

**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
SEPTWMBER 5, 2019 – 7:15PM
GOSHEN TOWN HALL – 42 NORTH STREET**

PRESENT: Chairman Tom Stansfield, Vice Chairman Allen Kinsella, Rick Wadhams, Lorraine Lucas

OTHERS: Martin Connor, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

EXCUSED: Ray Turri and Neal White

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Stansfield called the meeting to order at 7:13PM and noted that there is one vacancy on the commission and two excused commissioners. The proceedings were recorded digitally, and copies are available in the Land Use Office in Town Hall.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS: No business was discussed.

3. READING OF THE MINUTES:

August 1, 2019 regular meeting.

MOTION Mr. Wadhams, second Mrs. Lucas, to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2019 meeting as written. No discussion. **Motion carries.**

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A: SHR Energy Management for Town of Goshen- 42 North Street- Solar array at Goshen Center School RSD#6.

George Logan, Registered Soil Scientist of REMA Ecological Services, LLC presented. Mr. Logan brought the plan for the plantings and layout, adding a more detailed page 2 to last month's presentation. He reviewed the notes on what was to be done as far as plantings, mowing, and monitoring. Mr. Logan, or a equally qualified person, will be on site during the planting phase. After the first year, there will be two years of monitoring to insure there is no growth of invasive species. Mowing is an important part of the plan. The first mowing will be the last week of June to ensure the first cycle of native plant growth will be done. The second mowing will be done in October, before the first typical snow fall. Mr. Logan is going to custom order the seed for the meadow with some of the plants being included in the mix shade tolerant. There was discussion as to who was responsible for the mowing once the project is established. If it is the Town DPW, the instructions provided by Mr. Logan need to be adhered to. Due to the wetlands, and during the wet season, the meadow may need to be cut with hand held gas powered string mowers. The solar company is hoping to start installation at the beginning of October. Review of the piers for the solar panels and the fence post depth and height was discussed.

MOTION Mrs. Lucas second Mr. Wadhams, to approve the application for SHR Energy Management for Town of Goshen-42 North Street-Solar array at Goshen Center School RSD#6-plans dated 08/01/2019 titled "SOLAR ARRAY SITE PLAN, REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #6, GOSHEN CENTER SCHOOL, 42 NORTH STREET, GOSHEN, CONNECTICUT" by Hrica Associates LLC. With no further discussion, **motion carries.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A: Joseph LaRose for Patricia Leshane-62 Cottage Grove Road-Construction additions.

Mr. LaRose presented the survey of the property with additions noted. The proposal is to build an open deck over the existing deck on the back of the house, and a kitchen expansion and 2nd floor bedroom expansion over the existing deck on the front. The kitchen expansion does not exceed the existing footprint at all. The plan is to remove the front deck to expand the kitchen and to expand the 2nd floor bedroom over the kitchen. There will be a 2nd floor bathroom added in the hallway. On the back of the home, the existing

deck will be cut back some to allow for a small excavation area to install new pillars to support the 2nd floor deck. The 1st floor deck will be constructed back out to the pillars, in the same footprint. Mr. Connor explained that the applicants have filed for a ZBA Special Permit to allow, with a public hearing, them to do an expansion without getting any closer to the setbacks. There is little wetlands disturbance with this project but it is within the regulated area so warranted a review by the Commission.

There have been several meetings with TAHD and there is a meeting planned for next week for the B100a. **MOTION Mr. Kinsella second Mr. Wadhams**, to accept the application for Joseph LaRose for Patricia Leshane-62 Cottage Grove Road- Construction additions.

Discussion on the elevation of the property and the possible need for additional silt fencing and hay bales. The contractor agreed to add another line of silt fence as a precaution.

Motion carries.

B: Richard R. McCarty for Matthew M. Walsh- 89 West Hyerdale Drive- Shoreline stabilization.

Mr. McCarty presented the plan for the shoreline stabilization to the Commission. There is 120' of shoreline that is in need of repair. There is an existing wall, however, it was not properly constructed and is dangerous. The proposed stabilization project will take the current wall back a foot or two to provide for a more stable area to construct the wall from. There be underlayment and filter fabric utilized in the project. The stabilization will also help to prevent the sediment from Marshapaug stream, which flows about 20' out from the project site, from running into the lake. This project will be done after the drawdown of Woodridge Lake, which should be the end of October.

MOTION Mrs. Lucas second Mr. Kinsella, to accept the application for Richard R. McCarty for Matthew M. Walsh-89 West Hyerdale Drive- Shoreline stabilization. No further discussion. **Motion carries.**

Noel H Lafayette of SHR Energy Management asked to clarify some items, under Old Business A, as he was late to the meeting. He had some questions about the remainder of the permitting process. Mr. Connor will issue the Zoning permit which can be applied for online. The intention is to start the project in the wetlands area with the hopes of being completed by November 15, November 30th being the latest. There are two local people/companies hired to take care of the plantings and excavation work. According to the Eversource agreement the project needs to be complete by January 2020. Mr. Connor will also monitor that the instructions on the second page of the plan be adhered to and followed by the contractors.

6. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

The EO's report was presented. There was discussion on the work at the Kubish farm. The Commission is pleased to see the property being taken care of.

MOTION Mr. Kinsella second Mr. Wadhams, to accept another well written enforcement report. **Motion carries.**

7. CORRESPONDENCE –Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies Quarterly Newsletter.

8. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION: None

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Wadhams to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Reilly
Commission Clerk