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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 - 7:00 PM
Town Hall - Conference Room 2
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**Members Present:** Chairman Falk Von Plachecki, Rebecca Meyer, Michelle Kosmo, Micheal Rogers, Susan Bruening, Mary Tremblay, Wetlands Enforcement Officer Daniel Hickey

Members Absent: Denise Turner (BOS Liaison)

#### 1. REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM:

- A. Call to Order Chairman F. Von Plachecki called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM
- B. Additions to Agenda None
- **C. Approval of Minutes** M. Kosmo made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting, seconded by M. Rogers. Motion passed (4-0).
  - R. Meyer was seated at 7:03 PM
- D. Public Comment None
  - S. Bruening was seated at 7:04 PM
- E. Pending Applications
  - 1. W2023-3090 15 Ventura Dr; Justin Williams Applicant/Owner; Assessor's ID 03-05-023-021; Proposed single family home, driveway, garage, deck, septic system, site grading, and erosion & sediment controls within Upland Review Area.
    - M. Kosmo made the motion to approve application **W2023-3090** with standard conditions, M. Rogers seconded. Motion passed (6-0).
  - **2. W2023-3091** 111 Pine Brook Rd; Daniel Durrenberger Applicant/Owner; Assessor's ID 4W-09-004-000; Proposed restoration and enhancement of man-made pond with excavation, dredging, and site grading.
    - D. Hickey informed the commission that there are no zoning regulations that pertain to increasing stream volume, and that the contractor would utilize a silt bag when discharging water from the pond to the attached stream. M. Kosmo made the motion to approve application **W2023-3091** with the condition that a silt bag is utilized when discharging any water from the pond, M. Tremblay seconded. Motion passed (6-0)

### F. New Applications

**1. W2023-3093 -** 10 West Rd; Cheryl Beaulieu - Applicant/Owner; Assessor's ID 03-09-019-000; Proposed filling or relocation of wetlands for future development.

The commission reviewed the application packet provided by D. Hickey. F. Von Plachecki strongly recommended the applicants hire a soil scientist as more information regarding the functions and values of the wetlands is needed. R. Meyer made the motion to table application **W2023-3093**, M. Rogers seconded. Motion passed (6-0)

2. W2024-3094 - 101 Pine Brook Rd; Richard Stevenson - Applicant/Owner; Assessor's ID 4W-09-003-000; Proposed restoration and enhancement of man-made pond with excavation, dredging, and site grading.

The commission reviewed the application packet provided by D. Hickey, D. Hickey informed the commission that the same contractor conducting the work of application **W2023-3091** at 111 Pine Brook Road would be hired and would follow the same guidelines and practices recommended by the commission for **W2023-3091**. M. Rogers made the motion to table application **W2024-3094**, S. Bruening seconded. Motion passed (6-0).

- G. Old Business None
- H. New Business None
- I. Enforcement Updates from WEO

D. Hickey followed up with the commission regarding the wetland concerns at 527 Param Rd. D. Hickey mentioned that he had received the signature confirmation for the **second** notice of wetland concerns sent via certified mail, however the resident has yet to contact the town.

#### J. Conservation

F. Von Plachecki informed the commission that the Connecticut Association of Wetland Scientists are holding their annual meeting on March 7, 2024.

## K. Correspondence

- 1. Wetland Administrative Permits Issued None
- 2. Staff Updates & Other Correspondence None
- L. Adjournment M. Kosmo made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by R. Meyer. Motion passed (6-0) meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Hickey, Wetlands Enforcement Officer