

Redding Conservation Commission

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Minutes

February 21, 2023

7:30 p.m. – The Old Town House – 23 Cross Highway

Present: David Pattee (chair), Stuart Green, William Hill, Clairann Matzke, Susan Robinson, Wallace Perlman

Absent: Tina Miller

David Pattee called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved, seconded and approved the minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2023 as emended by the following; In section IV corrected the spelling of Victor DeMasi's name and in Section V that the "mounds of dirt at Umpawaug Road" be replaced by "excavated soil"

Moved, seconded and approved the Site Inspection minutes of February 12, 2023 for the properties of Mr./Mrs. P Gorlich, 14 Whortleberry Road; Mr./Mrs. W Quick, 11 Diamond Hill Road; and the Town of Redding, 130 Redding Road.

II. REGULATORY

Application #23-01, Petr and Kristina Gorlich, 14 Whortleberry Road. Application for residential construction within 500-foot of a vernal pool to include: abandon existing septic tank and leaching field, improve gravel driveway to asphalt drive, install drainage systems, install private septic system perform tree removal, grading, topsoil and seed within the regulated area. Received February 7, 2023. Tom Quinn made presentation for the owners. He said that a basement was now being planned and that some blasting would be required for the foundation to be laid. He reiterated that the drainage from the existing stone wall within the 500-foot regulated area would drain away from the existing vernal pond. Discussion centered around the well to be drilled within the regulated area. Commission stated that any blasting take place before there would be impact on the mating habits of the fauna that inhabit the regulated area. Perlman moved to approve the application; Green seconded the motion and all approved except for Robinson who abstained.

Application #23-02, William and Jane Quirk (owner), Nazzaro, Inc. (agent), 11 Diamond Hill Road, application for pond restoration. Discussion ensued on the need to clean out existing pond and return it to original state. Received February 7, 2023. Gene Nazzaro made presentation. Noted that that water from the pond was used in the fighting of the tragic house

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fire on Diamond Hill Road last week. Said that a dry hydrant would be included in the plan going forward in case of future emergencies. After short discussion application was moved by Perlman to be accepted, seconded by Matzke, and unanimously approved.

Application #23-03, Town of Redding (owner), Nazzaro, Inc., 132 Partners L.L.C. (agent), 130-132 Redding Road, application for pond restoration. Received February 7, 2023. Gene Nazzaro made presentation and reiterated that restoration would occur on his own time at his expense. After short discussion, Perlman made motion to accept application, Matzke seconded and application was approved unanimously.

Application #23-04, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hay (owners), Alex Avila (agent), 315 Black Rock Turnpike. To receive and discuss application for an addition and general remodeling within the regulated area. Marlie Avila made presentation. She stated that the property consisted of wetlands and the property owners wished to maintain the integrity of it all. They have consulted with a wetlands expert in making the proposed remodeling. Noted that a stream flows under the expansion. An existing septic tank can be connected without interference with the stream bed. Site Inspection was scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Application #23-05, Franklin Mosquera, 70 Lonetown Road. To receive and discuss an application for work which was started for excavation for a retaining wall in the backyard. Excavated soil to be used on front yard for grading. Will stabilize property, maintain silt fence, and add hay bales within the regulated area. Mosquera made presentation. Stated that work had begun and he stopped work when received letter from town that work required permit. A silt fence has been installed. Point made that that septic leeching took place both by the leeching of the treated water through the soil and by evaporation and therefore too much excavated soil placed on top of the leeching field will inhibit evaporation. Site Inspection scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Suggested that Mosquera consult with Chris at the Health Department.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Referral from Board of Selectman on the proposed Tree Ordinance. Discussion continued from February 7, 2023. Suggested that the wording about liens placed on private property be removed. Discussion to continue as ordinance is finalized.

Request from Redding Land Trust Board of Trustees, Bruce Given and Kate Perry. To discuss alternative trail and land use as part of the “Decade of Stewardship” Master Plan focusing on potential horse access. Perry and Given wished to confirm and affirm the Commission’s approval of horse use on the “high and dry” trails of the town.

Request from Victor DeMasi to discuss information on the regulation of certain neonicotinoid pesticides legislation currently before the state legislature. Pattee made presentation. Discussion ensued. Commission agreed that when called upon, it will provide support for proposed legislation.

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IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Pattee stated that a ribbon cutting for the newly replaced boardwalk at Lonetown Marsh was being planned and suggested that the First day of Spring be the appropriate time to do so and would consult with town officials to organize it.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Robinson noted that Aimee Pardee has approached Fletcher and given him notice regarding the excavated soil on his property.

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Matzke and seconded by Perlman, Pattee adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Submitted by,
Alexander P Scott