

Redding Conservation Commission

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Minutes

April 16, 2024

7:00 p.m. – Town Hall – 100 Hill Road

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

Absent: William Hill

David Pattee called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (after Section II)

With the following corrections made to the minutes of April 2, 2024; and upon the motion by Tina Miller, with a second from Clairann Matzke; they were unanimously approved by the Commissioners:

- Section I, replace “emended” by “amended.”
- Section II, correct the instances where Clairann Matzke’s name was misspelled.
- Section III, insert “applicant’s” before “plans of remediation.”
- Section IV, correct David Pattee’s name.
- Section V. replace “none” with “Stuart Green attended the CAWS conference and reported on vernal pool mapping in the Town of Fairfield.”

Moved by Wallace Perlman, and seconded by Clairann Matzke, the minutes of the site inspection of the intersection of Greenbush Road and Huckleberry Road (Application #24-07) on April 4, 2024 was unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

II. REGULATORY

Application #24-08, New Pond Farm Foundation, Inc. (owners), Land Tech/Tom Ryder (agent), 101 Marchant Road. To receive and discuss an application to dredge pond, remove barriers to fish migration, replace two culverts, and create wetlands through creative of three vernal pool basins. Tom Ryder from Land Tech made the presentation. Site inspection was scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 4 p.m.

Application #24-07, Aquarian Water Company of CT, unimproved portion of Huckleberry Road near intersection with Greenbush Road. To receive and discuss an

application for replacement of an existing bridge, removal of old decking and abutments, installation of new abutments and decking, and grading of woods road to meet bridge decking within the regulated area. A site inspection was made April 10, 2024. Discussion continued from April 2, 2024. Karen Giampe made the presentation for the Aquarian Water Company and was supported by its contractor, Kevin Hanes. She noted that any excavation would be done by any hand; and any heavy equipment used would remain on the road. The bridge that is to be replaced dates from 2016; but it was not constructed with long-lasting materials.

- Wallace Perlman moved that Application #24-07 be approved. Stuart Green seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- None

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- Tina Miller reported on her investigation into Eversource's tree-clearing activities along its rights of way in the Town. She identified the need for Eversource to notify the Commission of activity in or near watercourses and wetlands and in Town Open Space so that the Commission can assess possible ways to minimize damage from Eversource's work and discuss remediation of any damage. She will continue to gather information to present to the Commission in the future, when next steps can be discussed.
- Stuart Green reported on the ongoing plans for the annual Trail Party on April 28, 2024, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Old Town House.

There being no further discussion, David Pattee adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. as moved by Tina Miller and seconded by Wallace Perlman.

Submitted by,
Alexander P Scott