

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
CITY OF STAMFORD
April 26, 2007**

Present: Louis Levine, Chairman; Barbara Hicks, Member; Leigh Shemitz, Member; Gary Stone, Member; William Morris, Member; Larry Barron, Alternate Member.

Also present: David M. Emerson, Director.

The regular meeting convened at 7:39 P.M. and adjourned at 8:30 P. M. and was not tape recorded.

MINUTES:

Mr. Barron made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2007 meeting as modified by Ms. Hicks.

The Board members voted on the motion as follows:
APPROVAL – YES –Ms. Hicks, Mr. Levine, Mr. Barron.
ABSTAIN - Ms. Shemitz, Mr. Morris, Mr. Stone.

APPLICATIONS & PERMITS:

#2640 – Dzamba Grove – Lot 20, W. Welch.

The applicant is proposing to maintain a stone retaining wall within and proximate to wetlands, watercourse, and designated flood hazard areas on property within the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Rippowam River at 32 Dzamba Grove.

In attendance was: No one was in attendance concerning this matter.

Mr. Emerson reported that the application was withdrawn per letter from applicant dated April 11, 2007. Will be resubmitted upon completion of engineering report by Rocco V. D'Andrea, Incorporated.

#2709 – 49 Walter Lane – Lot 14, C. & S. Brennan.

The applicant is proposing to construct a residential addition and deck proximate to wetland areas on property within the drinking water supply watershed of the Mianus River at 49 Walter Lane.

In attendance was: Seamus Brennan (owner/applicant).

Mr. Emerson summarized the proposed project for the Board.

Motion By: Mr. Morris made the motion to adopt the findings and recommendations of staff and to approve the application with the conditions listed in the Agenda Summary Report dated April 23, 2007.

The Board members voted on the motion as follows:
APPROVAL – YES – Mr. Levine, Mr. Stone, Ms. Hicks, Mr. Morris, Ms. Shemitz.
Mr. Barron not voting.

#2710 – West Avenue – Lot B1, West Avenue Realty Associates.

The applicant is proposing to construct a loading dock and associated driveway proximate to wetland areas and within and proximate to designated Conservation areas on property within the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Southwest Shoreline (Long Island Sound) at 650 West Avenue.

In attendance were: Teodoro Milone, P.E., David Ginter, P.E., Redniss & Mead, Inc. (project engineers).

Mr. Milone summarized the proposed activities for the Board.

Motion By: Ms. Shemitz made the motion to adopt the findings and recommendations of staff and to approve the application with the conditions listed in the Agenda Summary Report dated April 18, 2007 with the additional condition that the removal of invasive plants be done by hand without the use of plant poisons.

The Board members voted on the motion as follows:

APPROVAL – YES – Mr. Levine, Mr. Stone, Ms. Hicks, Mr. Morris, Ms. Shemitz.
Mr. Barron not voting.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following new applications filed in a timely manner with all of the required minimum information.

#2718 – Taconic Road – Lot 1B, Land-Tech Consultants.

The applicant is proposing to maintain the dredging of a pond and replacement of outlet pipe with restoration of disturbed areas within and proximate to wetlands and watercourses on property within the drinking water supply watershed of the Bargh Reservoir and Mianus River at 404 Taconic Road.

#2719 – Bridge Street/Scalzi Park – Lot 2 – Stamford Engineering Bureau.

The applicant is seeking permission to undertake drainage improvements within and proximate to designated flood-hazard areas and the Rippowam River on property within the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Rippowam River at Scalzi Park along the west side of Washington Boulevard in the southeasterly corner of the Park.

#2720 – West Bank Lane – Lot 10, A. Tagliavia.

The applicant is proposing to construct a detached garage within designated flood hazard areas on property within the drinking water supply watershed of the Mianus River at 9 West Bank Lane.

#2721 – Hope Street – Lot 3, R. Gatto for J. Cappucci.

The applicant is proposing to install a footing drain outlet and storm-drainage overflow proximate to wetlands and within a designated Conservation areas on property within the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Springdale Brook at 1360 Hope Street.

Motion By: Mr. Stone made the motion to accept the applications based upon the determination that all required minimum information had been received.

The Board members voted on the motion as follows:

APPROVAL – YES – Mr. Levine, Mr. Stone, Ms. Hicks, Mr. Morris, Ms. Shemitz.
Mr. Barron not voting.

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In attendance was: No one was in attendance concerning this matter.

Mr. Emerson summarized the proposed project for the Board.

Motion By: Ms. Hicks made the motion to adopt the findings and recommendations of staff and to approve the application with the conditions listed in the Agenda Summary Report dated April 18, 2007.

The Board members voted on the motion as follows:

APPROVAL – YES – Mr. Levine, Mr. Stone, Ms. Hicks, Mr. Morris, Ms. Shemitz.
Mr. Barron not voting.

SUBDIVISIONS:

#3955– High Ridge Road – Lot 11, Rolling Acres of Stamford, LLC.

The applicant is proposing the 11-lot subdivision of property within the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Rippowam River located along the west side of High Ridge Road at #44 and south of Walnut Ridge Lane.

In attendance were: Susan M. Kiskan, P.E., David Ginter, P.E., Redniss & Mead, Inc. (project engineers); Ronald M. Gold, Esq., Benjamin and Gold (representing applicant).

Ms. Kiskan summarized the proposed activities for the Board. Discussion focused on the need for a Conservation easement for those narrow portions of the site along the northern and southern property boundaries. tree preservation was also discussed with the consensus that specific tree protection strategies could be included as part of the site-plan review for the development of individual lots.

Motion By: Mr. Stone made the motion to adopt the findings and recommendations of staff and to report to the Planning Board that the EPB offered no objections to the subdivision as proposed subject to the conditions listed in the Agenda Summary Report dated April 18, 2007.

The Board members voted on the motion as follows:

APPROVAL – YES – Mr. Levine, Mr. Stone, Ms. Hicks, Mr. Morris, Ms. Shemitz.
Mr. Barron not voting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

#2420 – Mission/Taylor Street – Lots 5 & 26, New Neighborhoods, Inc.

The permittee has permission to renovate and convert an existing two-family dwelling into four units and to construct an additional six residential units with associated drainage improvements within and proximate to wetland areas on property within the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Long Island Sound at 28 Taylor Street and 31 Mission Street. A one-year permit extension is requested.

#2420 – Mission/Taylor Street – Lots 5 & 26, New Neighborhoods, Inc. (Con't.).

In attendance was: No one was in attendance concerning this matter.

Mr. Emerson summarized the status of the project for the Board.

Motion By: Mr. Stone made the motion to approve the extension of the permit as requested.

The Board members voted on the motion as follows:

APPROVAL – YES – Mr. Levine, Mr. Stone, Ms. Hicks, Mr. Morris, Ms. Shemitz.

Mr. Barron not voting.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Louis P. Levine, Chairman

Minutes prepared from meeting notes recorded by David M. Emerson.