

**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023**

PRESENT: **Art Christian, Chairman**
 Glenn Neilson, Vice Chairman
 Ray Wilcox
 Beth Fanous
 Jessica McCue

CONSULTANT: **Keith Morris**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER- 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Consultant Morris read the agenda. Chairman Christian stated that Alternate Commissioner Jessica McCue shall be a voting member in place of Commissioner Phelps who was not present.

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Parks Superintendent Tom O'Brien presented his report to the Commission. Work on the foundation of the maintenance building at Sunrise Park has been completed and work on the windows and electrical will start up next. Just north of Whites Pond there are several large red pine trees that need to be taken down before they come down on their own. Mr. O'Brien is also requesting funds for lumber for several projects he would like to complete. He will get an estimate and Consultant Morris will check to see what remains in the budget. The pavilion is booked on weekends until August. The well at the pavilion is open and has been inspected by the Health Department and there were no issues. A discussion followed on the Park rules. After discussion Consultant Morris will send the rules to Town Counsel for review.

DECISION:

Permit #1705 – Desmond (owner) – Single Family Home – Riverview Drive. This property is located on the east side of Riverview Drive, nearest intersection being Pleasant View Drive. Assessor's Map Number 83H, Block 53, Lot 29.

Consultant Morris stated that this application is on the agenda for a possible decision. The application includes a capacity letter from the WPCA and a report from a soil scientist regarding the wetland delineation. Consultant Morris displayed a marked up plan from the interim Town engineer. One of the elevation numbers was incorrect and the only other comments were to final grade so that no runoff enters onto abutting property. A discussion followed on the application, which included the plan showing two lots.

After discussion, Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCue, to approve the application of Debra Desmond for the construction of a single-family home with the following conditions:

Suffield Conservation Commission stipulations 1-11 shall apply. (Copy attached).

12. The Commission's agent shall conduct site inspections and the applicant shall be responsible for any fees associated with those inspections.

Consultant Morris will research the lot lines as shown on the submitted plan. The Commission is in receipt of a capacity letter for the Suffield Water Pollution Control Authority and a report from the soil scientist who completed the wetland delineation.

The plan of record is entitled "Site Development Plan, prepared for Briarwood Homes, for 45 Riverview Drive, by Dufour Surveying LLC, dated April 8, 2023".

This property is located at 45 Riverview Drive, nearest intersection being Pleasant View Drive. This permit is granted in a Declaratory Ruling, as it is the Commission's opinion that the work will not have a significant impact on regulated areas. This permit shall expire on August 25, 2026. The applicant has paid a filing fee of \$135.00. The motion was carried unanimously.

**PRIOR TO THE START OF ANY WORK ON THIS PROPERTY, PLEASE
SUBMIT THE CONTRACTOR'S COMPLIANCE STATEMENT AND START
WORK NOTICE TO THE CONSERVATION OFFICE.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lauren Perleoni of Remington Street expressed concern that the minutes of the April 25, 2023 meeting did not include her comments asking why the town keeps approving these drainage systems when they are not maintained. Ray Perleoni from Remington Street then addressed the Commission with concerns that the town accepts open space that helps a developer get approval for a project but the land is not maintained. After his presentation Consultant Morris and Chairman Christian stated that the Conservation Commission on occasion will make a recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) in regard open space but the PZC has the final say and therefore it is not a Conservation Commission issue.

CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

A discussion followed on this year's fishing derby. Consultant Morris updated the Commission on the fishing derby and the delivery date of the fish. Parks Superintendent O'Brien stated that he could be there the day the fish are delivered. Consultant Morris is following up on a complaint regarding a resident on Hill Street to see if there are any wetland violations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 28, 2023 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion to approve amended minutes to include that resident Lauren Perleoni of Remington Street had concerns that the town continues to approve construction projects that include plunge pools and detention basins that are not maintained. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCue and carried unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Norm John Noble
Recording Secretary