



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD Inland Wetlands Board

APPROVED/REVISED MINUTES

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October 08, 2020

Members present: Patricia Sesto; Chair, Susan Baker; Vice Chair, Tim Bishop, Tracey Miller, Alan Pilch, Kory Salomone, David Tatge

Members absent

Also present: Beth Peyser, Inland Wetlands Agent; Aarti Paranjape, Office Administrator

I: Call to order

Chair Ms. Sesto called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

II: Discussions:

- 1. (Contd.) #2020-046-SR: 13 Golf Court Application for installation of an in-ground swimming pool and associated site work within the upland review area of wetlands. Owner/Applicant: Kaile Rudy Ferreira. Received on August 27, 2020. 65 days to render a decision is October 31, 2020**

The applicant has requested to continue the discussion on October 22,2020.

- 2. #2020-052-SR, Assessor's ID: D-14-0087 at Ramapoo Road Application to construct a single family residence and associated sitework including driveway within the upland review area of wetlands. Owner: Cohan George M. Trustee. Applicant: Michael o'Mahoney. Received on September 10, 2020. 65 days to render a decision is November 14, 2020.**

The applicant has requested to continue the discussion on October 22,2020.



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III: List of Ongoing Enforcement by Agent:

None

IV: Correspondence:

- **#2020-055-REF: Referral for proposed regulated activity within 500 ft. of Town of Ridgefield boundary located at 296 Ethan Allen Highway, Redding CT. Referral sent by Agent for Applicant; Ralph J. Gallagher, Jr., P.E.**

Ms. Peyser gave an overview of the referral sent by Mr. Ralph J. Gallagher, Authorized Agent for the application submitted to the Town of Redding for activity within a regulated wetlands area within a property located at 296 Ethan Allen Highway.

Ms. Peyser informed the Board the property currently contains a Days Inn and the applicant proposes to redevelop it as a Hilton Hotel. The redeveloped property will use the existing footprint. The Town of Redding has a 200-foot upland review area, and the proposed activity is approximately 125 feet from the Norwalk River in the Town of Redding. The approximate distance of the Norwalk River on the Ridgefield side is 175 feet, which is beyond the Upland Review Area in the Town of Ridgefield. Ms. Peyser said the Board's response letter should include comments or concerns.

Ms. Sesto suggested the letter request Redding pursue an improved drainage plan if the applicant has not proposed one, this is of concern to Ridgefield as river passes through Ridgefield downstream. She added that the proposed site may also fall under the 100 year flood plain.

V: Approval of Minutes:

- **Inland Wetlands Meeting – September 24, 2020**

Ms. Miller motioned to approve the Inland Wetlands Meeting minutes as presented, Ms. Baker seconded. Motion carried 6-0-1, with Mr. Salomone abstaining.

- **Sitewalk Meeting- October 04, 2020**

Mr. Salomone motioned to approve the Sitewalk minutes as submitted, Mr. Pilch seconded. Motion carried 5-0-2, with Ms. Miller and Mr. Bishop abstaining.



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Ms. Sesto expressed her desire to visit revising the fee structure. She suggested the revenue collected could be budgeted to provide extra technical help to wetlands staff. Mr. Pilch volunteered to research and compare the application fees from neighboring municipalities.

Ms. Peyser discussed the meeting schedule for the year 2021. She will follow the same pattern of holding meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and the sitewalks will be scheduled on Sunday before the Thursday meeting.

Ms. Peyser advised each member has received a town-issued email. All future Zoom webinar invites will be sent to town emails. The updated contact list will be shared, which will reflect the town emails and other emails members wish to use for Inland Wetlands Board correspondence.

VI: Adjourn:

Hearing no further Chair Ms. Sesto adjourned the meeting at 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Aarti Paranjape

Recording Secretary



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AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY

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I: Call to order

Chair Ms. Sesto called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M.

II: Discussion:

There were no items to discuss.

Ms. Peyser informed members that Ridgefield Academy is within the state defined Aquifer Protection Area. They are working on an application and any future applications will be addressed by the APA.

III: Adjourn

Hearing no further Chair Ms. Sesto adjourned the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Aarti Paranjape

Recording Secretary