

**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

PRESENT:

Art Christian, Chairman
Glenn Neilson, Vice Chairman
Norm John Noble
Ray Wilcox
Pat Reilly
Beth Fanous
Tom Elmore

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 Elmore will be a voting member in place of Commissioner Reilly who recused himself. Commission members introduced themselves to the public.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION:

Eagle Scout Project – Sunrise Park

This discussion was tabled until the September 24, 2024 meeting of the Commission.

Momentum Solar – Solar Panel – 897 East Street South

Sarah Smith from Momentum Solar addressed the Commission regarding the proposed solar panel array location for 897 East Street South which would involve a lengthy wetland crossing and the location of the panel array within wetland areas. A discussion followed regarding alternate locations which would eliminate or/or reduce wetland impacts. After discussion, Ms. Smith said she would discuss alternate locations with the property owner.

Ahlstrom – Maintenance on Canal

John Riley of Ahlstrom Nonwoven LLC addressed the Commission. They are proposing work to repair the piers of a pedestrian/vehicles bridge over the Windsor Locks Canal that have been compromised from an extreme storm event. Ahlstrom has hired an engineering firm for a final design solution which was outlined in a handout to the Commission. A discussion followed on how the work would be completed. After discussion the Commission allowed the work as ongoing maintenance of the canal.

DECISION:

Permit # 1716 – Durkin (owner) – Resubdivision – 1071 River Boulevard. This property is located on the north side of River Boulevard. Assessor’s Map 8H, Block 54, Lot 14.

Chairman Christian stepped down for this application due to a conflict of interest. Vice Chairman Neilson took over as chairman. Consultant Morris presented this application and stated that it is

for the resubdivision of land with no construction proposed at this time. There is a sewer capacity letter from the Suffield Water Pollution Control Authority as part of the application.

After discussion Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Noble, to approve the application of Terry Durkin for the resub division of land at 1071 River Boulevard. The motion was carried unanimously. There is no construction proposed at this time.

This property is located at 1071 River Boulevard, nearest intersection being Harbourside Drive. The plan on record is entitled: "Subdivision Plan, prepared for Kimmett - Durkin, 1071 River Boulevard, Suffield, Connecticut,, dated August 2, 2024, sheets 1-3, by Gary B. LeClair, LLC".

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

Consultant Morris discussed an upcoming application for Phase 2 of Eastwoods Active Adult Housing which was originally approved by the Commission back in 2003 through the public hearing process. After discussion the Commission asked that the applicant's engineer go over the changes in the new application when the application is on the agenda for acceptance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 27, 2024 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

Commissioner 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 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Norm John Noble
Recording Secretary