

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 17, 2010

E. CURTIS AMBLER ROOM

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Vice-Chairman Igielski called the roll call at 7:05 p.m. and noted Commissioners Block, Byer and Shapiro were present. Also present was Anthony Ferraro, Town Engineer.

ITEM III

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of July 20, 2010

Commissioner Igielski noted the Commission could not act on the minutes tonight because there was not a quorum of members present who were present at the July 20th meeting.

It was the consensus of Commission members to carry the item over to the September meeting.

ITEM IV

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

ITEM VA

Application 2010-05, Carr Avenue et al MDC Pump Stations

Vice-Chairman Igielski noted that only three (3) members of the Commission, who were at last month's meeting when the presentation was made on the application, are present tonight. He noted that four (4) votes are required to approve an application. If the application should be carried over to next month's meeting, the applicant would have to grant the Commission a time extension. (Otherwise the Commission would have to act on the application tonight per the Regulations).

Commissioner Block, who was not present at last month's meeting, said that he had read the minutes of the meeting and had also reviewed the application and site plans and would be able to vote on the application. He did not listen to the audio tape of the minutes because from his past experience, the tapes have been difficult to understand.

Mr. Carlos Cruz from the MDC noted that Mr. Steven C. Hallowell (P.E., Senior Project Manager with Wright-Pierce) was present.

Commissioner Block noted that the current policy for maintaining these pump stations has been in effect for 20 years plus. He is curious as to why the need now exists to upgrade the affected facilities?

Mr. Cruz responded and noted the MDC has a total of 35 pump stations with no back up power. The tornado last year in Wethersfield and its effects on surrounding areas resulted in the failure of 16 stations. The MDC did not have the manpower or equipment to address all the failures. The application before the Commission is the result of a study following the problems with the pump stations that emanated from the tornado.

Commissioner Block said that he had no problems and was ready to act on the application.

Vice-Chairman Igielski asked if the application was complete? Mr. Ferraro responded yes.

Motion made by Commissioner Block that based on the information before it, the Commission make a finding of fact that a public hearing is not necessary for Application 2010-05 because the proposed activities would not have a major impact or significant effect on the regulated areas. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shapiro. There was no discussion. Vote was 4 yes, 0 no and the motion was carried.

Mr. Ferraro passed out a list of suggested conditions for consideration by Commission members. There was a general review and discussion by Commission members.

Motion made by Commissioner Block to grant a permit by Summary Ruling for Application 2010-05 and subject to conditions. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Byer.

Vice-Chairman Igielski noted that this application represents a valuable project for the Town of Newington.

Vote was 4 yes, 0 no and motion was carried.

NOTE: Refer to audio tape or "Official Notification of Action" for conditions of the permit.

ITEM VII

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

ITEM VIII

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: NONE

Motion made by Commissioner Block to adjourn meeting at 7:19 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Shapiro. There was no discussion. Vote was 4 yes, 0 no and motion was carried.

Peter M. Arburr, Recording Secretary

Commission members

Tayna Lane, Town Clerk

Town Manager John Salamone

Edmund Meehan, Town Planner

Councilor Myra Cohen

Chairperson, Town Plan and Zoning Commission

Anthony Ferraro, Town Engineer

Ben Ancona Jr., Esquire, Town Attorney

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