delineation of the poorly drained soils on site. Each Commissioner has a copy of her report. Mr. Morris stated this is an unusual situation as the remainder of the land to the northeast of the delineated poorly drained soils consists of a well-drained soil that is also an alluvial soil which is considered regulated as wetlands per state statute. However, Professional Soil scientist John Ianni, who conducted the delineation has stated in his report that the flood plain is historic in nature and is no longer active. Mr. Morris stated that this is confirmed by the FIRM Flood Insurance Rate Map which depicts the 100 year flood boundary to the rear of the site along Stony Brook. Consultant Morris stated that each Commissioner has a copy of all of the pertinent information. Mr. Ianni then presented his report to the Commission and confirmed that the flood plain soils are historic and no longer active. After discussion, acting Chairman Noble opened the public hearing to the public.

Sandra Hutchinson, 808 Branch Road – asked about future development of the site. Consultant Morris explained that this public hearing was for the wetland map amendment only.

Acting Chairman Noble then declared the public hearing closed. After discussion, Commissioner Reilly made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casinghino, to approve the wetland map amendment as proposed.

The motion was made and carried unanimously.

## **DECISIONS:**

**Permit #1632 – Moriarty (Applicant) – Construction of two single-family homes – 860 Boston Neck Road. This property is located on the east side of Boston Neck Road, nearest intersection being Heritage Trail. Assessor’s Map Number 68H, Block 47, Lot 145.**

After the public hearing and approval for the wetland map amendment on this parcel, Consultant Morris updated the Commission on the proposal to construct two single-family homes on the same property. The construction of the driveways involves two wetland crossings totally approximately 4,300 square feet of wetland fill. Mr. Morris recommended that a planting plan adjacent to and within the wetland be submitted and also that the wetland area be left undisturbed and allowed to revegetate itself. Consultant Morris also reminded the Commission that construction of the homes would technically be within a regulated area due to the historic flood plain that was discussed during the public hearing for the wetland map amendment. Brian Denno of Denno Land Surveyors went over alternatives to the current proposal. A discussion followed. The Commission determined that no prudent alternatives existed and that the historic flood plain was no longer active.

After discussion, Commissioner Reilly made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casinghino, to approve the application of Mr. Moriarty for the construction of two single family homes with the following conditions:

Suffield Conservation Commission stipulations 1-11 shall apply. (Copy attached)

12. A preconstruction meeting shall be held on site. The purpose of the meeting shall be to discuss soil and erosion controls, including stockpile locations. The meeting shall be attended by the Commission members and/or their consultant, the applicant, and the site contractor.
13. This site is subject to inspections by the commission’s consultant. Any fees associated with these inspections are the responsibility of the applicant.
14. The applicant shall submit a planting plan adjacent to the wetlands and the existing wetlands shall be left undisturbed and allowed to revegetate.

The plan of record is entitled “Grading and Erosion Control Plan, 3 Lot Subdivision”, by Denno Land Surveying & Consulting, LLC, dated September 17, 2015.

This property is located on the north side of Boston Neck Road, nearest intersection being Heritage Trail. Assessor’s Map Number 68H, Block 47, Lot 145. This permit is granted in a Summary Ruling as there is work proposed within regulated areas; however, it is the Commission’s opinion that there will be no long term impacts. This permit shall expire on September 22, 2020.

The motion was made and carried unanimously.

**Permit # 1634 – Artioli (applicant) – Single family home – Hill Street. This property is located on the west side of Hill Street, nearest intersection being Russell Avenue. Assessor’s Map Number 28, Block 23, Lot 24.**

Consultant Morris presented the application for construction of a single-family home on Hill Street. The application is complete and there is no work proposed within regulated areas. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Casinghino made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reilly, to approve the application of Mr. Artioli for construction of a single-family home with the following conditions:

Suffield Conservation Commission stipulations 1-11 shall apply. (Copy attached)

The plan of record is entitled “Site Development Plan”, by Aeschliman Land Surveying, PC, dated June 26, 2015.

This property is located on the west side of Hill Street, nearest intersection being Russell Avenue. Assessor’s Map Number 28, Block 23, Lot 24. This permit is granted in a Declaratory Ruling, as there is no regulated activity proposed.. This permit shall expire on September 22, 2020. The applicant has paid a filing fee of \$ 135.00.

The motion was made and carried unanimously.

**Permit # 1635 – Skerla (owner) – 3 lot Subdivision – North Stone Street. This property is located on the east side of North Stone Street, nearest intersection being Colson Street. Assessor’s Map Number 13, Block 15, Lot 1B.**

Consultant Morris updated the Commission on this application for the construction of three single-family homes on North Stone Street. There is no work within regulated areas; however, Mr. Morris recommended a preconstruction meeting be held on site and that erosion and sedimentation control inspections be conducted during construction. Consultant Morris also requested that a final set of plans be submitted that are signed by the Professional Soil Scientist and also depict soil stockpile locations. Marek Kement of Anchor Engineering stated that he would comply with the recommendations.

After discussion, Commissioner Reilly made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Casinghino, to approve the application of Mr. Skerla for the construction of three single-family homes with the following conditions:

Suffield Conservation Commission stipulations 1-11 shall apply. (Copy attached)

12. A preconstruction meeting shall be held on site. The purpose of the meeting shall be to discuss soil and erosion controls, including stockpile locations. The meeting shall be attended by the Commission members and/or their consultant, the applicant, and the site contractor.

13. This site is subject to inspections by the commission's consultant. Any fees associated with these inspections are the responsibility of the applicant.

14. The applicant shall submit a final set of plans depicting soil stockpile locations and the signature of the Professional Soil scientist responsible for the wetland delineation.

The plans of record are entitled "North Stone Estates", by Anchor Engineering Services, Inc., dated June 5, 2015, and revised September 2, 2015, sheets 1-4.

This property is located on the east side of North Stone Street, nearest intersection being Colson Street. Assessor's Map Number 13, Block 15, Lot1B. This permit is granted in a Declaratory Ruling as there is no work proposed within regulated areas. This permit shall expire on September 22, 2020. The applicant has paid a filing fee of \$ 285.00.

The motion was made and carried unanimously.

### **CONSULTANT'S REPORT**

Consultant Morris updated the Commission on several issues. The property owner who constructed a farm road on Mountain Road will be filing an application for a permit. The owners of the Windsor Locks Canal would like to dredge the center of the canal that flows through Suffield in order to improve water flow for the power company and manufacturing businesses that rely on that water. After discussion, it was decided that Consultant Morris shall ask the representative to come before the Commission's next meeting to discuss.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

Commissioner Casinghino made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hermann, to approve the minutes as written. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Hermann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reilly. The motion was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by  
Norm John Noble

Recording Secretary