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JULY 19, 2022 SPECIAL SITE WALK MINUTES

The Town of Kent Inland Wetlands Commission held a site walk on Tuesday, **July 19, 2022** at 56 South Kent Road. The site walk was recorded on a hand-held recorder.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The site walk began at 4:48 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES IF REQUIRED

Commissioners Present: Ken Johnson, Marge Smith, Paul Yagid
Staff Present: Donna Hayes
Property Owner: Carl Raab

3. OLD BUSINESS:

3.A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DECISION

- 3.A.1.** Application #1282-22, Carl Raab, 56 South Road, Map 10 Block 40 Lot 46, excavation to create small pond; use existing stone to retain banks and landscaping.

Those present walked to the location of the proposed pond. Mr. Raab explained that the center of the area where those present were standing is the bottom of where the pond would be dug. When asked where the water comes from, Mr. Raab said that he was unsure. He did say that the next-door neighbor had a huge pond. When asked what the elevation of this location was, Mr. Yagid said that the elevation was 1197. Mr. Raab said that there were a couple of test holes done that filled with water, but he doesn't know what happened to the water. Mr. Yagid asked if any trees would be cut down and Mr. Raab said that minimal would come down. Mr. Raab said that if the pond does not fill up once the digging commences, he will abandon the work. Ms. Hayes said that Mr. Raab will have to work with Torrington Area Health District in order to get approval from them. The concern was that the pond might be placed in a reserve area.

Mr. Johnson asked if a membrane would be installed and Mr. Raab said no. Mr. Yagid said that it appears there is a lot of ledge in this particular area. Ms. Smith suggested contacting a dowser and Mr. Yagid thought it might a good idea.

Mr. Johnson asked what the process would be. Mr. Raab said that they would dig out the area and let it run along the lowest area feeding the rest of the wetlands. Mr. Raab said that the area is a wetlands as you can see from the phragmites to the south.

Mr. Johnson asked where the dirt would go. Mr. Raab said that the dirt would be going on the other side of the pond but was not sure what would happen to the excess. It was noted that the existing stonewall was not located on the site plan.

Ms. Hayes confirmed that the rocks that were visible would be used to shore up the west/northern side of the pond.

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Mr. Yagid pointed out the wetland flags that were installed by Cynthia Rabinowitz of the Northwest Conservation District. He showed where the stock pile area would be located on the flat area to the west of the proposed pond.

Mr. Yagid asked that the stockpile area along with the silt fencing and the stone wall be added to the site plan.

Ms. Hayes said that she was concerned that the digging of the pond area would damage the existing wetland if the pond does not fill. Ms. Hayes asked where the contractor would be accessing the work area. Mr. Raab said that he could come in between the two houses or from the end of the driveway. She asked that that be added to the plan.

It was noted that the water would not be pumped into the pond but would depend on the natural spring to keep it filled. Ms. Hayes asked about the overflow. Comments were made that the overflow would actually work its way to the neighboring pond.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The site walk ended at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Hayes

Donna M. Hayes, Land Use Administrator