



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
**Inland Wetlands & Watercourses
Commission**

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*J. Colin Heffernan, Chairman
Charles A. Wehrly, III, Vice Chairman
Charles W. Savage*

*Richard J. Esty (Conservation)
Madeleine B. Fish (Zoning)
Paula S. Kay (Planning)
Vacancy (Economic Development)*

Alternate Members
*Elizabeth D. Steffen, Secretary
Janis L. Esty
Vacancy*

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.
Town Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room
302 Main Street, Old Saybrook

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: C. Heffernan, C. Savage, J. Esty, M. Fish, P. Kay, E. Steffen, J. Esty

Staff: C. Nelson, Town Planner, M. Paccione, Recording Clerk

The Chairman changed the order of the Agenda for Executive Session to follow after New Business.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- 19-001 **“Ingham Hill Rd. Turnaround” Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity**
Removing vegetation and material, depositing and grading material, construction and paving, surface water diversion and vegetation restoration
Terminus of Improved Portion of Ingham Hill Road and Land of Town/State/TNC
Applicant: Town of Old Saybrook Agent: Christopher Taylor, P.E.

Town Engineer, Chris Taylor, oriented the Commission to the location and reasons for the proposed improvements. Wetlands were flagged to the south and east of the project area, which is within 100 feet. The improvements are with the Ingham Hill Road right of way as well as on adjacent land owned by the Town, State with an easement to The Nature Conservatory. Stormwater run-off will use the existing cross easement under the road but with swales to slow down water. There is a bio-retention swale in the center of turnaround with plants.

Homeowners were consulted about the cul du sac, the intent of which would direct traffic away from further down the road and from turning around in private driveways. The plan has been sent to and reviewed by Police Chief Spera. Emergency vehicles will be able to go through the turnaround. Approvals of appropriate signage will come from the Traffic Commission, not IWWC, and the road design will come in front of Planning Commission for Alteration of Scenic Route and Approval of a Municipal Improvement.

The public hearing opened, and Ms Susan Esty from the Selectmen's Preserve Ad Hoc Committee addressed the Commission. She agrees that the turn around is the best solution for the area, and stated that, once finished, it will support vernal pools and re-vegetate the natural wetlands. A letter from Old Saybrook Park and Rec in support of the Ingham Hill Turnaround was noted.

MOTION to close the Public Hearing, **MADE: C. Heffernan** **SECONDED: R. Esty;** **VOTING IN FAVOR: C. Heffernan, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, P. Kay, E. Steffen, J. Esty;** **ABSTAINING: None;** **OPPOSED: None;** **APPROVED: 7-0-0.**

MOTION to approve 19-001 **"Ingham Hill Rd. Turnaround"** Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity; **MADE: C. Heffernan;** **SECONDED: E. Steffen;** **VOTING IN FAVOR: C. Heffernan, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, P. Kay, E. Steffen, J. Esty** **ABSTAINING: None. OPPOSED: None. APPROVED: 7-0-0.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

19-002 **"Perfetto" Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity**

Installation of a sump pump drainage dispersion system
9 Reservoir Road (Map 52/Lot 83)
Applicant: Robert Perfetto, Jr., Owner

The Commission received the application and found it to be complete; she suggested that the activity is significant in its impact on the wetlands and should be considered that way.

Mr. Perfetto addressed the Commission and requested to move the drainage pipe in his back yard to a different location for sump pump to lessen the drainage to his neighbor's property. He hired CT Drywell for ground well system but it was not sufficient for flow and overwhelmed it. His Plan B is to pipe it out on the other side of his property. Soil Scientist Jim Sipperly opines in his letter that this option reduces the significant activity to the wetlands. The Commission cautioned Mr. Perfetto that if his actions over time create a man-made wetland on his property, the Commission will have jurisdiction over it. C. Nelson encouraged the Commission to read Mr. Sipperly's report.

Mr. Perfetto presented the Commission with an illustrated plan where the current sump pump outlet is. There was a discussion as to direction of water and as to why the flow wasn't being handled by the leaching fields. C. Nelson agreed with the Commission to send Jeff Jacobson, Town Engineer, to review and report.

MOTION to accept 19-002 **"Perfetto" Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity** as complete, find activity is significant, refer to the Town Engineer, and request technical review fees; **MADE by C. Heffernan;** **SECONDED by R. Esty;** **VOTING IN FAVOR: C. Heffernan, C. Savage, R. Esty, J. Esty, M. Fish, E. Steffen, P. Kay;** **OPPOSED: None. ABSTAINING: None. APPROVED: 7-0-0.**

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Eugene Evangelisti vs. Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Commission of Old Saybrook

MOTION to enter into Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. **MADE: C. Heffernan**
SECONDED: R. Esty VOTING IN FAVOR: C. Heffernan, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, P. Kay, E. Steffen, J. Esty ABSTAINING: None. OPPOSED: None.
APPROVED: 7-0-0.

MOTION to exit Executive Session at 7:54 P.M. **MADE: C. Heffernan SECONDED: E. Steffen VOTING IN FAVOR: C. Heffernan, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, P. Kay, E. Steffen, J. Esty ABSTAINING: None. OPPOSED: None. APPROVED: 7-0-0.**

MOTION to continue Executive Session to the next Regular Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 **MADE: C. Heffernan SECONDED: R. Esty VOTING IN FAVOR: C. Heffernan, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, P. Kay, E. Steffen, J. Esty ABSTAINING: None. OPPOSED: None. APPROVED: 7-0-0.**

VI. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Minutes

Remove "E. Steffen" from each motion, as she was not seated, and change all votes to 7-0-0.

MOTION to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting as amended; **MADE** by **C. Heffernan**; **SECONDED** by **E. Steffen**; **VOTING IN FAVOR: C. Heffernan, C. Savage, R. Esty, J. Esty, M. Fish, E. Steffen, P. Kay**; **OPPOSED: None**; **ABSTAINING: None**; **APPROVED: 7-0-0.**

B. Correspondence & Announcements

MOTION to approve payment of Cronan and Shields, Invoice #18-467, dated February, 2019, in the amount of \$1620.00 **MADE: C. Heffernan SECONDED: E. Steffen VOTING IN FAVOR: C. Heffernan, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, P. Kay, E. Steffen, J. Esty ABSTAINING: None. OPPOSED: None. APPROVED: 7-0-0.**

MOTION to approve payment of Connecticut Eco Systems, Invoice #2569 in the amount of \$481.25 **MADE: C. Heffernan SECONDED: R. Esty VOTING IN FAVOR: C. Heffernan, C. Savage, R. Esty, M. Fish, P. Kay, E. Steffen, J. Esty ABSTAINING: None. OPPOSED: None. APPROVED: 7-0-0.**

B. Committee, Representative & Staff Reports

J. Esty reported that there is \$1539.25 currently in the Commission's contractual line item.

A primer on FOIA regulations was in packets and Chairman asked Committee members to please review.

A letter from the First Selectman to Alyse Yeager Oziolor appointing her as an alternate to the Commission was noted. Ms. Oziolor was present and the Commission welcomed her.

The resume of Patrick Hegge, the new Wetlands Enforcement Officer, was distributed to the Commission for their information. C. Nelson announced he'd start 4/1/19.

R. Esty reported that the Conservation Commission newsletter would be out shortly. The Commission is working with a local artist who creates bird and toad houses as a project for the Summer Environmental Stewardship Camp at Youth and Family Services.

Christine Nelson shared that the Board of Selectmen has authorized her to apply for a TAP Federal grant for planning, engineering, and construction at Mariners Way as a boulevard.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.to **Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Town Hall, 302 Main Street**; **MADE** by **C. Heffernan**; **SECONDED** by **E. Steffen** **VOTING IN FAVOR: C. Heffernan, C. Savage, R. Esty, J. Esty, E. Steffen, M. Fish, P. Kay**; **OPPOSED: None**; **ABSTAINING: None**; **APPROVED: 7-0-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Paccione, Recording Clerk