

Conservation Commission Meeting

January 12, 2016

The Conservation Commission conducted a scheduled meeting on January 12, 2016 in Room 111 of the Birdseye Complex, 468 Birdseye Street, Stratford, Connecticut.

Members Present: J. DiMenno, W. McCann, K. Rodia, R. Heiden

Members Absent: Chairman Dancho

Also Present: Conservation Administrator, Mrs. Batoh, J.E. Martin

Call to Order: Mr. DiMenno called the meeting to order at 7: 30p.m.

Approval of Minutes: MR. MCCANN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2015 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS: CHANGE PLASTIC TO REUSEABLE AND MARCIA'S WAY TO MARCIA STEWART WAY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. RODIA. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Conservation Administrators Report:

Mrs. Batoh discussed a proposal that was presented for a development at 795 James Farm Road. It's on a very steep slope and CLP's right of way is in between. She did some calculating and approximately 100,000 cubic yards of fill would be needed. The location is about 250 ft. away from wetlands, so not technically defined as wetland area, however the town regulations gives us the right to require an Inland/Wetland permit, if there could be a significant effect in the water course. With this amount of fill and no real defined measures for sediment control, she feels an Inland/Wetland application is pertinent. The developer is fighting this decision, therefore a legal matter will move forward. She displayed a site map of the location. Commissioners discussed all aspects of the circumstances. The Commission feels they are compelled to review any reconstruction that could impact Inland/Wetland areas. Mr. DiMenno suggested Mrs. Batoh write a letter and email the members for approval. The Commission decided a statement would be relevant.

MRS. RODIA MADE A MOTION UPON REVIEWING THE PROPOSED DEVELOPEMENT PLAN FOR 795 JAMES FARM ROAD AT JANUARY 12, 2016 MEETING THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT UNDER STATE STATUE THE STRATFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION ARE OBLIGED TO RECOMMEND THE CURRENT APPLICATION TO INLAND/WETLAND AND WATER COURSE COMMISSION FOR A COMPLETE ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING REVIEW AS THE PROPOSAL HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO NATURAL RESOURCES IN EXISTING DEVELOPEMENT IN THE AREA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. HEIDEN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. McCann recommended we send an Agenda to Marcia Stewart at Lord Chamberlain.

Mrs. Batoh discussed the resolution for naming the section of the roadway Marcia Stewart Way, she stated that Mrs. Rodia brought it up to the Council at the Public Forum Meeting. Mrs. Rodia mentioned that Mark Dumas will be the Sponsor for moving forward with Marcia's resolution, tabled in February. Mr. Heiden suggested inviting the protection environment members, the Commission stressed the importance of many supporters coming and expressing the great things Ms. Stewart had done for this community. Also, Mr. DiMenno suggested someone should contact her son, so he will be informed of this honor.

Mrs. Rodia asked if Mrs. Batoh could look into what the Commission's finances are.

The Project Greensweep will be held on April 30, 2016, but she will confirm this with Beautification. She also mentioned there will be a Public Greenway Meeting held January 20, 2016 at the Baldwin Center.

Old Business: Ct. Neighborhood Assistance Act Program: Revisit

Mrs. Batoh announced that the 450 James Farm Road proposal was denied.

New Business:

Mr. McCann mentioned a new venue. Mrs. Batoh apologized for not getting to this, but she sees no problem with the Public Works Department site being attainable.

Mrs. Batoh discussed starting a conservation based newspaper article, perhaps a factoid section with just simple informational tips. She will look into this further.

Therefore being no further business Mr. McCann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was seconded by Mr. Heiden. The meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Laurell Barr

