

comply with the current regulations. Also, Consultant Morris shall review the Town's vernal pool map as it pertains to the property. A 50' – 100' undisturbed buffer should be maintained around any vernal pools found on site.

2. Detention Ponds – Deep Brook Harbor

Wilford Roy of Deep Brook Harbor addressed the Commission. The pipe currently connecting the two existing detention ponds on site has been in disrepair. They would like to create a riprap channel connecting the two ponds to prevent the potential for flooding during heavy storm events. After discussion, it was the Commission's recommendation that a new pipe be installed adjacent to the existing one and/or that an attempt is made to clean out the existing pipe. Mr. Roy will work with consultant Morris and the Town Engineer on this project.

DECISIONS:

Permit # 1648 – Baker (owner) – 3 Lot Subdivision – Hill Street. This property is located on the west side of Hill Street, nearest intersection being Russell Avenue. Assessor's Map 28, Block 23, Lot 27.

Consultant Morris went over the application for a 3 lot subdivision on Hill Street. The application is complete and there is no work proposed within upland review or wetland areas. Todd Clark of Aeschliman Land Surveyors, PC presented the application to the Commission. The North Central Health District required several revisions to the plan based on additional test pits that they required. Consultant Morris recommended soil and erosion control inspections during the work. After discussion, Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reilly, to approve the application of Baker Nurseries for construction of a 3 lot subdivision on Hill Street with the following conditions:

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

12) The work is subject to erosion and sedimentation control inspections by the Commission's consultant. Any fees associated with these inspections shall be the responsibility of the applicant.

Plans of record are entitled "Baker Nursery Subdivision", dated August 20, 2015, latest revision June 29, 2016, sheets 1 – 5, by Aeschliman Land Surveying, PC.

This property is located on the west side of Hill Street, nearest intersection being Russell Avenue, Assessor's Map Numbers 28, Block 23, Lot 27. This permit is granted in a Declaratory Ruling as it is the Commission's determination that project as proposed shall not have a negative impact on wetland areas. This permit shall expire on July 26, 2021.

The motion was made and carried unanimously.

PLAN ACCEPTANCE:

Permit # 1649 – Blanchfield (owner) – Retaining Wall – Mountain Road. This property is located on the north side of Mountain Road, nearest intersection being Sunset Drive. Assessor’s Map 4H, Block 2, Lot 4.

Consultant Morris briefly went over the application and stated that it is complete. Given the fact that the Commission’s next meeting is not until August 23, 2016, Consultant Morris requested that the Commission allow him to grant administrative approval of the application. After discussion of the application, Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, to allow Consultant Morris to grant administrative approval of the application as allowed by the regulations. The motion was made and carried unanimously. Consultant Morris will review the application with Town Engineer prior to issuing approval.

Permit # 1650 – Babb’s Beach - Town of Suffield (owner) – Beach Access – Babb’s Road. This property is located on the west side of Babb’s Road, nearest intersection being Halladay Drive. Assessor’s Map 2H, Block 1, Lot 49.

Consultant Morris went over the application and stated that it is complete. Mr. Morris again requested that the Commission allow him to grant administrative since the Commission’s next meeting is not until August 23, 2016. After discussion of the application, Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, to allow Consultant Morris to grant administrative approval of the application as allowed by the regulations. The motion was made and carried unanimously. Consultant Morris will review the application with Town Engineer prior to issuing approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

First Selectman Melissa Mack joined the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

CONSULTANT’S REPORT

Consultant Morris stated that it would be a good time to discuss the proposed gatekeeper position at Sunrise Park with the First Selectman. Commissioner Reilly made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Noble, to add discussion of the proposed gatekeeper position at Sunrise Park to the agenda. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

A discussion followed on the job description for the gatekeeper position at Sunrise Park. Several revisions were made to the description to modify it specifically for Sunrise Park. A lengthy discussion followed on the purpose of the gatekeeper and fees that may be charged to out of Town residents. Commissioner Fanous handed out information on what other communities in Connecticut charge for out of Town residents. Commissioner Wilcox also went over guidelines for determining whether or not a person is considered a resident of the Town.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that a pilot program for the month of August would be initiated as soon as possible. The purpose of the program would be to collect information that may be used in determining future guidelines for entering the Park.

Commissioner Noble made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Neilson, to initiate a pilot program at the Park with police explorers, or others, to collect data from persons entering the Park, including residency, number of people, frequency of Park visits, etc. Commissioner Fanous will prepare draft guidelines for the gatekeepers and email to Commission members for their review. The information collected will be discussed at the Commission's first meeting in September. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 28, 2016 MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Reilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox. The motion was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Norm John Noble

Recording Secretary