

**TOWN OF NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY, January 28, 2008**

TOWN HALL – Board Room - 7:30 P.M.

REGULAR MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Mr. Stepanek, Chairman
Mr. Begoon
Mr. Dobbyn
Dr. Englund
Mr. Tonkovich, Acting Secretary**

REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Ms. Turrentine, Secretary
Mr. Tiefenthaler**

ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Mr. Kinne
Mr. Pauley**

ALTERNATE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Smith

Also in attendance:
David Pattee, Agent

1. Chairman Stepanek called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.
2. Roll Call. Mr. Kinne and Mr. Pauley were seated for Ms. Turrentine and Mr. Tiefenthaler.
3. The Agenda was unanimously approved upon motion of Dr. Englund and second of Mr. Stepanek.
4. Organization of Commission-First Selectman Jeb Walker. First Selectman Walker stated that annually the Commission must choose a Chairman and Secretary. Upon motion of Dr. Englund and second of Mr. Tonkovich, Mr. Stepanek was unanimously elected Chairman of the Commission and Ms. Turrentine was unanimously elected Secretary of the Commission.
5. Minutes of December 17, 2007 were unanimously approved.

The following applications were received and scheduled for the February 25, 2008 meeting:

6. **Application number 08-01-437** Brookside Road-Imian Meadows LLC. To enhance wetland area with plantings of trees, shrubs, and flowers, all selected because they are native to the area and wetland-type plants as shown on the University of Connecticut Horticulture Website.
7. **Application number 08-02-47** Old Stamford Road-Town of New Canaan. To remove the accumulated sediments from two channels (Bristow Bird Sanctuary and the channel West of Park Place) and restore the hydraulic capacity of the drainage system, which begins at South School and conveys stormwater to the Bird Sanctuary and into the Noroton River. Mike Pastore, Town Engineer - Agent.

Upon motion of Mr. Stepanek and second by Dr. Englund, the Commission unanimously approved a Public Hearing to be scheduled for February 25, 2008.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

8. **Application number 07-70**-Hickok Road Bridge over Silvermine River-Town of New Canaan. Demolish existing bridge, construct new bridge. Wengell, McDonnell and Costello, Inc. Consulting Engineers, Agent, and Tiger Mann, Senior Engineer.

Mr. Dennis Garceau, Project Manager, WMC Consulting Engineers, presented plans for demolishing the old bridge and constructing a new bridge over the Silvermine River. Mr. Garceau discussed funding, permit status, bidding/construction potential dates, plans for the new bridge, roadway profile, and the permanent and temporary

impacts to the wetlands and water courses based on results from Federal and State civil scientists as well as survey results from a land surveyor. Dr. Englund questioned the handling of water during and after construction, specifically on the north side of the bridge, citing the April storm and how it would affect not only the river but neighboring properties. Mr. Pauley questioned the actual start date and the delay in construction during the winter months.

John Hetherington, State Representative, 697 Valley Road, questioned construction of the bridge, specifically the southwest bank area, and if that area would be reconstructed. Mr. Garceau explained that the new bridge would be larger and beneath the bridge would be a shelf-like passage way for animals, which is a new criterion from the Army Corps of Engineering.

The public hearing on this application was closed.

After brief discussion and upon motion of Mr. Tonkovich and second by Mr. Kinne, the Commission unanimously approved the application.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

- 9. Application number 07-94** 64 John Marshall Place-James Forese. Dredge existing pond to remove approximately 3,200 cubic yards of material. Stecks Nursery and Landscaping, Agent. (Continued from December meeting).

Michael Boice, Steck's Nursery & Landscape, presented the proposed dredging plan, explained the sequencing of events, including the recommendations of Nazzaro Inc. who will be doing the dredging work on the pond. Mr. Boice discussed the changes in the application including the dewatering plan. Mr. Boice stated that dredging would begin in the Spring and the duration of the dredging would be approximately three (3) to four (4) weeks.

After brief discussion and upon motion of Mr. Tonkovich and second by Dr. Englund, the Commission unanimously approved the application.

Agent Report – Administrative Actions:

- 10. License Number 07-104a** issued to Robin A. and Margaret L. Fryer, 1408 Ponus Ridge, New Canaan, CT 06840. To remove existing dwelling and construct new dwelling of essentially the same size and in essentially the same location. APPROVED.

Request for Transfers/Extensions

11. None.

Other:

10. 2007 Environmental Commission and Inland Wetlands Activity Report.

Mr. Pattee updated the Commission on the 2007 Environmental Commission and Inland Wetlands Activity Report.

Adjourn

Upon motion of Mr. Tonkovich and second by Mr. Kinne, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Attest: Gene Tonkovich, Acting Secretary