

**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2008**

PRESENT: Arthur Christian, Chairman
Glenn Neilson, Vice Chairman
Thomas Heffernan, Secretary
Jack Leahey
Bob Roberts

ALTERNATE: Andy Krar

RECORDING SECRETARY: Robin Newton

CONSULTANT: Gerald Turbet, P.E.

ABSENT: Barbara Chain, Treasurer
Raymond Wilcox
Keith Golembiewski

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The secretary read aloud the agenda for the record. Andrew Krar was appointed voting rights for Raymond Wilcox. The Chairman asked that the agenda items be reorganized to place the plan acceptance and consultant's report before the Sunrise Park Superintendent's report. Glenn Neilson made a motion to change the order of the agenda in accordance with the Chairman's recommendations. Jack Leahey seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

III. PLAN ACCEPTANCE

A. Permit #1521-Scott Nigro-Wetland Map Amendment-Copper Hill Road-West Suffield, CT. This property is located on the east side of Copper Hill Road nearest intersection being Phelps Road on Property owned by Victor & Patricia Nigro. Assessor's Map #6, Block #10, Lot #44 in West Suffield, CT.

Conservation Consultant, Gerry Turbet briefly explained where the property was located. Mr. Turbet indicated that this application was for a wetland boundary change. Mr. Turbet stated that the lines do differ from the Town inland wetland map and that the wetland lines were field delineated by a soil scientist whose report is on file. Vice Chairman Glenn Neilson asked the applicant if it was ok for members of the Commission to visit the property. Mr. Nigro indicated that was fine. The secretary reported that a letter has already been sent to David Askew asking for him to do a review of the wetland boundaries and submit a report for the public hearing. With no further comment, Glenn Neilson made a motion to accept the application of Scott Nigro for a wetland boundary change on Copper Hill Road. A public hearing is set for May 13, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. The applicant is to notify all abutters in accordance with the Conservation Regulations and provide return receipt green cards. All information must be on file with the Town Clerk's Office. Jack Leahey seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

IV. CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Mr. Turbet indicated that an erosion and sedimentation violation letter was sent to Mahmoud Hussein of 3189 Phelps Road. Chairman Christian recused himself from hearing this matter as his son is the project engineer. Vice Chairman Glenn Neilson took over as acting chairman. Mr. Turbet passed out copies of the letter and pictures that were taken. Mr. Turbet stated that he and Jim Taylor, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, had visited the site and that Mr. Taylor has issued a Cease and Desist Order. Mr. Turbet briefly explained the issues on the site and then asked if the project engineer would like to explain how the applicant is going to stabilize the site.

Art Christian II, P.E. stated for the record that Mr. Hussein has asked him to come up with a plan to stabilize the site. Mr. Christian passed out plans showing the stabilization efforts that he is proposing along with a bid document that was sent to a contractor for a cost estimate to stabilize the site. Mr. Christian indicated that dates were not included in the document as he felt they should be filled in by the contractor. Mr. Christian indicated his first priority was to stabilize the ground and trench area.

The Commission expressed a concern with the fact that rain is expected through the weekend and indicated that they would like to see some of the erosion controls in before the rain begins. At a minimum, that mulch should be spread. Vice Chairman Glenn Neilson indicated that he would like Mr. Christian to supervise the compaction of the trench area to make sure that it is done correctly. Commission member Thomas Heffernan added that he would like to see the two Town catch basins cleaned by the applicant. Mr. Turbet added that he would like a sign off by the project engineer once all of the stabilization efforts have taken place. Mr. Christian stated that would be fine. With no further comments or discussion, Mr. Hussein and Mr. Christian were excused.

At this time, Jack Leahey made a motion to cancel the April 22, 2008 meeting. Bob Roberts seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

II. SUNRISE PARK SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Chairman Christian stated that a new contract needed to be signed; however, he asked the secretary to add an item to the contract before it is officially signed. Mr. Drakeley asked if there were any new items in the contract, Mrs. Newton stated the only new item is in reference to him taking the park reservations now.

Vice Chairman Glenn Neilson asked Mr. Drakeley if he was first aid certified. Mr. Drakeley indicated that he was. Mr. Neilson also inquired about OSHA certification but stated that he was having the secretary check into the necessity of the certification.

Chairman Christian asked Mr. Drakeley to clean the gutters at the pavilion on a more regular basis.

Mr. Drakeley asked about the status of the treatment of White's Pond during the summer. The secretary indicated that currently a list is being sought from the state DEP for licensed applicators and when the list is provided a bid will be sent out in order to hire a contractor to treat the pond during the summer months.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 11, 2008

Glenn Neilson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jack Leahey seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Glenn Neilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jack Leahey seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin M. Newton