

MINUTES

GREENWICH INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY, 2019

September 9, 2019

Members present: Vice Chairman Elliot Benton, Secretary Stephan Skoufalos, and Jo Rogers

Alternates present: Peter Linderoth and Klaus Jander

Staff present: Robert Clausi, Senior Wetlands Analyst

Others present: Matt Popp, Environmental Land Solutions, LLC; Rosanne Berman, Bryan French, and Jeffrey Drayer

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Elliot Benton called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Seating of Alternates

Peter Linderoth and Klaus Jander were seated.

3. Other Business

None

I. Consent Approval

1. **#2019-105 – 36 Zaccheus Mead Lane – Environmental Land Solutions, LLC for Fisk Management, LLC for construction of gazebo 10 feet from a wetland. Tax #10-3225 (first 65 days 10/30/19)**

A motion to approve with the conditions listed in the staff report was made by Stephan Skoufalos and was seconded by Peter Linderoth. The motion carried 5-0-0.

II. New Applications for Review

1. **#2019-103 – 270 Palmer Hill Road – Jeffrey and Mandi Drayer for patio removal and construction of deck over a wetland. Tax #12-3234 (first 65 days 10/30/19)**

Bob Clausi reviewed his staff report, which notes the wetland behind the Drayer residence has historically been maintained as lawn and will be returned to this condition once the patio is removed. The construction of the deck on its six supporting posts should cause little or no impact to the wetland and will not alter its primary function of flood control.

Jeffrey Drayer, property owner, appeared before the agency and voiced no objections to staff comments or recommendations. Mr. Drayer agreed with Peter Linderoth's suggestion that he work with staff and plant some native pollinator species in the area from which the patio is to be removed.

A motion to approve with the conditions listed in the staff report was made by Jo Rogers and was seconded by Klaus Jander. The motion carried 5-0-0.

2. #2019-104 – 21 Cedarwood Drive – S.E. Minor & Co., Inc. for 21 Cedarwood Drive LLC to complete residential redevelopment in and adjacent to wetlands. Tax #11-1191 (first 65 days 10/30/19)

Bob Clausi explained the applicant seeks to complete the redevelopment of 21 Cedarwood Drive following the recent expiration of the original permit. A more diverse planting plan for the wetland and buffer to the south of the house than what was previously approved has been submitted as part of this application; otherwise, there has been no change to the original project.

Roseanne Berman appeared before the agency on behalf of the applicant and, after receiving an assurance that machinery may be used when installing the buffer enhancement plantings, voiced no objections to staff comments or recommendations.

A motion to approve with the conditions listed in the staff report was made by Peter Linderoth and was seconded by Jo Rogers. The motion carried 5-0-0.

3. #2019-106 – 10 Edgewood Drive – Environmental Land Solutions, LLC for The Cotswolds Association for control of invasive plants and landscaping in and adjacent to wetlands. Tax #07-9653 (first 65 days 10/30/19)

Bob Clausi reviewed the applicant's proposal for removing and controlling non-native, invasive plant species around The Cotswolds pond. Mr. Clausi noted the agency may decide granting a 5-year permit is appropriate in this case, given the wetland benefits which will result from the multiyear effort The Cotswolds Association will need to make.

Matt Popp of Environmental Land Solutions, LLC appeared before the agency on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Popp questioned the assertion made in the staff report that areas being mowed between the condominium buildings and pond are in a deed-restricted conservation easement, but stated the association is nonetheless willing to work with staff to develop an acceptable management plan. Agency members supported the proposed collaborative

approach to resolving this issue. Mr. Popp also relayed the applicant's request that the \$3,000 performance bond recommended in the staff report be waived. After some discussion, the sense of the agency was to maintain the bond as recommended.

A motion to approve a 5-year permit with the conditions listed in the staff report was made by Stephan Skoufalos. The motion was seconded by Jo Rogers and carried 5-0-0.

4. #2019-110 – 7 Cherry Valley Road – Rocco V. D'Andrea, Inc. for Ronan Fitzpatrick for residential additions, pool, patios, septic system, and drainage 5 feet from wetlands. Tax #10-2371 (first 65 days 10/30/19)

Bob Clausi reviewed his staff report, which describes the applicant's proposal to construct residential additions, pool, patios, driveway, and drainage system at 7 Cherry Valley Road. The applicant also plans to enhance the wetland buffers to the north and east of the house. A deadline for completing the eastern buffer plantings is included in the recommended conditions of approval, in order to insure the timely correction of recent unauthorized grading in this area.

Bryan French of Rocco V. D'Andrea, Inc. appeared before the agency on behalf of the applicant and voiced no objections to staff comments or recommendations.

A motion to approve with the conditions listed in the staff report was made by Jo Rogers and was seconded by Klaus Jander. The motion carried 5-0-0.

III. Other Business

None

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Robert E. Clausi
Senior Inland Wetlands Analyst