

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
CITY OF STAMFORD
May 22, 2008**

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

Also present: David M. Emerson, Director; Richard Talamelli, Environmental Planner.

The regular meeting convened at 7:30 P.M. and adjourned at 9:00 P. M. and was tape recorded.

MINUTES:

Ms. Hicks made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting as presented.

The Board members voted on the motion as follows:

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

APPLICATIONS & PERMITS:

#2736 – Blackwood Lane – Lot 2, L. Salamone.

The applicant is proposing to install fencing for the keeping of a horse proximate to wetland areas property within the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Haviland Brook at 165 Blackwood Lane.

In attendance were: Lucia Salamone (owner/applicant).

Mr. Emerson reported that the landscaping plan discussed at the April meeting had been submitted to staff for review, and had been found to be appropriate to the site and circumstances.

Motion By: Mr. Morris made the motion to adopt the findings and recommendations of staff and approve the application with the conditions listed in the Agenda Summary report dated April 11, 2008.

The Board members voted on the motion as follows:

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

#2801 – Westover Road – Lot 3B, J. Gambino.

The applicant is proposing to construct residential additions, and to maintain a hot tub, within designated flood hazard areas and proximate to wetlands and watercourses on property within the drinking water supply watershed of the Mianus River at 562 Westover Road.

In attendance was: Robert Frangione, P.E., Frangione Engineering, LLC. (project Engineer).

Mr. Frangione summarized the application for the Board, and reported that all technical standards had been addressed with confirmation by the Engineering Bureau. He noted that the plans depicted the removal of the unauthorized hot tub.

Motion By: Mr. Levine made the motion to adopt the findings and recommendations of staff and approve the application with the conditions listed in the Agenda Summary report dated May 15, 2008.

The Board members voted on the motion as follows:

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

#2803 – Westhill Road - Lot 1, M. Negri.

The applicant is proposing to maintain and partially restore the unauthorized modification of vegetation, deposition of fill, and grading within and proximate to wetland areas on property within the drinking water supply watershed of the Mianus River at 398 Westhill Road.

In attendance were: Bill Kenney, LA/Soils and Wetlands Scientist, William Kenney Associates (project environmental consultant); Leonard C. D'Andrea, P.E., Rocco V. D'Andrea, Inc. (project engineer); Michael Negri (owner/applicant).

Mr. Kenney summarized the site and application history for the Board. Discussion focused on the extent of remediation/restoration of affected regulated areas that might be necessary and appropriate to the circumstances.

Motion By: Mr. Morris made the motion to adopt the findings and recommendations of staff and approve the application with the conditions listed in the Agenda Summary report dated May 15, 2008.

The Board members voted on the motion as follows:

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

#2807 – Fawnfield Road – Lot 5, T. Costello.

The applicant is proposing to reconstruct and relocate an Inground swimming pool and associated appurtenances proximate to wetlands and a watercourse on property within the drinking water supply watershed of the Mianus River at 90 Fawnfield Road.

In attendance was: Tim Costello (owner/applicant).

Mr. Emerson summarized the application for the Board.

Motion By: Ms. Hicks made the motion to adopt the findings and recommendations of staff and approve the application with the conditions listed in the Agenda Summary report dated May 14, 2008.

The Board members voted on the motion as follows:

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

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

#2811 – Echo Hill Drive – Lot 7, W. Halpern f/ Estate of Eugene J. Bucur.

The applicant is proposing to install a curtain drain and drain pipe, proximate to wetlands, on property within the drinking water supply watershed of the Mianus River at 91 Echo Hill Drive.

#2812 – Merriebrook Lane/Mianus River Park, City of Stamford.

The applicant is proposing to undertake stream-bank and in-water improvements to reduce erosion and create a controlled access point to the Mianus River for park users within and proximate to wetlands, watercourses, and designated flood hazard areas within Mianus River Park.

#2813 – Long Ridge Road – Lot 1A1, F. Ocampo.

The applicant is proposing to install a replacement septic system proximate to wetland areas on property within the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Rippowam River at 1520 Long Ridge Road.

#2814 – Vineyard Lane – Lot 15A, Vineyard Development.

The applicant is proposing to utilize a portion of designated Conservation Area for the expansion of residential yard space on property within the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Rippowam River at 43 Vineyard Lane.

#2815 – Taylor Street – Lot 24, T. Mills.

The applicant is proposing to construct a parking lot with associated drainage system for an existing multi-family dwelling proximate to wetland areas on property within the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Rippowam River at 22 Taylor Street.

#2816 – Taylor Street – Lot 25, T. Mills.

The applicant is proposing to construct a parking lot with associated drainage system for an existing multi-family dwelling within and proximate to wetland areas on property within the non-drinking water supply watershed of the Rippowam River at 24 Taylor Street.

Motion By: Mr. Levine 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. Morris, Mr. Levine, Mr. Stone, Ms. Hicks, Mr. Barron.

SUBDIVISION:

#3972 – Ingleside Drive – Lot B, M. Innaurato.

The applicant proposes to subdivide the existing 6.4 acre parcel into three properties capable of supporting residential development. The existing main residence will remain. Two new dwellings will be constructed on proposed Parcels B1 and B2. The site is served by septic systems and public water.

In attendance were: Tom Ryder, Senior Analyst/Wetlands Scientist, Land-Tech Consultants, Inc. (project environmental consultant); John E. Pugliesi, P.E., Edward J. Frattaroli, Inc. (project engineer); Michael Innaurato and Terrie Sears (applicants).

Mr. Ryder summarized the site and proposed subdivision for the Board. He described site conditions, identified resources, water quality issues, and proposed conservation measures. Mr. Pugliesi summarized the engineering aspects of the plan, and described the provisions for storm water management.

Motion By: Mr. Morris made the motion to direct staff to report to the Planning Board that the EPB offered no objection to the subdivision as proposed subject to the conditions listed in the Agenda Summary report dated May 21, 2008.

The Board members voted on the motion as follows:

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

ENFORCEMENT – SHOW CAUSE HEARING:

99 Klondike Avenue – Lot L, F. Gentile.

Regulated activities include the alteration of natural vegetation, deposition of fill and site grading, construction/installation of an above-ground swimming pool with associated deck, installation of patio/terraces, and installation of play equipment within designated wetland and buffer/setback areas.

In attendance were: Brian P. McMahon, P.E., Redniss & Mead, Inc. (project engineer); Frank and Jaime Gentile (owners/respondents).

Mr. summarized the facts and circumstances for the Board. Mr. McMahon reported that his clients were prepared to file a complete application, including wetland-restoration details, within a week. He asked the Board to defer any final decision until the application is considered.

Motion By: Mr. Levine made the motion to maintain the cease and desist order in effect and to defer further action to the June meeting with the expectation that an application will be filed in a timely manner. Notice of Violation to be filed on the Stamford Land Records.

The Board members voted on the motion as follows:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

#2522 – Washington Boulevard/North Street/Renwick Street, City Place.

In attendance was: Ernest Bello, Esq., City Place Realty (permittee).

Mr. Emerson summarized the facts and circumstances for the Board pertaining to the unauthorized use of the site as a storage area for construction materials, fill, and construction vehicles. Mr. Bello reported that removal of all encroachments was underway, and that he was committed to bring the site into compliance. He noted that he would need the Board's approval of a permit extension on or before its expiration date of July 27, 2008.

The Board members determined that no action was required at this time. The status of the site will be evaluated at the time of request for permit extension.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Gary Stone, Chairman