



seconded by Commissioner Reilly, to approve the application of Ahlstrom Nonwovens LLC for the dredging of a portion of the Windsor Locks Canal within the Suffield Town limits, with the following conditions:

Suffield Conservation Commission stipulations 1-11 shall apply. (Copy attached)

12. The site is subject to erosion and sedimentation inspections by the Commission and/or its agent. Any fees associated with these inspections are the responsibility of the applicant.

13. The applicant must comply with any conditions from CT - DEEP, Natural Diversity Data Base, as per their letter to Mr. Jackson, dated January 17, 2015.

The Commission is also in receipt of a letter from GZA, to Mr. Jackson, dated November 10, 2015, stating that their investigation did not find any evidence of two state-listed mussel species.

This property is located at the end of Canal Street, Assessor's Map 87H, Block 55, Lot 8. This permit is granted in a Summary Ruling, as it is the Commission determination that the proposed work will not have any long term impacts on regulated areas. This permit shall expire on March 10, 2019. The applicant has paid a filing fee of \$ 214.00.

The motion was made and carried unanimously.

**Permit # 1641 – Brew (owner) – Farm Road – Mountain Road. This property is located on the north side of Mountain Road, nearest intersection being North Stone Street. Assessor's Map 10, Block 12, Lot 72A.**

Consultant Morris updated the Commission on this application for a farm road, which has already been constructed. The property owner, Scott Brew addressed the Commission. Mr. Brew stated he was unaware that he needed a wetlands permit for this activity as there was already a farm road at that location. He added a cross culvert and some fill as a portion of the area was hard to access in the spring. A discussion followed on removing the road. Acting Chairman Noble asked if it was possible to construct the access road along the western property boundary as shown on a previous approval for construction of two homes on the land. Consultant Morris stated that this previous approval has since expired. Mr. Brew stated that he would not be able to afford to construct the road as designed in that approval. He simply wants to access the land for farming. After a lengthy discussion, Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, to approve the application of Scott Brew for an existing farm on Mountain Road, with the following conditions:

Suffield Conservation Commission stipulations 1-11 shall apply. (Copy attached)

**12. The farm road shall be removed and the area restored to its natural condition should there be a future application for development of the site by the current or future owner.**

This property is located on the north side of Mountain Road, nearest intersection being North Stone Street. Assessor's Map 10, Block 12, Lot 72A. This permit is granted in a Summary Ruling, as it is the Commission determination that the proposed work will not have any long term impacts on regulated areas. This permit shall expire on March 10, 2019. The applicant has paid a filing fee of \$ 120.00.

The motion was made and carried unanimously.

**INFORMAL DISCUSSION:**

**Four Seasons Farm – Agricultural Operation – End of Poole Road**

Jay Ussery of J. R. Russo & Associates LLC presented an informal plan on behalf of Four Seasons Farms for tomato greenhouse farming for land at the end of Poole Road. Also present were Joe Geremia of Geremia Greenhouses and Herbert Soroca of Northcove Capital Management. Mr. Russo stated that the long term plan is for a 50 acre greenhouse complex on approximately 125 acres of land. Phase one would be for a 10 acre facility. The farm will be a state of the art facility using the latest technology including computer controlled light, humidity, and nutrients. Mr. Ussery then went over the details of the operation. He stated that they are in the process of having the wetlands delineated but assumes that there will be the need for wetland mitigation.

A discussion followed on potential wetland impacts. Consultant Morris stated that the commission would need to know the wetland impacts for the total build out prior to approving individual phases. This would also be necessary for any Army Corps of Engineers permit that may be necessary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 27, 2015 MEETING**

Commissioner Reilly made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, to approve the minutes as written. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

## **CONSULTANT'S REPORT**

Consultant Morris updated the Commission on the Tennessee Gas Pipeline (Permit # 1637) public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2016. The applicant's representative informed Mr. Morris late this afternoon that they mistakenly sent out the legal notice to the wrong group of abutters. Therefore the proper abutters in Suffield have not been notified. Consultant Morris stated that he has received an email granting the Commission an extension on the 65 day required timeframe to hold the hearing. Therefore, the hearing needs to be rescheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 7:30 P.M. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Wilcox made that motion, seconded by Commissioner Reilly. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

Consultant Morris then went over a logging plan submitted for land in West Suffield, owned by Louis Preli. There are no wetlands on site and the land shall be accessed by the abandoned Town Road off of Copper Hill Road. A discussion followed on ownership of the access road and the load capacity of the bridge on that road. After discussion, The Commission asked consultant Morris to relay there concerns to the logger and suggested that he contact the abutters in the area and also investigate the load capacity of the existing bridge.

Consultant Morris presented the 2016 meeting schedule to the Commission. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Reilly made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, to accept the proposed 2016 meeting schedule. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Reilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox. The motion was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by  
Norm John Noble

Recording Secretary