# MINUTES WESTPORT CONSERVATION COMMISSION JANUARY 16, 2019

The January 16, 2019 Work Session of the Westport Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Room 201/201A of the Westport Town Hall.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

## **Commission Members:**

Anna Rycenga, Acting Chair Paul Davis, Secretary Donald Bancroft Robert Corroon Paul Lobdell Tom Carey, Alternate

# **Staff Members:**

Alicia Mozian, Conservation Department Director Colin Kelly, Conservation Analyst

This is to certify that these minutes and resolutions were filed with the Westport Town Clerk within 7 days of the January 16, 2019 Work Session of the Westport Conservation Commission pursuant to Section 1-225 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Alicia Mozian

Conservation Department Director

**Changes or Additions to the Agenda.** The Commission may amend the agenda by a 2/3 vote to include items not requiring a Public Hearing.

There were no agenda items to add.

### Public Hearing: 7:00 p.m., Room 201

1. 20 & 26 Morningside Drive South: (POSTPONED) Application #IWW,WPL/E-10699-18 by Morningside Drive Homes, LLC c/o David Hoopes, Esq. on behalf of Greens Farms Developers LLC & Morningside Drive Homes LLC for a set-aside development pursuant to CGS §8-30g of 19 townhouse style condominiums, 6 of which will be income restricted in the manner prescribed by §8-30g and related site improvements. Portions of the work are within the upland review area of Muddy Brook.

This agenda item was postponed to February 20, 2019 at the applicant's request.

#### Work Session I:

1. Receipt of Applications

There were no applications to receive.

2. Report by Conservation Compliance Officer on the status of existing enforcement activity.

Ms. Mozian noted the Show Cause Hearing for **12 Treadwell Avenue** was continued to January 22, 2019.

**3.** Approval of December 12, 2018 meeting minutes.

The December 12, 2018 meeting minutes were approved with corrections.

Motion: Rycenga Second: Davis Ayes: Rycenga, Davis, Bancroft, Corroon, Lobdell, Carey

Nayes: None Abstentions: None Vote: 6:0:0

**4.** Approval of January 7, 2019 Show Cause Hearing minutes.

The January 7, 2019 Show Cause Hearing minutes were approved as submitted.

Motion: Lobdell Second: Carey

Ayes: Lobdell, Carey, Davis, Rycenga

Nayes: None Abstentions: Bancroft, Corroon Vote: 4:0:2

**5.** Request by Alan R. Spirer, Esq. for a time extension of Permit #IWW, WPL-6678-01 for the Reserve at Poplar Plains.

Ms. Mozian reviewed a request for time extension of Permit #IWW,WPL-6678-01 for the Reserve at Poplar Plains. Staff and the Town Attorney's office recommends so as to facilitate getting this project done. She noted the Planning & Zoning Commission has granted an extension to complete to November 15, 2020.

Motion to grant a permit extension to November 15, 2020.

Motion: Rycenga Second: Davis Ayes: Rycenga, Davis, Bancroft, Corroon, Lobdell, Carey

Nayes: None Abstentions: None Vote: 6:0:0

**6.** Request by Robert Zapfel for release of remaining bond funds for monitoring costs of invasive plant removal activity held as a condition of Permit #IWW, WPL-8949-11.

Ms. Mozian reviewed a request for release of remaining bond money held for monitoring costs of invasive plant removal activity held as a condition of Permit #IWW,WPL-8949-11. She stated staff recommends release of the bond. Plantings have been installed and that money was released in 2015. Staff was awaiting the third year monitoring report, which was received on January 15, 2019. Staff has inspected the site as well.

Motion to release the remaining bond monies.

Motion: Carey Second: Lobdell Ayes: Carey, Lobdell, Bancroft, Corroon, Davis, Rycenga

Nayes: None Abstentions: None Vote: 6:0:0

7. Election of Officers

The Commission elected the following officers:

Chair – Anna Rycenga

Motion: Corroon Second: Davis Ayes: Corroon, Davis, Bancroft, Lobdell, Rycenga, Carey

Nayes: None Abstentions: None Vote: 6:0:0

Vice-Chair - Paul Davis

Motion: Lobdell Second: Rycenga Ayes: Lobdell, Rycenga, Bancroft, Corroon, Davis, Carey

Nayes: None Abstentions: None Vote: 6:0:0

Secretary - Don Bancroft

Motion: Lobdell Second: Carey Aves: Lobdell, Carey, Bancroft, Corroon, Davis, Rycenga

Nayes: None Abstentions: None Vote: 6:0:0

Sergeant at Arms - Robert Corroon

Motion: Rycenga Second: Lobdell Aye: Rycenga, Lobdell, Bancroft, Corroon, Davis, Carey

Nayes: None Abstentions: None Vote: 6:0:0

- 8. Other business.
  - a. Ms. Mozian noted the CT Barr Association Annual Meeting is being held on March 23, 2019.
  - **b.** Ms. Mozian noted **107 Old Road** has submitted revised plans. She is awaiting instructions from the Town Attorney as to how to proceed and then will be in touch with the Commission members.

The January 16, 2019 Work Session adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Motion: Rycenga Second: Bancroft

Ayes: Rycenga, Bancroft, Davis, Field

Nayes: None Abstentions: None Vote: 4:0:0