

APPROVED/REVISED  
MINUTES  
INLAND WETLANDS BOARD MEETING

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not a verbatim transcription.

April 18, 2017	Present:	Robert Cascella Stephen Cole (Arrived @ 8:00 pm) Tim Dunphy George Hanlon John Katz Rebecca Mucchetti, Chairman Joseph Fossi, Vice Chairman
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Absent: Mark Zeck

Also Present: Beth Peyser, Wetlands Agent  
Richard Baldelli, Zoning Enforcement Officer  
Adam Schnell, Assistant Planner  
Lise Read, Recording Secretary

*There were no Inland Wetlands Board or Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearings held prior to the meeting.*

*For the record, the Planning and Zoning Meeting Item #8 was heard first, then the Chairman opened the Inland Wetlands meeting.*

At 7:45 PM Chairman Mucchetti called the meeting to order.

## PENDING ITEMS

There were no pending items.

## NEW ITEMS

1. **#2017-021-FP-SR:** Summary Ruling under Sec.7.5 of the Inland Wetlands Board regulations for the approval of existing deck, playground equipment and shed within the upland review area on 1.024± acres at **40 Mountain Road** in a RA zone. *Applicant/Owner: Robert DeRoma. For receipt and discussion.*

Ms. Peyser explained that both Mr. Robert DeRoma and his Engineer, Dainius L. Virbickas were told numerous times of the scheduled meeting and their requirement to attend. Ms. Peyser will reach out again explaining that attendance is a requirement in order for the application to be approved and the order of remedy deemed resolved.

**Commission consensus was to table the above Item and place it on the 5/2/17 Agenda.**

2. Discussion on administrative approval for site modifications to 500 Main Street (The Elms). % Agent

Ms. Peyser explained the proposed changes to the rain garden noted in the letter from Mr. Steven Sullivan, PE dated 4/12/17. Ms. Peyser stated that these changes would not affect the functionality of the collection of water.

**Mr. Hanlon motioned, Vice Chairman Fossi seconded to approve the Wetlands Agent handling the above item administratively. Motion carried 7-0.**

- ### 3. Discussion on Town initiated regulation amendments.% Chair

Chairman Mucchetti explained that she had asked both Wetlands Agent Beth Peyser and ZEO Richard Baldelli if they had any suggested regulation changes that would assist them in areas that were proving to be difficult.

- #### 4. Proposed amendment to the Wetland Regulations. % Agent

Ms. Peyser referred to her memorandum dated 4/18/17 and the proposed regulation amendment regarding approvals for work that have been completed without permits. Discussion ensued regarding what a current resident has to do for zoning in order to come into compliance and that adding a wetlands delineation is just one more step.

**Commission consensus was to schedule a Public Hearing in June, 2017.**

**BOARD WALKS:**

**April 23, 2017**

- **#2017-016-SP-PR:** Plenary Ruling, **2 Sanford Station Road, State of CT, DEEP and Town of Ridgefield**

**REQUESTS FOR BOND RELEASES/REDUCTION**

There were no requests for bond release or reduction.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**MINUTES**

**For Approval:**

**Vice Chairman Fossi motioned, Mr. Hanlon seconded to approve the Meeting Minutes for April 4, 2017 as amended. Motion carried 7-0.**

**For Distribution:**

There were no Meeting Minutes to distribute.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**May 2, 2017**

- **(Continued) #2017-010-SR-SP:** Summary Ruling Application, **55 Old Quarry Road, Formation Development Group, LLC**

**May 16, 2017**

- **#2017-016-SP-PR:** Plenary Ruling Application, **2 Sanford Station Road. State of CT, DEEP and Town of Ridgefield**

Hearing no further discussion, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lise B. Read  
Recording Secretary

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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

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Present: Robert Cascella  
Stephen Cole  
Tim Dunphy  
George Hanlon  
John Katz  
Rebecca Mucchetti, Chairman  
Joseph Fossi, Vice Chairman

Absent: Mark Zeck

Also Present: Richard Baldelli, Zoning Enforcement Officer  
Adam Schnell, Assistant Planner  
Beth Peyser, Wetlands Agent  
Lise Read, Recording Secretary

*There were no Inland Wetlands Board or Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearings held prior to the Inland Wetlands Board meeting.*

At 7:30 PM Chairman Mucchetti called the meeting to order and brought Item #8 forward.

*For the record, after Item #8 was heard the Chairman then opened the Inland Wetlands meeting.*

At 8:10 PM Chairman Mucchetti reopened the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

**PENDING ITEMS:**

1. **#2017-015-REV(SP):** Revision to the Special Permit per Section 9.2 of the Town of Ridgefield Zoning Regulations for the construction of a detached building consisting of a 2 car garage, office space and a second floor one-bedroom apartment at **40 Grove Street** in the B-2 Zone. *Statutorily received on 04/04/2017. 65 days for a decision is 06/08/2017. Owner/Appl: 40 Grove Street LLC. Authorized Agent: Reed Whipple. For discussion and action.*

Also Present: Mr. Reed Whipple

Mr. Whipple gave a brief presentation of the proposed revision to the Special Permit and agreed that there would be no outside storage, a condition ZEO Baldelli had asked for.

**Mr. Katz motioned, Mr. Hanlon seconded to approve the above revision to the Special Permit as presented and approved by the AAC and as a Final Resolution with standard conditions and the condition that there will be no outdoor storage of construction materials, equipment, supplies, debris etc. Motion carried 7-0.**

**NEW ITEMS**

2. **#2017-018-REV(SP):** Revision to Special Permit per Section 9.2 of Ridgefield Zoning Regulations to allow the establishment of a Dog Training facility “The Exceptional Pet”, at **901 Ethan Allen Highway** in the B-2 Zone. *Owner/Appl: Ridgefield Professional Office Complex LLC. AA: Paul DiNardo. For receipt and discussion.*

Also Present: Mr. Paul DiNardo  
Dr. Richard Lipton

The applicants gave a brief presentation of a proposed new door and a new outdoor fenced in area and explained the proposed use.

Noting that this use is allowed in the B2 zone, the Commission asked if the other tenants agreed to this new use and Mr. DiNardo replied that the other tenants did not have any issues. The Commission also asked about the dog waste and Dr. Lipton answered that it would be collected daily and removed off premises.

**Vice Chairman Fossi motioned, Mr. Hanlon seconded to approve the revision to the Special Permit as presented and as a Final Resolution with standard conditions and the condition that the dog waste be collected and removed daily. Motion carried 7-0.**

3. **#2017-019-REV(SP):** Revision to Special Permit per Section 9.2 of the Town of Ridgefield Planning and Zoning Regulations to convert the exterior of the building to its original façade, and one (1) new wall sign at **861 Ethan Allen Highway** in the B-2 Zone. *Owner/Appl: Richard Desrochers. For receipt and discussion.*

Also Present: Richard Desrochers

Mr. Desrochers gave a brief presentation showing a picture of the establishment back in the 1970's and his desire for his building to look like that again. Acknowledged was the AAC report and their recommendations and the applicant's agreement to follow.

**Mr. Katz motioned, Mr. Cascella seconded to approve the revision to the Special Permit as presented and as a Final Resolution with standard conditions. Motion carried 7-0.**

4. **#2017-021-FP-SR:** Site Plan Application for Floodplain Development under Section 11.5 for the approval of existing deck and playground equipment within the flood plain on 1.024± acres at **40 Mountain Road** in a RA zone. *Applicant/Owner: Robert DeRoma. For Receipt.*

As with the Inland Wetlands application, Mr. Robert DeRoma and his Engineer, Dainius L. Virbickas were told numerous times by Ms. Beth Peyser of the scheduled meeting and their requirement to attend. Ms. Peyser will reach out again explaining that attendance is a requirement in order for the application to be approved and the order of remedy deemed resolved.

**Commission consensus was to table the above Item and place it on the 5/2/17 Agenda.**

5. **#2017-022-PRE:** Pre-submission Concept meeting to discuss Winter Club House, Outdoor Ice Rink, Tennis Court and Multi-Purpose Turf field at **340 Peaceable Street**. *Applicant: Robert R. Jewell, Esq. For discussion.*

Also Present: Attorney Robert Jewell  
Mr. Peter Coffin, Architect

*For the record, Mr. Cascella was recused.*

Both representatives gave a brief presentation explaining how they have scaled back the proposed project to just an outdoor ice rink with a club house. Of note were the following points:

- The rink will be opened from October to the end of March. There will be some events occurring outside of this time frame but the facility will be closed July and August.
- Ms. Kate Throckmorton has created a major streetscape with berms and fencing on the property that will enhance sound mitigation.
- Insulated ice rink boards and chain link fencing instead of glass will be used reduce sound.

**Commission consensus was to caution the applicant that the traffic study, the noise study and the lighting plans will be highly scrutinized when the application is submitted.**

**6. Discussion on Town initiated regulation amendments.% Chair**

Again, Chairman Mucchetti explained that she had asked both the Wetlands Agent Beth Peyser and ZEO Richard Baldelli if they had any suggested regulation changes that would assist them in areas that were proving to be difficult.

ZEO Baldelli in response noted his letter of 8/25/16 to where he was recommending the number of stories for single family residences in Section 3.5.J of the Zoning Regulations be amended from 2.5 stories to 3 stories. Discussion ensued regarding the wording of the regulation.

**Commission consensus was to schedule a Public Hearing in June, 2017.**

**7. Discussion on Town Traffic.% Chair**

Chairman Mucchetti asked that a sub-committee be formed to look into the traffic issues in Town and meet with the Police Commission. Mr. Cascella volunteered and agreed to meet with the Police Commission to discuss the matter. Mr. Cole and Mr. Zeck may join Mr. Cascella on the committee.

**8. Interviews for Planning and Zoning Commission/Inland Wetlands Board vacancy.  
% Chair.**

Also Present:      Mr. Charles Robbins, Candidate  
                         Mr. Thomas Madden, Chairman Democratic Town Committee

Chairman Mucchetti noted the letter dated 4/14/17 from the Democratic Town Committee who recommended Mr. Charles Robbins to fill the vacant position on the Inland Wetlands Board and Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Robbins gave a brief personal background noting that he has been a resident of Ridgefield for approximately 33 years, is currently retired and sits on the Board of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Commission asked questions of Mr. Robbins and put the matter to a vote. There were no other candidates.

**Vice Chairman Fossi, Mr. Hanlon seconded to appoint Mr. Charles Robbins to fill the vacancy on the Inland Wetlands Board and Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried 7-0.**

**COMMISSION WALKS:**

**April 23, 2017**

- **#2017-016-SP-PR: Special Permit Application, 2 Sanford Station Road, State of CT, DEEP and Town of Ridgefield.**

**REQUESTS FOR BOND RELEASES/REDUCTION**

There were no requests for bond release or reduction.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Chairman Mucchetti noted the following pieces of correspondence. No action was required.

1. A letter from Mr. Philip, Doyle, LADA dated 4/5/17 regarding change of address for the Ridgefield Little League project.
2. A letter from Mr. Michael Galante, Frederick P. Clark dated 4/3/17 regarding the traffic study for #2 Sanford Station Rd.
3. A review memorandum from ZEO Baldelli dated 4/7/17 regarding #2 Sanford Station Rd.
4. A site map for #2 Sanford Station Rd.

5. A letter from ZEO Baldelli to Ms. Meera Lobo dated 4/5/17 regarding Hickory Lane subdivision.
6. Regulation 5.3.D Uses Requiring Special Permit .....35 Old Quarry Rd.
7. Zoning Regulation inserts.

## **MINUTES**

### **For Approval:**

**Mr. Katz motioned, Mr. Dunphy seconded to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2017 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

### **For Distribution:**

There were no Meeting Minutes to distribute.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **May 2, 2017**

- **(Continued) #2017-009-S-S-SR-A:** Special Permit Application(PH closed for Subdivision and Text Amendment), **55 Old Quarry Road** (to be assigned **35 Old Quarry Road**), Old Quarry Road LLC
- **(Continued) #2017-010-SP-SR:** Special Permit Application, **55 Old Quarry Road**, Formation Development Group LLC.

### **May 16, 2017**

- **#2017-016-SP-PR:** Special Permit Application, **2 Sanford Station Road. *State of CT, DEEP and Town of Ridgefield.***

Hearing no further discussion, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lise B. Read  
Recording Secretary