

MINUTES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
LISBON TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The following Public Hearing of the Conservation Commission was called to order by Richard Hamel, Chairman, at 6:30 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Hamel, Mark Robinson, Joseph Lewerk
MEMBERS ABSENT: Leonora Szruba, Eric Freidenfelds, William McIntosh (ALT),
Mark Sullivan (ALT)

Permit Application #18-07 by K & H Properties, for a proposed Earth Products Removal Operation and Site Restoration at the location of a former gravel pit located at 397 North Burnham Highway, listed in the Assessor's Office as Map/Block/Lot 18/003/0000.

Timothy Coon, P.E. of J.R. Russo & Associates, LLC, 1 Shoham Road, East Windsor, Connecticut 06088 was present. Also present were Rich Snarsky and Herb Holden, representatives of K&H Properties, 59 Broad Brook Road, Broad Brook, Connecticut 06016. Mr. Coon stated that the proposed operation would be on 86.7 acres of a former gravel pit, which was started in the 1970's. Herb Holden operated it from 1988-1998. The permit was allowed to lapse in 2012.

The original plan had a long wetland finger on the south side and north side. Two other wetland areas are located in the center. Mr. Coon explained that there is still a sedimentation basin on site. Rich Snarsky went out to redefine the wetland areas. There will be two-way traffic flow in and out of the site.

Two smaller isolated areas have joined to make one larger wetland area. Blasting will take place, and rock will be removed. Topsoil will be replaced and vegetation will be planted. The future use of the property after the project will likely only be residential use with two lots, based on current zoning and the topography.

Mr. Coon stated that two, 24" reinforced pipes will be extended to accommodate the proposed larger, wider driveway. The plan is to excavate the sediment basin for the operation; when the operation is complete, it will be reverted back to wetlands. Grading will take place within 100 feet of wetlands in the northern wetland area. He then gave the estimated impact of square foot wetland impacts. He also stated that much of the wetlands are manmade from past operations.

He gave an analysis of the amount of run off, and the conclusion is that those culverts are adequate, and any spill over will flow downward away from the street to another low area.

Mr. Coon stated that they propose to use the existing driveway, widening on one side, for less disturbance. He then stated that there are no feasible alternatives to removing wetlands.

Chairman Richard Hamel asked if the Army Corp of Engineers need to be contacted, to which the answer was no, as the wetland areas are not federal wetlands, and do not have any connection to other wetlands to make them waters of the state.

Mr. Coon stated that there would be five stages of the operation. Phase one is to keep water from going into the street. Each phase is to be stabilized before moving on to the next phase.

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Mr. Hamel asked for anyone to speak in favor of the operation, to which there was none.

Mr. Hamel asked for anyone to speak against the application. Mike Brodeur of 392 North Burnham Highway stated he has no issue with the operation but had questions regarding the trucks. He wondered if the scale house was to be located near the current trailer, to which the answer was that it would be back further.

Mr. Robinson asked if this was a 10-year project to which the answer was yes.

Mr. Lewerk asked for the estimated number of trucks per day, to which the answer was a maximum of forty but will average closer to twenty truck loads per day.

This Public Hearing was closed at 6:51 P.M.



Elaine Joseph, clerk

APPROVED: _____
Richard Hamel, Chairman

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