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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WINDSOR INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TUESDAY JANUARY 7, 2020 7:00PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS WINDSOR TOWN HALL

Chairman Lou Morando called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

I. Roll Call (Remind people to silence cell phones.)

Present: Chairman Lou Morando, Vice Chairman Paul St Amand, Secretary Marlene Towers and Commissioners Steven Fraysier, Richard Williams, Ruth Jefferis and Adam Schibley. A quorum was established.

Absent: Commissioner James Walton, Kevin Washington

Also present was Wetlands Agent Tom Hazel.

II. Public Communications (3-minute limit on items other than Public Hearings)

Public communications open at 7:01.

There were no comments from the public.

Public communications closed at 7:01.

III. Minutes

Commissioner Schibley made a motion to approve the minutes as amended for the December 3, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Towers seconded the motion. The commission voted 7-0-0.

IV. Business Meeting

New Business

Application 19-105_41 Pepperbush Lane – Town of Windsor – Detention pond vegetative maintenance and pipe repair. Wetlands Agent Hazel presented for the town. The access road around the pond to get to the spillway and out fall from the pond needs to have the vegetation removed. Also, one of the inlet pipes has separated at the joint. It will be removed and replaced with a single length of pipe. A motion to accept the application and hold it until the next regular meeting was proposed by Commissioner Schibley and seconded by Towers the vote was 7-0-0.

Application 19-107_530 Park Avenue – Town of Windsor – Detention basin vegetative maintenance around the edges and along the access road. Wetlands Agent Hazel presented for the town. The banks of the basin have become overgrown with light woody vegetation and the access around the basin has become overgrown as well. With a mechanical mower, the DPW will mow the brush in place. The proposed work is in the

upland review. A motion to accept the application and delegate it to the agent for approval was proposed by commissioner Schibley and Seconded by St. Amand, the vote was 7-0-0.

Application 19-108_777 Day Hill Road – Mark Greenberg – Construction of a Hotel with related infrastructure. Alford Associates presented plans for a stormwater detention basin created in the uplands to handle the storm water from the hotel sight as well as possible future development on the same parcel. The basin did not directly discharge into a wetland or other resource. The design had the outflow connecting to an existing drainage pipe between to detention ponds on the adjacent property. The commission had several questions about flows and volumes into the watershed and about future development loads on the system. A motion to accept the application and delegate it to the agent for approval was proposed by commissioner Schibley and seconded by St. Amand, the vote was 5-1-1.

Application 19-109_1201 Kennedy Road – SPA Properties – Construction of a distribution center with related infrastructure. Langan engineering and All Points Technology presented the plans for a distribution center that shows a proposed bridge spanning over an area of wetlands in order to avoid direct impact and having a site with soils that facilitate good infiltration, the stormwater would mainly be treated through infiltration. The use of infiltration basins having outflow structures in located in the upland review. This project has been designed with no direct wetlands impacts. The commission debated about holding a public hearing and timelines pertaining to the approval/denial process. After several minutes of debate the applicant decided to give into the idea that there would be public interest and request the public hearing themselves. A motion to accept the application and schedule a public hearing for the next regularly scheduled meeting was proposed by St. Amand and seconded by Williams, the vote was 6-0-0 with one commissioner recused.

Amendments to the Wetlands Regulations were proposed. Changes to section 2.1 (z) – definition of a municipality, section 10.9 - addition of missing language, and section 20.3 - addition of a missing section. Commissioner Morando formally proposed the changes and request that they be presented to DEEP for review so that a public hearing could be held in order to adopt the changes.

Old Business

Application 19-103_72 Mack Street – Town of Windsor – Culvert repair and extension. Wetlands Agent Hazel presented the application for the town. He stated that the head wall of the storm drain was failing and the town wanted to replace it with a pipe extension with a flared end and riprap. This would have better longevity and would reduce erosion. This would also give the town the option to widen the driveway at 72 Mack Street if there is a positive outcome to talks with the neighbor at 70 Mack Street. This application is for the replacement not for driveway work. A motion to approve the application was put forth by Commissioner Schibley and was seconded by Towers, the vote was 7-0-0.

Application 19-104_135 Lang Road – Town of Windsor – NWP, Beaver dam removal/adjustment. Wetlands Agent Hazel presented for the town. The farm road leading to the reservoir boat launch has been compromised by beaver activity and has become impassible. The culvert under the road has been blocked and the beavers have raised the water level of the pond. This is causing the road to be topped and made impassible. The park maintainer has asked to make some changes to remedy this issue. After inspecting the site it was found that if the culvert were opened and the materials the beavers had placed perpendicular to the road were pushed back the water would be able to lower and flow out. At a later date the town will want to raise the road and possibly put millings down to better armor the road from wash out. This application is for removing/adjusting the beaver dam. A motion to approve the application was put forth by Towers and seconded by Commissioner Williams, the vote was 7-0-0.

IV. Public Hearing - None

V. Miscellaneous - None

VI. Authorized Agent Actions

AA19-282_37T Dally Farm Road – Town of Windsor – vegetative maintenance of a detention basin. Wetlands Agent Hazel spoke. All the work was performed in the upland review and performed mainly by hand. This particular basin had not been maintained since it was constructed. The infrastructure is part of a three basin system. One basin is mowed on a regular basis another is a natural feature and the third is this basin. Post clearing all disturbed areas were stabilized and flow was observed. In the dry season this basin will now get mowed as the other one does.

VII. Agent Report - None

VIII. Petitions from Commissioners

Happy New Year to all.

IX. Adjournment

Commissioner Towers moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. Commissioner St Amand seconded. All six commissioners voted yes.

I certify that these minutes were approved on

Marlene Towers, Secretary
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission