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**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025**

PRESENT: Glenn Neilson, Vice Chairman
Norm John Noble
Ray Wilcox
Gary Phelps
Jessica McCue
Tom Elmore

CONSULTANT: Keith Morris

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

Vice Chairman Neilson called the meeting to order and stated that he will be acting chair in the absence of Chairman Christian. He stated that Alternate Commissioners McCue and Elmore shall be voting members in place of Chairman Christian and Commissioner Reilly who were not present. Consultant Morris read the agenda.

INFORMAL DISCUSSION:

Tree Warden – Forest Management Plan – Sunrise Park

Tree warden Sue Mayne addressed the Commission regarding a State run program that will conduct a forest management plan free of charge. A discussion followed and it was decided that Sunrise Park would be the best site for the study. Ms. Mayne stated that the Commission would eventually have to come up with objectives of the plan. Consultant Morris will send a copy of a previously done study at the Park to Ms. Mayne.

Tagliavini – Halladay Ave. West

This discussion will be tabled to a future meeting.

DECISION:

Permit # 1725 – Partington – Single Family Home – Mountain Road. This property is located on the west side of Mountain Road, nearest intersection being Warnertown Road. Assessor's Map 8, Block 9, Lot 5.

Consultant Morris presented the application for a single-family home on the south side of Mountain Road. There is minor grading proposed within the upland review area. A discussion followed on eliminating any grading within the upland review area. Applicant Tyler Partington was present and stated that he would have the plan revised to eliminate

any work within the upland review area and also propose plantings as a physical barrier along portions of the wetland boundary.

After discussion, Commissioner Noble made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Phelps, to approve the application of Mr. Partington with the following conditions:

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

12) The applicant has agreed to submit a revised plan which eliminates any grading within the 50' upland review area along with wildlife plantings to create a physical barrier between the house and wetland boundary.

This property is located on the south side of Mountain Road. Assessor's Map 8, Block 9, Lot 5. The plan on record is entitled: "New Residential single-family Home Site Plan, prepared for Tyler & Kristen Partington, Parcel 8-9-5, Mountain Road, Suffield Connecticut, sheets 1-5, by Barresi Associates, LLC, dated February 17, 2025". 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 8, 2028. **The applicant owes 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.**

PLAN ACCEPTANCE:

**Permit # 1726 – Gardner & Peterson Associates (applicant) – Single Family Home -
Spencer Street. This property is located at 106 Spencer Street. Assessor's Map
27H, Block 34, Lot 12.**

Consultant Morris presented the application for a single-family home on Spencer Street. The application is complete and on the agenda for acceptance. After a brief discussion Commissioner Wilcox made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Noble, to accept the application and put it on the April 29, 2025 meeting for a possible decision. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

Consultant Morris presented a draft plan regarding resurfacing the rail trail from the Southwick line through Suffield to the East Granby line. The acting town engineer asked for input from the Commission regarding potential permits and information needed on the

plan. After discussion, the Commission decided that more information should be submitted and an application filed for a permit from the Commission. Information requested includes location and type of erosion controls and the disposal location of the regrind material.

Consultant Morris then presented a plan for an addition to a building on Marketing Drive. There is no work proposed within the upland review area. After discussion the Commission decided that the work could be approved administratively by consultant Morris through the building permit process.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 25, 2025 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Noble made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner McCue. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by
Norm John Noble
Recording Secretary