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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

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A Regular Meeting of the Enfield Conservation Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Karen LaPlante in the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 @ 7:44 PM

Roll Call

Secretary Kathy Vose took the roll.

Present - Commissioner Vose, Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall, Commissioner Wyzga, Commissioner LaPlante, Commissioner Kober, and Commissioner McGuire

Absent – Commissioner Dynia, Chair Cote, and Commissioner Sacerdote

Also Present – Karen Timpone – Recording Secretary

Public Participation – None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: The ECC did not get copies of the minutes so a motion was made by Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall to table the meeting minutes from July 12, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Kober – No discussion – unanimously 6/0/0

Correspondence: Vice Chair LaPlante asked where to put the new application and Aquifer Protection items that came in? Commissioner Kober suggested it be discussed in Correspondence but any issues or voting should take place in New Business. Vice Chair LaPlante discussed two new items given to the ECC. One is an application to the Connecticut DEEP sent to the ECC by the applicant. It is a request for authorization under the general permit diversion of water for consumptive use from 131 Town Farm Road, LLC for that farm (Jarmoc) on the corner of Town Farm Road and Broad Brook Road. They want to withdraw up to 250,000 gallons per day from surface water or stratified drift aquifer. They have a pond on the property. The site is approximately 58.5 acres and contains 5 tobacco barns, of the total acreage 33 acres is farmable while the balance is considered woodlands. The water diversion is solely for the irrigation of agricultural goods. Water will be diverted via a diesel powered pump located at the water source and delivered to the reel and monitor via buried pipe. All of the equipment was purchased via the USDA/NRCS grant process. This improved process is a more efficient activity through new pumping technology, water delivery underground pipe versus ground level irrigation pipe and the decreased time required for set up and breakdown. The average daily withdrawal or transfer will be 240,000 gallons for the day and they do not expect to withdrawal more than 500 gallons per minute. The frequency of withdrawals or transfers will be only 1 to 2 days per year between June 15th and August 30th. Commissioner McGuire thinks it is a reasonable request as some years no irrigation is needed at all. Commissioner McGuire will find out of the USDA NRCS did the calculations as to the size of the pond and the pump allowed as part of the grant. Commissioner McGuire will look into this and also what type of pond this is. They are not sure if it is in within 3000' of an Aquifer protection area. The ECC decided there will no comment made as it is only 1 to 2 days per year and the fact that NRCS was involved in the process. There is also a comment period for the ECC or IWWA that can be addressed to DEEP. Commissioner Kober said this will go to IWWA for review. There was a concern about the pond being some sort of vernal pool and what will happen to all the creatures but they will not pump until June 30th at the earliest and the critters should be all hatched and moved on by then.

The other new item is a 55 and over, multifamily housing development, single family detached dwelling units at the corner of Brainard Road and George Washington Road. The applicant was Washington Associates of Enfield, LLC. It is going to IWWA next week and then to P&Z. It is 20.92 acres for 42 units. Commissioner Kober stated there is a small wetland area involved which may be turned into a detention basin. It is in the upland review area of Great Brook. The ECC reviewed the plans. There is no public hearing as of yet. They went through the proposed plantings. Commissioner LaPlante asked if they want to make any comments. Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall would like to know more about the dune areas and if there are any Sand Dune Tiger Beetles in there.

A memo to the Town Council regarding The PA 490 Open Space Ordinance - Commissioner LaPlante handed it out to everyone. They are asking the Town Council and Town Manager to consider creating a PA 490 Open Space Ordinance for the Town of Enfield. It is mentioned in the new POCD, however the ECC fully endorses the creation of a PA 490 - Open Space Ordinance and asked the Town Council to give this its full consideration. There will be attachments sent – 2022 recommended land use values - they also added other towns PA 490 Open Space Ordinances as of 10/31/2019. The proposed Open Space Ordinance from ECC with a few changes made on the original one was discussed by the ECC.

Report of Officers and Committees - None.

Unfinished Business -

POCD – Commissioner LaPlante stated that a draft updated was emailed to her just yesterday. She will email it to all commissioners.

New Business –

A memo regarding the PA 490 Open Space Ordinance discussed earlier under correspondence with some adjustments, attachments including Pages 17, 18 and 19 from the PA 490 book will be sent to the Town Manager and Town Council. A motion was made by Commissioner Kober to approve the memo regarding the Open Space Ordinance with applicable enclosures to send to the Town Council and Town Manager, seconded by Commissioner Wyzga – No discussion – passed unanimously 6/0/0

Liaison Report – Economic Development Commission – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall reported that they completed the application for the ARPA funds for \$250,000 for businesses in town and \$200,000 for non-profits .

Liaison Report - Scantic River Watershed Association – Commissioner Pfeifer-Hall reported the full moon paddle was Saturday night September 10th.

Adjournment: Next meeting is Tuesday October 11, 2022 –

Motion was made by Commissioner Kober to adjourn seconded by Commissioner McGuire – No discussion – Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:18 PM