

**SUFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Art Christian  
Glenn Neilson  
Norm John Noble  
Ray Wilcox  
Pat O'Reilly  
Brian Benito

**CONSULTANT:** Keith Morris

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

Acting Chairman Noble called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and Consultant Keith Morris read the agenda.

**PARKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

The Parks Superintendent was not present at the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Potential real estate purchase.**

Consultant Morris explained that based on recent events this executive session was no longer needed.

**PLAN ACCEPTANCE:**

**Permit # 1647: - Four Seasons Farm, LLC (applicant) – 11.4 Acre Greenhouse – Poole Road. This property is located at the end of Poole Road, Assessor's Maps 24/29, Block 26, Lots 91/39.**

Jay Ussery, and Tim Coon, of J. R. Russo & Associates LLC presented a brief overview of their application on behalf of Four Seasons Farms LLC for tomato greenhouse farming for land at the end of Poole Road. Mr. Russo stated that the long term plan is for a 50 acre greenhouse complex on approximately 125 acres of land. This application is for phase one which is for an 11.4 acre facility. The farm will be a state of the art facility using the latest technology including computer controlled light, humidity, and nutrients. Mr. Ussery then went over the details of

the operation and the proposed drainage system. Chairman Christian and Commissioner Wilcox voiced concerns regarding changes in drainage patterns that may have an adverse impact on wetland areas. After a brief discussion, Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, to accept the application of Four Seasons Farm LLC, and put it on the February 9, 2016 meeting agenda for a possible decision. It is the Commission's opinion that the proposal insures that the land will remain in agricultural use and therefore no public hearing is warranted. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

**Permit # 1646 – Adzigirey (owner) – Yard Fill – 155 Randall Drive. This property is located on the east side of Randall Drive, Assessor's Map 50H, Block 40, Lot 81.**

Consultant Morris updated the Commission on this application. The homeowner brought fill into his yard for grading purposes and unknowingly filled in a small amount of wetlands. After a brief discussion, Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox to accept the application and put it on the February 9, 2016 meeting agenda for a possible decision. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

**Permit # 1646 – Briarwood Homes, Inc. (owner) – 13 Lot Subdivision – Mapleton Ave, closest intersection being Lise Circle. Assessor's Map 51, Block 42, Lot 23.**

Consultant Morris updated the Commission on this application for a 13-lot subdivision on Mapleton Avenue. The wetland boundary has been approved during a previous application. After discussion, Vice Chairman Neilson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilcox, to accept the application of Briarwood Homes, LLC and put the application on the February 23, 2016 meeting agenda for a public hearing at 7:30 P.M. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

### **DECISION:**

**Permit # 1644 – Artioli (applicant) – Pond – 659 Hill Street. This property is located on the west side of Hill Street, nearest intersection being Russell Avenue. Assessor's Map Number 28, Block 23, Lot 24.**

Consultant Morris presented the application for construction of a pond at 659 Hill Street. The applicant is preparing a more detailed plan and was not present at the meeting. Therefore Commissioner Wilcox made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Reilly, to continue the application until the February 9, 2016 meeting of the Commission. The motion was made and carried unanimously.

## **CONSULTANT'S REPORT**

Consultant Morris discussed ongoing work on several sites in Town. He also informed the Commission of the upcoming budget meeting with the First Selectman. Acting Chairman Noble stated that he will try to attend that meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 8, 2015 MEETING**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Reilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Neilson. The motion was made and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by  
Norm John Noble

Recording Secretary