

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2008**

PRESENT: Arthur Christian, Chairman
Glenn Neilson, Vice Chariman
Thomas Heffernan, Secretary
Jack Leahey
Raymond Wilcox

ALTERNATES: Andy Krar
Keith Golembiewski

RECORDING SECRETARY: Keith Morris

CONSULTANT: Keith Morris

ABSENT: Bob Roberts

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-7:00 P.M.

Chairman Art Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Keith Golembiewski will be a voting member in place of Bob Roberts who is absent.

II. SUNRISE PARK SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Chairman Art Christian stated that Thomas Drakeley is not scheduled to come in until the second meeting in January. He updated the Commission on several issues. There was a discussion with DPW about possibly putting a football field at Stony Brook Park for the Suffield/Windsor Locks football team. Keith pulled the rules and regulations for the park which stated it is to be used for passive uses only. Therefore DPW was told this would not be possible.

III. DECISIONS

A. Permit #1533-Briarwood Homes-Office Building with Associated Parking-228 Mountain Road. This property is located on the north side of Mountain Road nearest intersection being Hill Street. Assessor's Map #24H, Block 30, Lot #131.

Keith stated that this application will be continued until the January 13, 2009 meeting because an engineered plan has not yet been submitted. Glenn made a motion, seconded by Jack, to continue the meeting until January 13, 2009, and request a complete site plan for review. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

IV. AMENDMENT

A. Permit # 1509 – TDN Properties – Construction of New Office and Expansion of Existing Parking Lot - 1186 South Street. The property is located on the east side of South Street nearest intersection being Austin Street. Assessor's Map #25H, Block #37, Lot #18A & Map #29H, Block #37, Lot 18.

Attorney Allan Koerner addressed the Commission. The applicant is requesting an amendment to the original permit granted on October 23, 2007. Kevin Johnson from Close, Jensen, and Miller went over the proposed changes. The major change is a reduction in parking spaces of 344, which results in approximately 3 acres of land which will now be left in its current state. The detention basin, along with all other work will remain unchanged. Glenn Neilson asked about an original condition involving catch basins, 7, 8, 9, and 10. Kevin stated they are no longer part of the project.

Keith submitted comments from Town Engineer Gerry Turbet. Gerry had a comment on the cover over a 4" PVC pipe on sheet 11. A discussion followed. Kevin Johnson stated this is a minor revision which they would address.

After discussion, Glenn Neilson made a motion to approve the amendment of TDN Properties with the following conditions:

- 1-10) Suffield Conservation Commission stipulations 1-10 shall apply.
- 11) An outside consultant shall be hired to perform soil and erosion control inspections every two weeks and after every ½ " storm event. These reports are to be submitted to the Town Engineer and the Conservation Administrative Secretary.
- 12) These plans have undergone revisions. It is noted that the approved plans do not include a proposed carwash, which was included as part of the original proposal.
- 13) As built plans will be required for the detention basin and storm drainage system.
- 14) It is noted that cutoff lighting was incorporated into this plan at the request of the Commission.
- 15) This Commission is recommending that the existing pavement be reground and reused on the site.
- 16) The construction noted on Sheet 4 of 12 shall be adhered to. Any stumps removed shall go to an approved site and the tickets shall be supplied to the Conservation Office.
- 17) Loam remaining onsite will need to be vegetated.
- 18) A sheet is to be added to the front of the plans where all of the approval letters can be placed.
- 19) A preconstruction meeting shall take place prior to the start of any construction and will be attended by the Conservation Consultant, and the onsite site inspector hired by the applicant. This meeting shall be taped and minutes shall be placed in the file.
- 20) The applicant must address the "Plan Review Comment" from the Town Engineer's memo dated December 9, 2008. This concerns the proposed grade over the 4" PVC sanitary line at the 15" storm drain crossing. If necessary measures must be taken to protect the pipe.

A final set of plans with these revisions and the cover sheet shall be submittal to the conservation office for final approval.

Ray Wilcox seconded the motion. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

This property is located on the east side of South Street nearest intersection being Austin Street. Assessor's Map #29H, Block #37, Lot #18 & 18A. This permit is granted as a Summary Ruling as it does not involve impact on wetland and watercourses. This permit will expire on February 9, 2012. The applicant has paid a fee in the amount of \$ 130.00.

V. CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Consultant Keith Morris updated the Commission on the Underhill/Sikes complaint on Mapleton Avenue. Last week he and Art met separately with Tracy Underhill and Halley Sikes. Keith presented pictures that Mr. Sikes had given them. The pictures show the area as it looks now, after it was dredged in 1998, and what it looked like prior to dredging. Keith also updated the Commission on the status of the septic system with North Central Health District (NSHD). Mike Corona of their office told Keith that the system is failing and repairs are needed. NCHD will be following up with M. Underhill. After a lengthy discussion, the Commission decided to wait until the court determined ownership of the pond and NCHD followed up on the failing septic system.

Jim Kozikis of 5 Woodbridge Drive addressed the Commission regarding a pond he wants to put on his property adjacent to an existing pond. Keith will go out and look at the site and contact Mr. Kozikis.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 25, 2008

Glenn Neilson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ray Wilcox seconded the motion which was made and carried unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Glenn Neilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ray Wilcox and was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.