

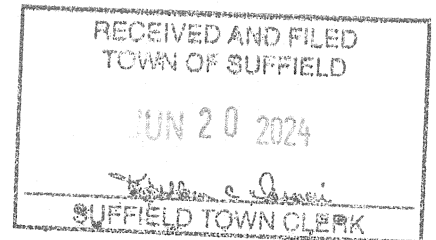
**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING OF TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024**

**PRESENT:**

**Art Christian, Chairman  
Glenn Neilson, Vice Chairman  
Norm John Noble  
Beth Fanous  
Ray Wilcox  
Gary Phelps  
Tom Elmore  
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. Alternate Commissioner Jessica McCue shall be a voting member in place of Commissioner Reilly who was not present.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Eagle Scout Joseph Krar addressed the Commission. His proposed eagle scout project is to rebuild the altar table at the chapel at Sunrise Park. The project still has to be presented to the Boy Scout Counsel. He is working on funding and estimates the project will cost between \$ 400.00 - \$ 500.00. Park superintendent Tom O'Brien will oversee the project and other troop members will help Mr. Krar. He anticipates he will start the project in September. Chairman Christian poled the Commission who all thought this was a viable project. After discussion Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox to approve the proposed Eagle Scout project to be overseen by the Parks Superintendent. The motion was carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENT:**

**Permit # 1446 – Blue Sky Builders – SFH – Thrall Avenue. This property is located at 622 Thrall Avenue. Assessor's Map 65H, Block 45, Lot 247-1.**

Consultant Morris explained that the applicant is requesting an amendment to the original approval to allow for approximately 600 square feet of a proposed house to be allowed in the upland review area. A discussion followed with numerous Commissioners expressing concern with allowing a portion of the house within the upland review area and also clearing within 10' of the wetland. Brian Denno of Denno Land Surveying addressed the Commission. He stated that they could propose mitigation in the way of plantings and/or signage along the wetland boundary. Vice Chairman Neilson suggested that Mr. Denno move the house further to the west as much as possible. After discussion, the applicant decided to withdraw the amended plan and to submit another plan with the house moved and a proposed planting plan.

**PLAN ACCEPTANCE:**

**Permit # 1712 - Roy – SFH – Mayflower Lane. This property is located on the north side of Mayflower Lane, nearest intersection being Colony Road. Assessor’s Map 8H, Block 3, Lots 51, 52, and 53.**

Consultant Morris updated the Commission on this application. The application is complete and is on the agenda for acceptance only. The next meeting of the Commissions is scheduled for July 23, 2024. The applicant has asked for permission to install the erosion controls on site and to remove the stumps. He was granted permission to remove the trees on site at the last meeting of the Commission. A lengthy discussion followed on allowing work to take place on site prior to the July 23, 2024 meeting. After discussion, Vice Chairman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, to accept the application and put it on the July 23, 2024 meeting of the Commission for a possible decision. Permission is granted to install erosion controls and to clean up the dump area on site. Permission is not granted to remove any stumps or do any earthmoving on site. The Commission shall be notified if there is any material on site containing oil or gas. The motion was carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Norm Cheevers, member of the Southwick Conservation Commission, addressed the Commission regarding Mayflower Lane and handed out pictures of the site. He expressed concerns regarding the erosion control locations on site.

**CONSULTANT’S REPORT:**

Consultant Morris Presented a drainage project proposed by the director of Public Works and designed by the Town’s contracted engineering company. The work may involve the replacement of an existing outfall to Muddy Brook. After discussion the Commission will allow their consultant to oversee the project regarding erosion and sedimentation controls. The Commission is also requesting that the plan be stamped by the Town’s engineering consultant.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 14, 2024 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**

Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wilcox and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Noble made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Phelps. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by  
Norm John Noble  
Recording Secretary