

Redding Conservation Commission
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Minutes

November 21, 2023

7:00 p.m. – The Old Town House – 23 Cross Highway

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

David Pattee called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Wallace Perlman, seconded by Stuart Green, the minutes of the meeting of October 17, 2023 were approved, with William Hill abstaining; as amended as follows: a third sentence under the second bullet point under Chairman's Report be added: Stuart Green met Mike Murray for reconnaissance and site review and brought map and plans and photo for the Commission's discussion.

II. REGULATORY

Application #23-10, (Notice of Violation), Freddy Enriques, 17 Old Stagecoach Road. To receive and discuss an application re Drainage System within Regulated area. Application received June 6, 2023. Site walk on June 15, 2023. Received a 65-day extension. Mr. Enriques was granted an extension to October 28, 2023. Awaiting new application. Freddy Enriques not being present, the Commission moved onto the next application.

Application #23-13, Redding Country Club, (Owners), Nazzaro, Inc, (agents), 109 Lonetown Road. To receive and discuss an application for pond restoration. Ross Nazzaro made presentation for the owners. There were two parts to the presentation. Part one was about the restoration of two small ponds that feed into a larger pond before exiting the property to the south. The request is to remove the sediment that has built up over time and remove the sediment to a nearby site where it will become a berm, or reinforce an existing berm. The 2nd part is about a run-off pond near the 18th tee. It is a small area that has silted up, with an underground pipe leading to the large pond by Lonetown Road. The plan is to remove the silt to a nearby berm, restore the pond to its original condition and to enlarge the pond by extending it to the northwest so the impounded water can be used for irrigation during the months of drought. It is expected that work for this project will begin this winter

for completion next Spring. Site inspection was scheduled for November 27, 2023 at 10:15am.

Application #23-14, (Notice of Violation), William and Taryn McManus, 156 Gallows Hill Road. To receive and discuss an application for grading, frame watercourse with boulders/plants, construct small bridge, clear walk/plant gardens, construct golf green(s), install patio, rebuild front wall, remove trees with the regulated area. William McManus made the presentation. The expectation is that this project will extend over five years. Wants to create a waterway in a low part of the property. David Patee stated that the Commission needs a detailed plan of the watercourse, and that the applicant will need to consult with Aimee Pardee, the Land Use Director regarding the planned front wall. Site inspection was postponed until the Commission receives a map.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- An e-mail from Aime Pardee notes that this Commission is not required to take the training sessions that are required for the Planning and Zoning Commissions.
- The Land Trust has the money to install nine kiosks.
- Budget plan is in hand, but still need numbers.
- The meeting schedule for next year has been published.
- Couch Hill preserve has been mowed, baled, and cleared. John McLaren can now close and lock gates.
- Regarding the tree clearing along Route 7 between Redding and Ridgefield; the state is supposed to notify the local government of work in its area.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- Stuart Green noted that people are putting rocks/boulders on the trails and he thinks this a town issue.
- Kate Perry had complained to John McLaren about a tent being erected near her place; but it will soon be removed.
- Noted that it is illegal for private land owners to connect to the public trails, or to open space.

There being no further discussion, David Patee adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. as moved by Tina Miller and seconded by Wallace Perlman.

Submitted by,
Alexander P. Scott