MINUTES WESTPORT CONSERVATION COMMISSION JULY 17, 2019

The July 17, 2019 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:

Paul Davis, Acting Chair Donald Bancroft, Secretary Tom Carey Paul Lobdell Mark Perlman Stephen Cowherd, 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 July 17, 2019 Public Hearing 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.

Ms. Mozian noted there were 8 items to add to the Work Session agenda:

- 11 Owenoke Park bond release
- 1 Bluff Point bond release
- 42 Whitney Street bond release
- 14 Allen Raymond Lane (Westport/Weston YMCA) Request for time extension
- 33 Grassy Plains Road bond release
- Approval of May 9, 2019 Special Meeting minutes
- Approval of July 12, 2019 field trip minutes.

Ms. Mozian added that 135 Harbor Road has withdrawn its application from the Public Hearing.

Motion to amend the agenda as noted above.

Motion: Davis Second: Carey Ayes: Davis, Carey, Bancroft, Lobdell, Perlman, Cowherd

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

Public Hearing: 7:00 p.m., Room 201/201A.

1. 16 Joann Circle: Application #IWW/M-10831-19 by Cecilia Stiber to amend wetland boundary map #E12.

Alvin Lim, co-owner of 16 Joann Circle, presented the application. He hired Otto Theall to review the wetland line on the property. He showed where the new line is on the survey.

Mr. Kelly explained that the Town hired Evans Associates to verify the wetland boundary. Soil scientist, Eva Szigeti verified the flagging. The wetland area increases by approximately 5,700 s.f.

With no comment from the public, the hearing was closed.

Motion: Davis Second: Carey Ayes: Davis, Carey, Bancroft, Lobdell, Perlman, Cowherd

Naves: None Abstentions: None Vote: 6:0:0

Findings
Application #IWW/M-10831-19
16 Joann Circle
Public Hearing: July17, 2019

1. Application Request:

The applicant is requesting to amend wetland map #E12 on tax lot #056. Parcel owned by Cecilia Stiber.

- 2. Soil Scientist for Applicant: Otto Theall, Soil & Wetland Science, LLC
- 3. Soil Scientist for Town of Westport: Eva Szigeti, Evans Associates Environmental Consulting, Inc.
- 4. **Plan reviewed:** "Data Accumulation Plan Prepared for Cecilia Stiber #16 Joann Circle, Westport, CT", Scale: 1" = 20', dated March 6, 2019 prepared by Shevlin Land Surveying, LLC
- 5. Wetlands Description

Soil Investigation Report 16 Joann Circle Westport, CT- prepared by Soil & Wetland Science, LLC, dated February 21, 2019 describes the following wetland soils occurring on the property:

Leicester fine sandy loam (4) - This nearly level poorly drained soil is in drainageways and depressions. Typically, this soil has a surface layer of black fine sandy loam seven (7) inches thick. The subsoil is

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twenty-two (22) inches thick. This Leicester soil has a seasonal high water table at a depth of about 6 inches from fall until late spring. The permeability of the soil is moderate to moderately rapid. Runoff is slow, and available water capacity is moderate. The soil dries out and warms up slowly in spring. Most areas of this soil are wooded.

Non-wetland soils were identified as:

Hollis-Chatfield-Rock Outcrop Complex (75) - This component occurs on upland hill and ridge landforms. The parent material consists of melt-out till derived from granite, gneiss, and schist. The depth to a restrictive feature ranges in the complex from near surface, 10 to 20 inches, or 20 to 40 inches to bedrock. The drainage class is somewhat excessively drained to well drained.

 Udorthents-Urban Land Complex (306) - This component occurs on cut, urban land, fill, and spoil pile landforms. Urban land is land mostly covered by streets, parking lots, buildings, and other structures of urban areas.

Property Description and Facts Relative to the Map Amendment Application:

- The parcel contains a single-family residence served by septic. Sewer is available.
- No previous applications on file.
- Landscape description is a wooded swamp and pond by The Westport Wetlands Inventory, prepared by Flaherty Giavara Associates, P.C., dated June 1983 from a nearby wetland ~700' to the southwest.
- Parcel does not exist within the Aquifer Protection Overlay Zone.
- Parcels do not exist within the Coastal Areas Management Zone.
- A portion of the southern boundary of the property is within the Zone 'X' shaded as determined by FEMA.
- The Waterway Protection Line Ordinance boundary will be 15' from the flagged wetland boundary or from the 25-year flood boundary, whichever is greater.
- The residence was constructed in 1965.
- 7. Discussion: The Town of Westport retained the services of Eva Szigeti, Evans Associates Environmental Consulting, Inc.to review the proposed wetland boundary. On June 26, 2019, Ms. Szigeti investigated the site. On July 5, 2019, staff received a report from Ms. Szigeti noting that the wetlands marked by Otto Theall, Soil& Wetland Science is substantially correct. The survey shows 15,570 sq. ft. of wetlands flagged in the field. The Town of Westport GIS shows ~9,870 sq. ft. of wetlands onsite. A difference of 5,700 sq. ft. increase in wetland area.

Both soil scientists reviewed the survey and agreed in writing that the survey accurately depicted their agreed-upon flagging.

Resolution Application #IWW/M-10831-19 16 Joann Circle

In accordance with Section 8.0 of the Regulations for the Protection and Preservation of Wetlands and Watercourses of Westport, and on the basis of the evidence of record, the Conservation Commission resolves to **APPROVE** Application **#IWW/M-10831-19** by Cecilia Stiber to amend the wetland boundary on Map: #E12 Lot: #056 on the property located at 16 Joann Circle with the following conditions:

- 1. Conformance to the plans titled: "Data Accumulation Plan Prepared for Cecilia Stiber #16 Joann Circle, Westport, CT", Scale: 1" = 20', dated March 6, 2019 prepared by Shevlin Land Surveying, LLC
- 2. An electronic file in a format acceptable to the Town Engineer shall be submitted to the Conservation Department.
- **3.** This is a conditional approval. Each and every condition is an integral part of the Commission decision. Should any of the conditions, on appeal from this decision, be found to be void or of no legal effect, then this conditional approval is likewise void.

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Motion: Bancroft Second: Perlman Ayes: Bancroft, Perlman, Cowherd, Carey, Davis, Lobdell

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Votes: 6:0:0

2. 135 Harbor Road: Continued Application: Application #WPL-10826-19 by Joseph DeJesus on behalf of RVR Realty LLC for demolition of existing house and construction of a new single-family residence, pool, pool fence and associated drainage appurtenances. Work is proposed within the WPLO area of the Saugatuck River.

This application was withdrawn.

3. 280 Compo Road South: Application #WPL-10841-19 by Richard Bennett on behalf of Simple Plan One, LLC for a new single family residence with crawl space, driveways, patios and walks, a/c units, generator and relocate the existing storm sewer pipe. Work is proposed within the WPLO area of Gray's Creek.

Richard Bennett, PE, presented the application on behalf of the property owner. Lianne Owen, principle of Simple Plan One was also present. He spoke of the differences between the plan that was withdrawn and the current plan. He verified the dbh of the Red Oak on the Town right-of-way indicating it is 30-inches. He highlighted that the driveway to Compo Beach Road has been eliminated. The existing driveway will be used as the construction access. The whole property is in the WPLO. The average grades range between 8 and 12 feet msl. The driveway and patio will be permeable. Stormwater will be stored under the driveway and patios to capture the full 25-year storm event. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Flood and Erosion Control Board. A separate infiltrator has been proposed. In addition, the 30-inch stormwater pipe will be relocated around the house.

- Mr. Carey verified with Mr. Bennett that a new tidegate will be installed.
- Mr. Bennett confirmed.
- Mr. Bancroft asked about evidence of digging he witnessed in the area of the Red Oak.
- Mr. Bennett stated that Amrik Mathuru of the Engineering Department required to know what the invert elevation is of the existing pipe, which required digging in that area.

Renato Gasparian, AIA, responded to the question from Mr. Bancroft about digging in the area of the water shut off valve. The new pipe will be plastic. The existing pipe is 24-inches. They are putting in a 30-inch pipe.

- Mr. Davis asked about the construction sequence.
- Mr. Bennett noted that this is on the plan. They will begin with installing the foundation.
- Mr. Perlman asked if the pool has been considered in the drainage calculations.

Mr. Bennett indicated yes. The pool still needs Health Department approval. Once that is received, they will be back for approval from the Commission. He discussed protection of the 30-inch Red Oak as prescribed by the Tree Warden. He requested that the Conservation Commission follow suit with what the Flood Board did and make these a recommendation and not a condition. The Town Attorney was contacted and said the Tree Warden was within his authority to prescribe these safeguards. However even though they disagree with the Tree Warden, they have contacted an arborist, Bartlett, and hope that the two can work out the adequate safeguards. He also mentioned the trees along the southern property line. He noted that Mr. Gasparian installed stakes and string along the property. The Stogel's then hired Leonard Surveyors to stake the line, which closely resembled the string line.

This also confirmed the large Pine is on the applicant's property. The house will be served by propane gas tanks.

Mr. Kelly asked about the time of the work to replace the pipe in relationship to the tides.

Mr. Bennett confirmed that this work will be confined to low tide. It will most likely be confined to 2 to 3 hours a day. The existing pipe will remain and abandoned in place and the ends plugged with concrete. He will certify the elevation pitch.

Mr. Kelly referenced the Tree Warden's July 10, 2019 e-mail prescribing the safeguards for the tree in the Town right-of-way and that the Town Attorney supported these as being within the Tree Warden's authority. He confirmed with Mr. Bennett that the patios and driveway will have to remain permeable in perpetuity especially to ensure proper functioning of the storm drainage.

Lianne Owen read and submitted a letter describing their efforts to protect the trees. She wanted to clear the record about the misconception that the Stogels were not informed about the work.

Scott Stogel of 1 Compo Beach Road indicated there was nothing personal about his concerns with the project. He wanted to go on record that he never met with the blogger or made a comment to them online and in fact, the blog messaging he felt this was unfair to Ms. Owen. He had nothing to do with the blog. He did want to thank them for the lane of proposed trees.

Mr. Davis clarified that what was on the blog "06880" does not influence the Commission.

With no further comment from the public, the hearing was closed.

Motion: Bancroft Second: Lobdell Ayes: Bancroft, Lobdell, Carey, Davis, Perlman, Cowherd Nayes: None Abstentions: None Vote: 6:0:0

Findings
Application # WPL 10841-19
280 Compo Road South
Public Hearing: July 17, 2019

- 1. **Application Request:** Applicant is requesting to construct a new single-family residence with crawl space that will be FEMA compliant. Driveways, patios and walks will be pervious. A/C unit and generator. Relocate existing storm sewer. The property lies within the boundaries of the Waterway Protection Line (WPL) of Gray's Creek.
- 2. Plans reviewed:
 - a) "Site Plan Details & Notes; Site Preparation Plan for a Proposed Residence Simple Plan One LLC 280 Compo Road South Westport, CT", Sheet 1 of 1, Scale: 1" = 20', dated June 12, 2019, prepared by Richard Bennet & Associates, LLC
 - b) "Drainage Report 280 Compo Road South Westport, CT Simple Plan One", dated June 12, 2019, prepared by Richard Bennet & Associates, LLC
 - c) Architectural Plans entitled: "280 Compo Road South, Westport, CT", (8 sheets), dated June 12, 2019 Scale: As Noted, prepared by Renato Gasparian Associates LLC
- 3. Property Description:

Wetlands: There are no inland or tidal wetlands present on this site.

Location of 25-year flood boundary: 9 ft. contour interval. Property is located entirely within the WPLO boundary.

Property is situated in Flood Zones AE (el. 11') as shown on F.I.R.M. Panel 09001C0551G Map revised to July 8, 2013.

Proposed First Floor Elevation: 12.5 ft. **Proposed Crawl Space Elevation**: 8.5 ft.

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Proposed Garage Floor Elevation: 8.0 ft. Proposed Site Coverage: 23.02%

Sewer Line: The proposed new residence will be serviced by municipal sewer.

Aquifer: Property underlain by Sherwood Island Aquifer which is a coarse-grained stratified drift aquifer. The property is NOT within the Town's wellfield protection zone.

Coastal Area Management: Property located within CAM zone. The coastal resource identified is coastal hazard area. Coastal hazard areas are defined as those land areas inundated during coastal storm events. A-zones are subject to still-water flooding during "100-year" flood events. Coastal hazard areas serve as flood storage areas. They are, by their nature, hazardous areas for structural development, especially residential-type uses.

Proposed Storm Water Treatment: Stormwater runoff from the roof of the new single family residence and pool are proposed to be directed to 92.25 feet of Cultec rechargers. The base elevation of the rechargers is 5.0'. The driveway and patios have been designed to be permeable and allow for adequate storage of stormwater runoff in the stone sub-base for a 25-year storm. The sizing of the drainage units will allow for the storage of 1" Water Quality Volume (WQV) in addition to the 25-year storm event.

Additionally, the driveways, parking areas, and patios are proposed to constructed with pervious materials as shown in the proposed details.

Previous Permits issued:

• Withdrawn Application: #WPL-10800-19 for a new single-family residence. This application was withdrawn after our June 10, 2019 hearing to allow the applicant time to address the issues raised by the neighboring property owner to the south and the Tree Warden regarding concerns about drainage/runoff and the protection of the significant Red Oak tree located midway along the western property line.

The Flood and Erosion Control Board approved the application with conditions on July 10, 2019. The Board included an endorsement that the owners follow the recommendation of the Tree Warden which are listed in his email from July 10, 2019, to the extent of his authority. The drainage proposal is acceptable to the Engineering Department.

4. Waterway Protection Line Ordinance:

The WPL Ordinance requires that the Conservation Commission consider the following when reviewing an application:

"An applicant shall submit information to the Conservation Commission showing that such activity will not cause water pollution, erosion and/or environmentally related hazards to life and property and will not have an adverse impact on the preservation of the natural resources and ecosystems of the waterway, including but not limited to: impact on ground and surface water, aquifers, plant and aquatic life, nutrient exchange and supply, thermal energy flow, natural pollution filtration and decomposition, habitat diversity, viability and productivity and the natural rates and processes of erosion and sedimentation."

Discussion: The WPL Ordinance requires that the Conservation Commission consider the following when reviewing an application:

"An applicant shall submit information to the Conservation Commission showing that such activity will not cause water pollution, erosion and/or environmentally related hazards to life and property and will not have an adverse impact on the preservation of the natural resources and ecosystems of the waterway, including but not limited to: impact on ground and surface water, aquifers, plant and aquatic life, nutrient exchange and supply, thermal energy flow, natural pollution filtration and decomposition, habitat diversity, viability and productivity and the natural rates and processes of erosion and sedimentation."

The entire property lies within the WPLO boundary. The application proposes to construct a new FEMA compliant residence, patios, driveways, associated grading. drainage, and plantings. A future pool is shown on the plan but is not part of this application submission.

In addition, the applicant proposes to relocate an existing drainage pipe from within the easement shown onsite to the new route around the proposed residence. The Engineering Department verified that the "Drainage Easement" shown on the plan was abandoned by the Town in the past. The Town installed a new drainage system within the "right-of-way" for Compo Road South (visible on the plan to the north of the property) as a replacement of the system. The current condition of the existing 30" pipe within the private easement is assumed to be functional. This pipe provides private drainage for the properties to the east along Compo Road South.

The Commission notes that the applicant intends to maintain the existing flow through this pipe with a new construction/re-routing bypass utilizing a 30" HDPE pipe. The timing of the work to replace the pipe will need to take into account tidal conditions as the pipe conveys water subject to tidal flow from Grey's Greek. The Site Engineer included "30" H.D.P.E. Pipe Installation Sequence & Notes" on the proposed site plan. This sequence addresses timing, methodology/procedure directly related to the relocation of the concrete pipe including a preconstruction meeting onsite with the excavation contractor, site engineer, Engineering Department and Conservation Department. The Commission finds that the site engineer must be onsite to verify the connection and certify the pipe installation.

The Conservation Department received a copy of a letter from Bruce Lindsay, Tree Warden, to Keith Wilberg, Town Engineer, dated May 2, 2019. In this letter, Mr. Lindsay discusses the need to protect a 38" d.b.h. Red Oak tree located on the Compo Beach Road side of the lot. On Wednesday, June 26, 2019, the Conservation Department was forwarded an email from Bruce Lindsay to Amrik Matharu, Engineering Department, stating the "Powers and Duties of Tree Wardens" as well as his request to have a third party review the tree and propose a care program and any remediation. On July 10, 2019, an email from Bruce Lindsay listed "recommended protocols for the applicant to manage the preservation program for the Pin Oak

The Commission finds the site plan shows installation of a construction fence around the tree, which will remain until the project is completed. The fence is located 30' from the center, in attempt to protect the root zone of the tree out to the drip edge. In addition, the garage entrance and associated driveway has been eliminated from Compo Beach Rd. and reoriented so access is solely from Compo Rd. South. The Commission finds that this was done to further protect the tree.

The Commission Finds that the house will be built to conform to FEMA standards with the first habitable floor constructed at ~1.5' above the 100-year base flood elevation of 11'. The house foundation will be constructed with appropriate sized flood vents for the FEMA compliant house. A crawl space is proposed at elevation 8.0'. The Engineering Department staff will verify the opening sizing requirements and locations of the vents for the proposed residence.

The Commission finds that potential for the proposed project to have an adverse impact on the preservation of natural resources and the ecosystem of the adjacent waterways should focus on stormwater quality impacts and percentage of impervious area. The total coverage of the site was **18.42%**, **pre-demolition**. Proposed site coverage without the pool is to be **23.02%**, which is in the upper threshold of the 10-25% cover that will impact water quality. The 2004 Connecticut Stormwater Manuel provides research that water quality experiences degradation when coverage in a watershed exceeds 10%. As the Compo Beach neighborhood continues to be densely developed, the coverage falls within the percentage in which water quality can be assumed to be impacted.

Pervious gravel driveways, patios and walkways have been proposed with this application. The Commission finds that the design engineer witness and certify the construction of all permeable surfaces proposed for this project and submit said certification to the Conservation Department prior to the issuance of a Conservation Certificate of Compliance. The Commission finds that the three

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rear patios have elevation differences between the highest at elevation 11.5' to the lowest at 9.5'. A pervious detail has been provided for the patio and walkways.

Eleven Leyland Cypress trees are proposed to be planted along the southern property line. It appears they are intended to provide a visual barrier between the adjacent property to the south and the proposed residence due to the placement of the trees. The Commission finds that these trees will provide some stormwater treatment for sheetflow runoff.

Sediment and erosion controls (silt fencing) are shown being installed around the perimeter of the property. Construction access and material stockpile areas are noted on the plan. The proposed grade changes are shown on the property and cover most of the site. The average grade computation shows an increase of 1.6' for the property. The Commission finds that the sediment and erosion controls provided should be adequate for the house construction, along with routine sweeping of the road if any sediment does move offsite onto the adiacent payement during site work.

The Commission is concerned with the previously mentioned 30" pipe installation and management of site runoff from dewatering activities during excavations. The Commission finds that the site plan includes a General Construction Sequence and dewatering discharge system noted as the "Dirtbag Pumped Silt Control System" to address these concerns. Additionally the preconstruction site meeting with the contractor will help to address uncontrolled sediment movement from the site.

In summary, the Commission finds that the project as proposed on the plans submitted will not adversely impact the waterway.

Conservation Commission
TOWN OF WESTPORT
Conditions of Approval
Application # WPL 10841-19
Street Address: 280 Compo Road South
Assessor's: Map D04 Lot 114
Date of Resolution: July 17, 2019

Project Description: To construct a new single-family residence with crawl space that will be FEMA compliant. Driveways, patios and walks will be pervious. A/C unit and generator. Relocate existing storm sewer. The property lies within the boundaries of the Waterway Protection Line (WPL) of Gray's Creek.

Owner of Record: Simple Plan One, LLC.

Applicant: Richard A. Bennett

In accordance with Section 30-93 of the *Waterway Protection Line Ordinance* and on the basis of the evidence of record, the Conservation Commission resolves to **APPROVE** Application #**WPL 10841-19** with the following conditions:

- 1. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain any other assent, permit or license required by law or regulation of the Government of the United States, State of Connecticut, or of any political subdivision thereof.
- 2. If an activity also requires zoning or subdivision approval, special permit or special exception under section 8.3(g), 8-3c, or 8-26 of the Connecticut General Statutes, no work pursuant to the wetland permit shall commence until such approval is obtained.
- 3. If an approval or permit is granted by another Agency and contains conditions affecting wetlands and/or watercourses, the applicant must resubmit the application for further consideration by the Commission for a decision before work on the activity is to take place.
- **4.** The Conservation Department shall be notified at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the initiation of the regulated activity for inspection of the erosion and sediment controls.
- **5.** All activities for the prevention of erosion, such as silt fences and hay bales shall be under the direct supervision of the site contractor who shall employ the best management practices to control storm

water discharges and to prevent erosion and sedimentation to otherwise prevent pollution, impairment, or destruction of wetlands or watercourses. Erosion controls are to be inspected by the applicant or agent weekly and after rains and all deficiencies must be remediated with twenty-four hours of finding them.

- **6.** The applicant shall take all necessary steps to control storm water discharges to prevent erosion and sedimentation, and to otherwise prevent pollution of wetlands and watercourse.
- Organic Landscaping practices are recommended as described by the Northeast Organic Farming Association.
- 8. All plants proposed in regulated areas must be non-invasive and native to North America.
- 9. Trees to remain are to be protected with tree protection fencing prior to construction commencement.
- **10.** The bottom of all storm water retention structures shall be placed no less than 1 foot above seasonal high groundwater elevation.
- **11.** The applicant shall immediately inform the Conservation Department of problems involving sedimentation, erosion, downstream siltation or any unexpected adverse impacts, which development in the course or are caused by the work.
- **12.** Any material, man-made or natural which is in any way disturbed and/or utilized during the work shall not be deposited in any wetlands or watercourse unless authorized by this permit.
- **13.** Any on-site dumpster shall be covered at the end of each workday to prevent debris/litter from inadvertently entering surrounding wetlands and/or watercourses.
- **14.** A final inspection and submittal of an "as built" survey is required prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.
- **15.** Conformance to the conditions of the Flood and Erosion Control Board of July 10, 2019.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- **16.** Conformance to the plans entitled:
 - **a.** "Site Plan Details & Notes; Site Preparation Plan for a Proposed Residence Simple Plan One LLC 280 Compo Road South Westport, CT", Sheet 1 of 1, Scale: 1" = 20', dated June 12, 2019, prepared by Richard Bennett & Associates, LLC
 - **b.** "Drainage Report 280 Compo Road South Westport, CT Simple Plan One", dated June 12, 2019, prepared by Richard Bennett & Associates, LLC
 - **c.** Architectural Plans entitled: "280 Compo Road South, Westport, CT", (8 sheets), dated June 12, 2019 Scale: As Noted, prepared by Renato Gasparian Associates LLC
- 17. A preconstruction meeting shall be held with the excavation contractor, site engineer, Engineering Department and Conservation Department to discuss pipe relocation from drainage easement. The project will follow the "General Construction Sequence" and "30" H.D.P.E. Pipe Installation Sequence & Notes", including conducting the pipe relocation work during periods of low tide.
- **18.** The silt fence along the southern property line shall be initially placed 10 ft from the property line in an effort to safeguard the root zone of the trees in the vicinity. The silt fence can be relocated to the property line to accommodate final grading and the planting of new trees along the southern property line. The Conservation Department must be contacted 48 hours prior to start of construction in order to inspect erosion controls.
- **19.** Proposed flood vents to be installed in conformance with floodplain regulations and state building code as required by applicable departments.
- 20. The design engineer shall verify installation of the relocated drainage pipe and submit certification to the Conservation Department prior to issuance of a Conservation Certificate of Compliance. The design engineer shall witness and certify the construction of all permeable surfaces proposed for this project and submit said certification to the Conservation Department prior to issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

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- **21.** Driveways, patio and walkways shall be constructed as permeable and remain so in perpetuity with said restriction placed on the land records prior to the issuance of a Conservation Certificate of Compliance.
- **22.** The pool is not approved at this time as it was not a part of this application.

This is a conditional approval. Each and every condition is an integral part of the Commission decision. Should any of the conditions, on appeal from this decision, be found to be void or of no legal effect, then this conditional approval is likewise void. The applicant may refile another application for review.

This approval may be revoked or suspended if the applicant exceeds the conditions or limitations of this approval, or has secured this application through inaccurate information.

Motion: Bancroft Second: Lobdell

Ayes: Bancroft, Lobdell, Cowherd, Carey, Perlman, Davis

Nayes: 0 Abstentions: 0 Vote: 6:0:0

Sense of Meeting Resolution:

The Conservation Commission recommends the applicant follow the protocols described by the Tree Warden, Bruce Lindsay, in an email letter dated July 10, 2019 and, as may be amended. The Commission supports the preservation program for the Pin Oak located within the Town right-of-way at 280 Compo Road South.

Motion: Bancroft Second: Davis

Ayes: Bancroft, Davis, Cowherd, Carey, Perlman, Lobdell

Nayes: 0 Abstentions: 0 Vote: 6:0:0

Work Session:

1. Receipt of Applications - None

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

Ms. Mozian reported on the **20 Webb Road** response to the Notice of Violation for pipe discharge directly into the wetland. Staff is asking for the Commission's input on the plan submitted to rectify the problem. The proposal is for the level spreader to be placed 15 feet instead of 20 feet from the wetland. Staff is okay with the location but finds the mitigation plan submitted is not acceptable. The plantings are in the sewer easement and the amount of plantings need to be increased.

Motion to postpone the discussion to the July 22, 2019 in order to allow members to visit the site to familiarize themselves with the property.

Motion: Davis Second: Bancroft Ayes: Davis, Bancroft, Carey, Lobdell, Perlman, Cowherd

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

3. Approval of May 9, 2019 Special Meeting minutes.

The May 9, 2019 Special Meeting minutes were approved with corrections.

Motion: Davis Second: Bancroft Ayes: Davis, Bancroft, Carey, Lobdell, Perlman, Cowherd

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

4. Approval of May 15, 2019 meeting minutes.

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The May 15, 2019 meeting minutes were approved with corrections.

Motion: Carey Second: Bancroft Ayes: Carey, Bancroft, Davis, Lobdell, Perlman, Cowherd

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

5. Approval of June 10, 2019 Special Meeting minutes.

The June 10, 2019 Special Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Motion: Davis Second: Bancroft Ayes: Davis, Bancroft, Carey, Lobdell, Perlman, Cowherd

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

6. Approval of June 19, 2019 meeting minutes.

The June 19, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Motion: Bancroft Second: Perlman

Ayes: Bancroft, Perlman, Carey, Lobdell, Cowherd

Nayes: None Abstentions: Davis Vote: 5:0:1

7. Approval of July 12, 2019 field trip minutes

The July 12, 2019 field trip minutes were approved as submitted.

Motion: Davis Second: Carey Ayes: Davis, Carey, Bancroft, Lobdell, Perlman, Cowherd

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

8. 25 Old Road: Request for bond release being held for plantings as required by Permit #IWW-7277-04.

Ms. Mozian reviewed a request for bond release being held for plantings as required by Permit #IWW-7277-04. She stated the planting have been in for a full growing season and are thriving. She recommended bond release.

Motion to release the bond.

Motion: Perlman Second: Lobdell Ayes: Perlman, Lobdell, Bancroft, Carey, Davis, Cowherd

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

9. 15 Spriteview Avenue: Request for bond release being held for plantings as required by Permit #WPL-10378-17.

Ms. Mozian reviewed a request for bond release being held for plantings as required by Permit #WPL-10378-17. She stated the plantings have been in for a full growing season and are thriving. She recommended bond release.

Motion to release the bond.

Motion: Carey Second: Lobdell Ayes: Carey, Lobdell, Bancroft, Davis, Perlman, Cowherd

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

10. 178A Hillspoint Road: Request for issuance of a staff level permit for a detached garage within the 50-foot upland review area but outside the WPLO area.

Ms. Mozian reviewed a request for issuance of a staff level permit for a detached garage, second floor breezeway connection to the main house, both driveway expansion and removal, and an extension of the sewer line. The building is within the 50-foot upland review area. The expanded driveway edge is outside the 30-foot upland review area. The garage drainage will go to a detention gallery with an overflow to a raingarden. The driveway drainage will go to a catchbasin with drainage to the same raingarden. There is also a buffer planting strip proposed adjacent to the driveway. The work is outside the WPLO boundary. She noted the existing paver driveway is proposed to become asphalt. A portion of the excess driveway will be removed on the south side of the existing house.

Motion to deny request for staff level permit. The Commission stated applicant should bring the proposal to a Public Hearing because there were too many issues to discuss.

Motion: Bancroft Second: Carey Ayes: Bancroft, Carey, Davis, Lobdell, Perlman, Cowherd

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

- 11. Other business.
 - a. **11 Owenoke Park:** Request for bond release being held for plantings as required by Permit #WPL-9943-15.

Ms. Mozian reviewed a request for bond release being held for plantings as required by Permit #WPL-9943-15. She stated the plantings have been in for a full growing season and are thriving. She recommended bond release.

Motion to release the bond.

Motion: Davis Second: Carey Ayes Davis, Carey, Bancroft, Lobdell, Perlman, Cowherd

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

b. **33 Grassy Plains Road:** Request for bond release being held for plantings as required by Permit #IWW,WPL-6678-01.

Ms. Mozian reviewed a request for bond release being held for plantings as required by Permit #IWW,WPL-6678-01. She stated the plantings have been in for a full growing season and are thriving. She recommended bond release.

Motion to release the bond.

Motion: Carey Second: Davis Ayes: Carey, Davis, Bancroft, Lobdell, Perlman, Cowherd

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

c. **42 Whitney Street:** Request for bond release being held for plantings as required by Permit #IWW,WPL/E-9993-05.

Ms. Mozian reviewed a request for bond release being held for plantings as required by Permit #IWW, WPL/E-9933-05. She noted this bond had been reviewed earlier and the monies now being held are for planting that had not survived. She stated the plantings have been in for a full growing season and are thriving. She recommended bond release.

Motion to release the bond.

Motion: Bancroft Second: Carey Ayes: Bancroft, Carey, Davis, Lobdell, Perlman, Cowherd

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

d. **1 Bluff Point:** Request for bond release being held for plantings as required by Permit #WPL-9942-14.

Ms. Mozian reviewed a request for bond release being held for plantings as required by Permit #WPL-9942-14. She stated the plantings have been in for a full growing season and are thriving. She recommended bond release.

Motion to release the bond.

Motion: Carey Second: Davis Ayes: Carey, Davis, Bancroft, Lobdell, Perlman, Cowherd

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

e. **14 Allen Raymond Lane (aka Westport/Weston YMCA):** Request for time extension under Permit #IWW,WPL-8020-07.

Ms. Mozian reviewed a request for time extension under Permit #IWW,WPL-8020-07. She stated YMCA is presently ready to construct Phase II addition, which was part of the Commission's original approval. The original application was approved April 26, 2007. However, the court decision was July 20, 2010. Public Act 11-5 says permit is good for 9 year, which means July 20, 2019 and an additional 5 year if an extension is granted for a total of 14 years. Therefore, the YMCA is requesting a 5 year permit extension to July 20, 2024.

Motion to grant the time extension to July 20, 2024.

Motion: Carey Second: Bancroft
Ayes: Carey, Bancroft, Davis, Lobdell, Perlman, Cowherd

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

The July 17, 2019 Public Hearing of the Westport Conservation Commission adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Motion: Bancroft Second: Carey

Aves: Bancroft, Carey, Davis, Lobdell, Perlman, Cowherd

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