

**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024**

PRESENT: Art Christian, Chairman
Glenn Neilson, Vice Chairman
Norm John Noble
Ray Wilcox
Gary Phelps

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT Tom O'Brien

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.

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 has submitted a revised plan moving the house further away from the wetlands. Only 320 square feet of the house remain within the 50’ upland review area.

Brian Denno of Denno Land Surveying presented the revised plan which also includes plantings along the wetland boundary to enhance wildlife and provide a physical barrier along the wetland boundary.

After discussion, the applicant decided to withdraw the amended plan and to submit another plan at a later date. The commission stated that if the plan depicts the house out of the 50’ upland review area it could be reviewed administratively by Consultant Morris.

PLAN ACCEPTANCE:

Permit # 1713 – Denishchich (owner) – Pig enclosure/fencing/manure composting - 1500 Hill Street. This property is located on the east side of Hill Street, nearest intersection being Spruce Street. Assessor’s Map 27, Block 28, Lot 61-2.

Consultant Morris stated that this application has been withdrawn so that the applicant can address comments made from the North Central Health District.

Permit # 1714 – Gemme (owner) – Resubdivision – 1311 Newgate Road. This property is located on the northwest side of Newgate Road, nearest intersection being Metacomet Lane. Assessor’s Map 6, Block 10, Lot 31-C.

Consultant Morris stated that this application is for the resubdivision of land with no construction being proposed at this time and is on the agenda for acceptance. After a brief discussion, Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, to accept the application and put it on the August 27, 2024 agenda for a possible decision. The motion was carried unanimously.

DECISION:

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 on the agenda for a possible decision. At the last meeting the applicant was given permission to remove the trees from the site and install erosion controls.

A brief discussion followed and consultant Morris suggested that there be erosion control inspections and that the applicant provide periodic update emails as work progresses.

After discussion vice chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, to approve the application of Richard Roy for construction of a single-family home on Mayflower Lane with the following conditions:

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

12. The homeowner is required to provide proof of stump disposal at mulching plant.
13. The note “Access & Snow Storage Easement In Favor of the Town” note shall be removed from the plan.
14. The project is subject to erosion control inspections by Commission members and/or their agent. The applicant shall submit occasional updates/pictures, via email as the project progresses.

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, & 53. The plan on record is entitled: “Site Plan, prepared for Richard & Holly Roy, parcels 8H-3-51, 52, & 53 Mayflower Lane, Suffield Connecticut, dated March 19, 2024, by Denno Land Surveying & Consulting, LLC”.

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.

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Parks superintendent Tom O'Brien presented his report to the commission. He has a new used truck for the park given to him by the highway department. The highway department is also making additional signs for the park that address bringing pets to the park. Utilizing gatekeepers on the weekends is working out well. A discussion followed on the proposed agreement with Windsor Locks allowing Windsor Locks residents into Babb's Beach and Sunrise Park for free. In return Suffield residents are allowed to use the pools in Windsor Locks for free. After a brief discussion the commission had no problem with this agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

Consultant Morris discussed brush cutting that occurred on Wren Drive.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 11, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

Vice Chairman Noble 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 Wilcox. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Norm John Noble
Recording Secretary