

Redding Conservation Commission

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MINUTES August 2, 2022 7:30 p.m. - via Zoom

Topic: Redding Conservation Commission
Time: Aug 2, 2022 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Present via video: David Partee, Chairman; Stuart Green, Wallace Perlman, Tina Miller, Susan Robinson, Clairann Matzke

Also present: Aimee Pardee, Landuse Director; Sam Tedawes, Nicholas Yuschak Jr., Glenn and Erin Cooper, Anthony Vechiarelli

Commissioner started the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting July 19, 2022

Site Inspection Minutes July 27, 2022 – N. Scully, 152 Gallows Hill Road

M/M Sam Tedawes, 356 Newtown Turnpike

In Chairman's Report, paragraph 1: the wording was clarified to indicate the wood is exclusively used for the Boardwalk. "Mr. Pattee hopes a more intended look will be placed on the placement of the wood *on the Boardwalk and not for use on other projects.*"

In Chairman's Report, paragraph 2: Change to indicate that Mr. Green provided clarification. "The signs indicating the responsibility of this area will be reposted and clarification was provided *by Mr. Green* to the Facebook Group. "

Mr. Perlman motioned, and Ms. Miller seconded the motion to approve the minutes of July 19, 2022, with Mr. Green's changes. The motion was passed unanimously.

Two Site Inspection Minutes:

Site Inspections on July 27, 2022

152 Gallows Hill and 356 Newtown Turnpike

Mr. Perlman motioned, and Ms. Robinson seconded the motion to approve both Site Inspections from 7/27/2022. Mr. Hill abstained.

Mr. Hill reported that 60 tons of line were spread on the fields. This costed less than \$3,000.00. Mr. Hill shared that he will be getting a price on fertilizer.

II. REGULATORY

Notice of Violation, Paola Benitez, 440 Black Rock Turnpike. To discuss violation regarding earthmoving and soil disturbance adjacent to a watercourse. Discussion 4/05/2022; 4/19/2022. Awaiting Inland-Wetlands Application Form. Discussion 5/03/2022; 7/05/2022.

There still has not been an application submitted at this time. Mr. Green asked is Ms. Pardee has seen any work being done. Ms. Pardee confirmed that there is no work occurring on the property.

Application #22-10, Natalie Scully, 152 Gallows Hill Road. Received 7/19/2022. Discussion and possible vote on an application to construct an in-ground pool and patio within the regulated area. Site Walk 7/27/2022.

Observations were done as to the placement of the pool. Mr. Perlman motioned, and Mr. Green seconded the motion to approve the Application #22-10. The motion was passed unanimously.

Application #22-11, Sam and Malgorzata Tedawes, 356 Newtown Tpke. Received 7/19/2022. Discussion and possible vote an application for turf installation within the regulated area. Site Walk 7/27/2022.

Observations of the current garden and plans for soil and artificial turf were done. Mr. Perlman asked if trees were being taken down. Mr. Tedawes shared that there will be no tree removal. Mr. Hill asked if it was artificial turf that would be installed. Mr. Tedawes confirmed that is will be artificial. Mr. Green asked if Mr. Tedawes could describe the preparation for installation. Mr. Tedawes shared that the garden soil will be compounded, leveled with fill, and compounded again before installing the turf. 1-foot by 1-foot pavers will be placed around the border. Mr. Green asked if drainage or channels would be needed. Mr. Tedawes and Mr. Pattee confirmed this is not the case. Mr. Perlman motioned, and Mr. Green seconded the motion for approval of Application #22-11. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Possible Violation - Discussion

Heather & Anthony Vechiarelli, 2 Meadows Edge Road. Violations of the provisions the Conservation Easement, including clearing and earth moving without permission from The Easement holder, the Town of Redding Conservation Commission. Discussion 7/05/2022. Site Walk 7/09/2022. Discussion 7/19/2022.

Mr. Pattee asked what types of plantings will be going into the easement. Mr. Vechiarelli shared the plan is to grow this area back to a meadow. He plans to plant flowers and fescue grass this fall to maintain a look similar to neighbors. He has sent pictures to the committee. Mr. Pattee shared that previously this area was very overgrown. He added that if anyone would like to see what it looked like in the past, there are 4 years of aerial photos on the GIS. Mr. Pattee requested that Mr. Vechiarelli stay in touch with Ms. Pardee when he is ready to clean the area up this fall.

Erin Cooper, 50 Lonetown Road. Violation of spreading a considerable amount of woodchips both within a wetland area and within the 100' regulated area around wetlands.

Mr. Cooper shared that he has spread woodchips he had received from the town in January as well as from the removal of a dead ash tree on his property. A letter was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper from Ms. Pardee regarding the woodchips being spread in close proximity to the wetlands. Mr. Cooper explained that per the map he received in the purchase of the home, the woodchips were not in the wetland area. Mr. Pattee asked if the map was from the GIS. Ms. Pardee shared it was likely this, which is not as accurate. Mr. Pattee requested that the commission comes to have a Site Inspection. The Site Inspection will be conducted Sunday, August 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At 8:04 p.m. the meeting was motioned to adjourn by Ms. Miller, and Mr. Perlman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Amanda Wielk