Town Plan and Zoning Commission

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TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024 LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER, ROOM 314 TOWN HALL, WEST HARTFORD, CT 06107

AGENDA

Legal Notice

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES:

- 1. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Monday, December 4, 2023
 - b. Minutes of the Special Meeting, Monday, December 11, 2023
 - c. Minutes of the Special Meeting, Wednesday, December 13, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS:

2.

a. Applicant request to withdraw SUP #1425 for 14-16 Oakwood Avenue

NEW BUSINESS:

- 3. **289 South Main Street** Application (SUP #1430) of the Town of West Hartford, requesting approval of a Special Use Permit to improve and modernize the existing driving range at the Rockledge Golf Course, which will include the addition of up to 20 covered tee stations along with a small snack bar and restroom facility (Submitted for TPZ receipt on January 3, 2024. Suggest required public hearing be scheduled for February 5, 2024).
 - <u>Narrative</u> 12.22.23

- Plan Set -12.21.23
- 4. <u>1563 Asylum Avenue</u> <u>Application</u> (SUP #1433) of FHI Studio, on behalf of the City of Hartford, requesting approval of a Special Use Permit to make site improvements to the existing Horticultural Garden and adjacent walkways within Elizabeth Park (Submitted for TPZ receipt on January 3, 2024. Suggest required public hearing be scheduled for February 5, 2024).
 - Narrative -11.29.23

■ <u>Plan Set</u> – 11.29.23

5. <u>170 Kingswood Road</u> – <u>Application</u> (SUP #1434) of Centerbrook Architects, on behalf of the Kingswood Oxford School, requesting approval of a Special Use Permit to construct an approximately 3,600 square foot addition and new outdoor patio with associated stormwater, landscaping and decorative site lighting improvements to the existing Conklin Library and Mead Dining Hall buildings within the KO campus (Submitted for TPZ receipt on January 3, 2024. Suggest required public hearing be scheduled for February 5, 2024).

Narrative -12.20.23

Civil Plans

- <u>Stormwater Report</u> 12.18.23
- Architectural Plans 12.20.23
- 6. <u>1515 Boulevard</u> <u>Application</u> (SUP #1435) of the Town of West Hartford, requesting approval of a Special Use Permit to add player dugout structures to the existing softball field at Norfeldt Field (Submitted for TPZ receipt on January 3, 2024. Suggest required public hearing be scheduled for February 5, 2024).

Narrative

- Plan Set
- 7. <u>425 Oakwood Avenue</u> <u>Application</u> (SUP #1436) of the Town of West Hartford, requesting approval of a Special Use Permit to add player dugout structures to each of the four existing softball fields located within the Sterling Athletic Field complex (Submitted for TPZ receipt on January 3, 2024. Suggest required public hearing be scheduled for February 5, 2024).

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OLD BUSINESS:

- 8. <u>119 Flagg Road</u> <u>Application</u> (IWW #1217) of the Town of West Hartford requesting approval of an Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Permit to conduct certain regulated activities, which may have an adverse impact on a wetland regulated area. The applicant proposes to replace an existing bridge spanning Hart Meadow Brook along with the bridge's supporting abutments within Westmoor Park. Work is proposed within a wetland area and immediately adjacent to the watercourse. (Submitted for IWWA receipt on November 6, 2023. Determined potentially significant and set for public hearing on December 4, 2023. This item was opened on 12/4/23 and immediately continued without testimony to January 3, 2024)
 - Narrative
 - DEEP Report
 - Combined Staff Comments 11.17.23
 - Response to Comments 11.27.23
 - Staff Comments 12.28.23

- <u>Updated Plan Set</u> 11.29.23
- Wetland Report 12.9.23

- 9. <u>173 Mountain Road</u> <u>Application</u> (IWW #1218) of the Town of West Hartford requesting approval of an Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Permit to conduct certain regulated activities, which may have an adverse impact on a wetland regulated area. The applicant proposes to replace an existing bridge spanning the stream that outlets into McGovern Pond along with the bridge's supporting abutments within Spicebush Swamp Park. Work is proposed within a wetland area and immediately adjacent to the watercourse (Submitted for IWWA receipt on November 6, 2023. Determined potentially significant and set for public hearing on December 4, 2023. This item was opened on 12/4/23 and immediately continued without testimony to January 3, 2024)
 - Narrative
 - DEEP Report
 - Combined Staff Comments 11.17.23
 - Response to Comments 11.27.23
 - Staff Comments 12.28.23

- <u>Updated Plan Set</u> 11.29.23
- <u>Wetland Report</u> 12.11.23
- 10. <u>37 Ranger Lane</u> <u>Application</u> (IWW #1209) of J. Kemper, requesting approval of an Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Permit to conduct certain regulated activities, which may have an adverse impact on a wetland regulated area. The applicant proposes to construct a +/- 1488 square foot addition, which includes a deck. The applicant also proposes the installation of retaining walls, stormwater management structures and associated site grading. Work is proposed within the 150 ft. upland review area with no direct wetland impacts proposed. (Submitted for IWWA receipt on December 4, 2023. Determined potentially significant and set for public hearing on January 3, 2024.)
 - Architectural Plans -8.31.23
 - Stormwater Report 10.2.23
 - Combined Staff Comments 12.28.23
- Civil Plans 12.11.23
- Narrative 12.11.23
- Wetland Report 12.11.23
- Wetland Impact Statement 12.11.23
- 11. <u>176 Newington Road</u> <u>Application</u> (SUP #1431) of GreenDrop, requesting approval of a temporary Special Use Permit to construct a +/-358 square foot mobile "GreenDrop" donation trailer within the existing undeveloped pad site within the existing shopping plaza for a period of 1 year. (Submitted for TPZ receipt on December 4, 2023. Required public hearing scheduled for January 3, 2024).
 - Narrative -11.21.23
 - Mobile Vehicle Plans

- Site Plan -11.20.23
- Staff Report 12.28.23
- 12. <u>14-16 Oakwood Avenue</u> <u>Application</u> (SUP #1425) of R. Mercier, requesting approval of a Special Use Permit to operate a new Indoor Recreation or Amusement Facility pursuant to sections 177-2(B), 177-6(B) and 177-42(A) of the zoning ordinances. (Submitted for TPZ receipt on November 6, 2023. Required public hearing scheduled for December 4,

2023.) This item is subject to a request to withdraw, pursuant to Communication Item #2 on the agenda.

- 13. <u>1700 Asylum Avenue</u> Intervener Petition: Christine Feely, Jessica Rubin and Gary Schulman.
 - Petition
- 14. <u>1700 Asylum Avenue</u> Application (IWW #1203) of WEHA Development Group East, LLC, requesting approval of an Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Permit to conduct certain regulated activities, which may have an adverse impact on a wetlands regulated area. The applicant proposes the construction of four (4) multi-story residential buildings with related residential amenities, in addition to drainage, landscaping, parking and associated site improvements. Work is proposed within the 150 ft. upland review area and includes direct wetlands and watercourses impacts. (Application determined potentially significant on July 10, 2023 and set for public hearing on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 and was opened and immediately continued to October 2, 2023, continued again to October 23, 2023, then again to November 6, 2023. On November 29, 2023, public hearing testimony began and the hearing was continued to December 11, 2023 and again to December 13, 2023. Public hearing testimony concluded and the hearing closed on December 13, 2023. Possible deliberation and vote on January 3, 2024)

Final Plans And Updated Information as of 12/13/23:

- T<u>ree Inventory</u> 12.3.23
- Comparison Plan 12.8.23
- Stormwater Report 12.8.23
- Land Stewardship Plan 12.8.23
- Applicant Outreach Letter -12.11.23
- Applicant Presentation 12.11.23
- Plan Set 1 of 2 12.11.23
- Plan Set 2 of 2 12.11.23
- Public Comments 12.13.23
- Site Plan Colorized 12.13.23

- Wetlands Assessment Report Part 1 –
 12.13.23
- Wetlands Assessment Report Part 2 12.13.23
- Existing Pavement Exhibit 12.13.23
- Staff Comments 12.13.23
- Conservation Easement 12.13.23
- Impervious Area Reduction Plan 12.13.23
- Response to Staff Comments 12.13.23
- Applicant Public Hearing Presentation 12.13.23

Past Revisions and Supporting Documentation Listed Below

- Plan Set 1 of 2 11.20.23
- Plan Set 2 of 2 11.20.23
- Response to Staff Comments 11-17-23
- Stormwater Report 11-21-23
- Wetland Assessment Report 11.20-23
- Staff Comments 11.16.23
- Comparison Plan

- <u>Land Stewardship/ Management Plan –</u>
 11.17.23
- Earthwork Exhibit 11.20.23
- Wetland Impact Exhibit 11.20.23
- Tree Removal Exhibit & Inventory 11-20-23
- DEEP Reporting Form
- Special Flood Area Application

Plans and Supporting Documentation as of 11/9/23:

- Plan Set 1 of 2 10.23.23
- Plan Set 2 of 2 10.23.23
- Response to Staff Comments 10.23.23
- Stormwater Report 10.23.23
- Wetland Assessment Report 10.23.23
- Staff Comments 11.16.23

- <u>Land Stewardship/ Management Plan –</u>
 10.23.23
- Neighborhood Outreach Description 10.23.23
- Earthwork Exhibit 11.3.23
- Wetland Impact Exhibit 11.3.23

Revised Plans, Supporting Documentation and Staff Comments from 8/7/23 to 9/22/23:

- Staff Comments 8.7.23
- Response to Staff Comments 8.22.23
- Stormwater Report 8.21.23
- <u>FEMA SFHA Comps</u> 8.16.23
- Earthwork Plan 8.25.23

- DEEP Reporting Form 8.22.23
- Plan Set 1 of 2 8.21.23
- Plan Set 2 of 2 8-21-23
- Comparison Plan 8.22.23
- Staff Comments through 9.22.23

Plans, Supporting Documentation and Staff Comments from Original Submission:

- Narrative
- Stormwater Report
- Wetlands Delineation Report
- Response to Staff Comments from Previous application.
- Staff Comments 7.18.23

- DEEP Reporting Form
- Plan Set 1 of 2
- Plan Set 2 of 2
- Wetlands Assessment Report
- Neighborhood Outreach

TOWN COUNCIL REFERRAL:

- 15. <u>Application</u> filed on behalf of Chick-fil-A, Inc. ("CFA"), as lessee of property commonly known as 509 New Park Avenue ("CFA Premises"), to modify Special Design District #94 (SDD #94) located at 509 New Park Avenue to accommodate a reconfiguration of the existing drive-thru lane and related site improvements including landscaping and parking.
 - <u>Plan Set</u> 12.5.23

- Combined Staff Comments 12.22.23
- 16. Ordinance Concerning Group Child Care Homes Amendment to the zoning ordinances to address compliance with Public Act 23-142.
 - Proposed Ordinance

Proposed Schedule of Permitted Uses

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

17. Executive Session pursuant to section 1-200(6)(E) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding discussion of an Attorney-Client Privileged and Confidential Legal Memorandum regarding IWWA #1203 and the Intervenor Petition.

TOWN PLANNER'S REPORT:

18. None

INFORMATION ITEMS:

19. None

REMINDER OF FUTURE TPZ REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS:

• TPZ Regular Meeting, February 5, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.

Anyone requiring auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or modification of policies or procedures to participate in a meeting, service, program or activity of the Town of West Hartford, should contact Suzanne Oslander, ADA Coordinator, at suzanneo@westhartfordct.gov or (860) 561-7580, as soon as possible, preferably seven days beforehand.