

**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2011**

PRESENT:

**Art Christian, Chairman
Glenn Neilson, Vice Chairman
Ray Wilcox
Norm John Noble
Tom Heffernan
Keith Golembiewski**

CONSULTANT:

Keith Morris

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

Chairman Art Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Consultant Keith Morris read the agenda. Commissioner Golembiewski will be a voting member in place of Commissioner Casinghino.

SUNRISE PARK SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Park Superintendent Tom Drakeley addressed the Commission. He is continuing to work on spring cleaning and would like to purchase six to eight tables for the pavilion. A discussion followed. Tom will try to order them on line again. Chairman Christian suggested that the Commission purchase a cabinet to store all the gas containers in at the park. Mr. Christian also suggested that the Commission stock the pond with fish to insure there are enough for fishing. Consultant Morris stated that he has not heard back from anyone regarding a fishing derby. A discussion followed on potential groups that may be interested in taking the fishing derby over.

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

Permit # 1560 – Blanchette - Wetland map Amendment – Bridge Street. This property is located on the south side of Bridge Street, nearest intersection being Thrall Avenue. Assessor's Map # 55H, Block # 47, Lot 14C

Consultant Keith Morris presented this application to the Commission. Mr. Morris stated that all the information has been on file at the Town Clerk's office and the applicant has submitted the green cards for the record. Mr. Morris stated that he did not receive the report from State Soil Scientist Dave Askew until late Monday night; however, he did bring extra copies for the public. Mr. Morris went over Mr.

Askew's report. Mr. Askew basically agrees with the wetland boundary as flagged in the field.

Engineer David Ziak from Hesketh Associates presented an overview of the land and then turned the meeting over to Soil Scientist Tom Petras. Mr. Peitras went over the different wetland areas on the site. It was originally delineated in November 2010 when there was no snow cover. Commissioner Neilson asked if the ground was frozen. Mr. Peitras responded no. Mr. Peitras then explained how the delineation is conducted. Commissioner Heffernan asked if there were any vernal pools on site. Mr. Peitras stated they were on the site at the wrong time to determine the presence of vernal pools. A discussion followed on which direction the parcel drained.

Public Comment:

Sal Covino, 425 Thrall Avenue - Mr. Covino stated that there is a coyote population on the site and asked what impact development may have on them. Mr. Christian explained that this hearing was only for the wetland boundary amendment.

Commissioner Neilson then explained the regulations as they pertain to wetland map amendments.

Rick Stano, 39 Wisteria Lane - Mr. Stano is concerned with building behind his house. Consultant Morris again explained that this hearing is for the wetland map amendment only and that if the applicant files for development, Mr. Stanos would have an opportunity to comment at that hearing.

Dan MacWilliams, 35 Wisteria Lane – Mr. Williams asked Mr. Petras to explain the wetland regulations in Connecticut. Mr. Petras stated that wetlands in Connecticut are based on the presence of hydric soils and it doesn't really matter what time of the year the delineation is conducted. He then went into detail on how the delineation was conducted.

Brian Fry, 43 Wisteria – Mr. Fryr asked about the flow of water on site. Mr. Petras explained the topography on site and which way drainage was flowing.

Commissioner Wilcox expressed concern over two areas of special concern Mr. Askew mentioned in his letter. Consultant Morris stated that he probably mentioned those areas so that if the Commission visited the site they would understand why these areas look regulated but did not meet the criteria to be marked as wetlands. A discussion followed. Commissioner Wilcox would like an explanation in writing from Mr. Askew. Consultant Morris shall contact Mr. Askew.

A discussion followed on closing the hearing. It was decided that since more information is being requested from Mr. Askew and some of the Commissioners want to visit the site that the hearing would be continued.

Commissioner Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Heffernan to continue the hearing until Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Consultant Keith Morris went over his meeting with Town Attorney Carl Lanolina regarding post activity fees. Mr. Landolina stated that the property owner is responsible for any fees involved and not the contractor. A discussion followed. Commissioner Wilcox would like to meet with Mr. Landolina to discuss further. Mr. Morris updated the Commission on erosion and sedimentation controls at various sites around town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 22, 2011

Commissioner Neilson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Noble seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Heffernan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Noble and was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Tom Heffernan